



Courage—Accepting challenges and embracing opportunities

Growth—Aspiring to learn, and improving even when it is tough

Respect—Caring for ourselves, each other and our environment

Responsibility-Stepping up and doing what is right

Connection—Building positive relationships and a sense of belonging

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Thursday 10 April**

Golden Ticket Reward - Clay Creations (selected students)

#### Friday 11 April

- Last day of Term 1
- SPSSA Champions Athletics Carnival

#### **Monday 28 April**

Term 2 commences

#### Monday 5 - Friday 9 May

- ECE Water Awareness Program (P 2)
- Swimming & Water Safety Program (Gr 3 6)

#### Friday 9 May

Mother's Day Breakfast

#### **Thursday 15 May**

Golden Ticket Reward - Fishing (selected students)

#### Friday 16 May

School Cross Country Carnival

#### Wednesday 21 May

Simultaneous Storytime - 12:00pm (*The Truck Cat* by Deborah Frenkel)

#### Wednesday 28 May

Whole school assembly 1:40pm (hosted by Grade 2/3)

#### Friday 30 May

Whole school Hot Lunch Day

#### **TERM DATES—2025**

#### Term 1

Thursday 6 February - Friday 11 April Easter: Friday 18 April - Tuesday 22 April

#### Term 2

Monday 28 April - Friday 4 July

#### Term 3

Monday 21 July—Friday 26 September

#### Term 4

Monday 13 October - Thursday 18 December

#### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING & MODERATION DAYS —2024

Monday 3 - Wednesday 5 February

Friday 6 June

Friday 24 October

#### **Dunalley Primary School**

Department for Education, Children and Young People

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Dear Families.

#### Known, Safe, Well and Learning.

At Dunalley Primary we strive to ensure every student is *known*, *safe*, *well and learning*.

#### Known

Every student's voice matters. This year we're focusing on ensuring 75% of our students deeply understand our core values and can turn them into positive actions every day. Through student-led initiatives and inclusive practices, we're fostering a culture where everyone is seen and heard.

#### Safe

We want every student to feel secure and supported in our school. Last year our students reported wellbeing levels above the DECYP average, and we aim to keep it that way in 2025. From trauma-informed practices to clear behavioural expectations, we are building an environment where everyone belongs and feels safe enough to challenge themselves in positive ways.

#### Well

Wellbeing is the bridge to learning. By Term 4, our School Support and Wellbeing Team will be fully confident in guiding students through our referral processes, ensuring no child slips through the cracks. Whether it's through breakfast club, social-emotional programs or External Support Referrals, our dedicated staff are here to help every child thrive.





#### Learning

Attendance is key. Given the current climate of the world post COVID-19, we are proud of our 83% baseline attendance over the past three years, and we're working hard to maintain or exceed it. Our curriculum, school environment and additional activities are carefully designed to engage and challenge every learner, preparing them for life beyond our classrooms.

None of this happens alone. It takes parents, volunteers, and our wider community to uphold these goals. Together, we can ensure Dunalley Primary remains a place where every child can say "I am known, I am safe, I am well, and I am learning."

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and students.

Kind regards,



#### SEAN RYAN Principal

## HOW CAN I BEST SUPPORT MY CHILD?

There's no doubt about it – we all want the best for our children; for their futures to be as bright as possible.

There are lots of things you can do to set your child up for success.

## Make sure your child goes to school every day:

- · Create a routine
- Be on time, everyday
- Support your child to get enough sleep
- Set screen time boundaries.

#### Get them excited for school!

- Show a positive attitude towards school
- Be interested in their experiences at school.

## Set up a time to talk to your child's teacher or principal

- Please talk to your school if you are struggling to get your child to school.
- Seek help and work with your school to re-engage your child in their education.

#### Safe online searching

Help your child search safely online and find the information they need.

#### Safe search settings

Turn on safe search settings before your child starts searching.

#### Choose your search terms

Start with broad search terms and then refine your search based on the results.

#### Recognise paid advertisements

Paid advertisements may appear at the top of your search results. You can recognise them by the word 'paid' or 'advertisement' in the results.

#### **Quotation marks**

Use quotation marks to search for an exact phrase.

#### Suggestions and prompts

Use the search engine prompts to help find what you are looking for.

#### Encourage your child to think about:

- · Who wrote the content?
- Why do they think the author wrote the content?
- Do they think the author is trustworthy?
- Are there spelling mistakes and errors?
- Do other trusted authors have similar information, opinions and content?





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## STUDENT ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

Student supervision commences at 8:30am, and students should not be dropped off prior to this time.

General supervision of students ends at 2:50pm.

Students arriving late to or leaving early from school must be signed in and out at the office.

## OUR NEXT ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD ON

#### **WEDNESDAY 28 MAY**

at 1:40pm

**Grade 2/3 hosting** 

**ALL WELCOME!** 

## CHILD AND YOUTH SAFE STANDARDS

STANDARD

Child safety and wellbeing is Processes to respond to complaints and concerns are embedded in organisational 6 child-focused. leadership, governance and culture. STANDARD STANDARD Children and young people are Staff and volunteers are equipped informed about their rights, with the knowledge, skills and participate in decisions affecting awareness to keep children them and are taken seriously. and young people safe through ongoing education and training. STANDARD STANDARD Families and communities Physical and online environments are informed and involved in promote safety and wellbeing 3 8 promoting child safety and while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to wellbeing. be harmed. STANDARD STANDARD Equity is upheld and diverse Implementation of the Child needs respected in policy and and Youth Safe Standards practice. is regularly reviewed and improved. STANDARD STANDARD People working with children and Policies and procedures young people are suitable and document how the 10 supported to reflect child safety organisation is safe for and wellbeing values in practice. children and young people.

#### UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLE

All Child and Youth Safe Standards are to be applied in an environment that ensures the right to cultural safety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people.



STANDARD

# Staff and students at Dunalley Primary School extend an invitation to the special women in the lives of our students and school community

to a

# Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

on

Friday 9 May 2025 8:15am-8:45am in the School Kitchen and Gym

Please join us as a celebration of the important role you play in the lives of our school community.

Please RSVP to the School Office by Wednesday 7 May 2025



## Prep 'busy bee' learners

The Prep classroom has been a hive of activity this term! Our Preps have been busy bees, learning the foundations of reading, writing and mathematics with energy and enthusiasm. After such a great start to the year it's time for a restful holiday break.

Stay tuned for more growth and learning progress from our <u>Prep</u> class!

JORDANNA RUSSELL

Class Teacher





## **Our AMAZING**

### **Inter School Athletics Team**

It is with great pleasure that I share with you our wonderful day at the Inter School Athletics Carnival.

A 40 strong team left school feeling very smart in our brand-new athletics tops headed for the Domain Athletics Centre. With a larger team, we had a Dunalley student competing in every event. We were excited but knew we would have stiff competition having moved up a division.

The day started with the Open Boys & Girls 1500m, both events Dunalley students finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> .... WOW WHAT A START! This was the beginning of so many highlights and proud moments.

7 of the 8 relay teams came 1<sup>st</sup>, all our field events came 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, all the Grade 5 boys won their 100m.....and the list goes on!

But it's not just about the results....

It was heartwarming to see great sportsmanship .... fist pumps at the end of the race with other competitors, incredible 'grit and determination' .... chasing down other runners to just be in front of them on the finish line and wonderful support for each other .... hugs and high 5's. This is what we love to see at carnivals.

#### Final school results:

• 1<sup>st</sup> Dunalley 411 pts

2<sup>nd</sup> East Derwent 231 pts

• 3<sup>rd</sup> Rokeby 208 pts

Congratulations to 4 of our students – Caleb, Florence, Blayton and Summer on finishing 1st in all their events.

We move on to the Champions Athletics Carnival this Friday, where 31 Dunalley students have qualified to compete against the best from the other 7 carnivals.

Best wishes to them all.

GEORGIE COTTIER
HPE Teacher

## Gardening at

## Dunalley Neighbourhood House

During Term 1 students from Years 1 and 2 once again participated in the gardening program at Dunalley Neighbourhood House. Students participated in a variety of activities including planting garlic, weeding, collecting and propagating seeds, and making recycled paper to create their mini environment magazines. This is a great opportunity for students to learn in a hands-on way and support our neighbourhood house initiatives.



Congratulations to our Amazing Athletes!



What an incredible effort at the Division E Interschool Athletics Carnival on Thursday 27 March 2025 at the Domain Athletics Centre! 🏝 🏃

With dedication, hard work and teamwork our athletes secured first place! Now the individual students and teams who placed today are on to the next carnival, proudly representing our school once again. Well done, team!



Kids in the Kitchen

Launching into Learning will host Kids in the Kitchen cooking sessions every third week. This program aims to stimulate our early learners' fine motor skills, introduce early maths concepts, expose children to new foods and boost confidence.

Research shows that cooking with children increases their ability to listen to instructions and follow procedures. Here are a few photos of the children engaging in their senses and stimulating their brain development through making their own fruit kebab.



### Mini Movers Bilbies

Gross Motor Program for 0-4 yrs











Mini Movers is a targeted and interactive gross motor program designed to support the development of fundamental physical skills in young children. This program is inclusive, supporting families and upskilling parents as an integral part of their child's early development.

Each week has a core skill as focus, this week's being balance. Balance is an important skill for everyday things like walking, getting dressed, riding a bike and being active in play.

You can extend this at home through going for walks on different uneven surfaces, like gravel, sand, uphill, walk on logs or lines.





# SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL Friday 16 May 2025



Our school Cross Country Carnival is on in Week 3 of Term 2

Please encourage your children to be **ACTIVE** over the holidays.













## Tesselar Bulb Fundraiser

Time to think ahead to Spring colour and cut flowers!

Our bulb fundraiser is happening again with orders due by

Friday 11 April.

Pick your favourites from the online catalogue with our special

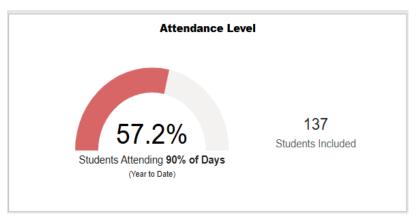
link: www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/DUNALLEYPS

Or keep an eye out for the catalogue

## Promoting attendance and reducing absences at Dunalley Primary School

#### **Term 1 Attendance Update**

Year	Term 1
2025	88.7%
2024	87.8%
2023	87.2%
2022	79.8%
2021	86.0%
2020	74.2%

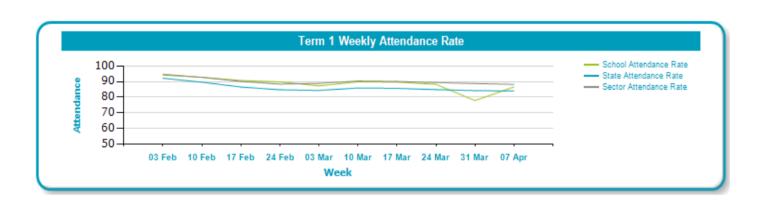


Dunalley Primary SIP (School Improvement Plan) 2025 Priority *Wellbeing Target* is to maintain overall attendance at the 2022 - 2024 baseline of 83%.

We have had an amazing start to 2025, our attendance rate is the highest for the school since 2019.

We also currently have 55.7% of our students with an attendance rate above 90% for Term 1.

Our weekly attendance rates had been travelling above the "state attendance rate" until the last week where the school has been hit with a few viruses which have impacted all classrooms. It's great to see most students back for the final week of the term.



### Term 1 in the Kitchen

## Cooking, Community & Connection



What a deliciously productive start to the year it's been in our school kitchen! Throughout Term 1, students along with teacher assistants have rolled up their sleeves, worked together in small teams, and helped bring to life a range of exciting cooking projects.

To kick off the year, students prepared savoury muffins and quiche for our Meet the Staff BBQ Breakfast. This was followed by a pasta salad loaded with vegetables and garden salad served up during the Athletics Carnival to complement the classic sausage sizzle.

The school's apple trees provided a large quantity of apples this term, which students stewed in preparation for a future dessert. We also saw our young chefs bake muffins for the Bream Creek Show, supporting the Parents and Friends with their fundraising efforts.

The Preps did a fantastic job preparing fruit salad and then shared it with their classmates and the Kinders. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn kitchen basics, practise taking turns, and celebrate healthy eating.

The Year 5/6 Sushi Party was a major highlight of the term! Selected students prepared a variety of fillings like cucumber, carrot, avocado, tuna and chicken. The Year 5/6 class moved around the "Sushi Stations" to pick their preferred fillings and roll their own sushi. It was a fun, interactive experience that brought everyone together.

The first whole school hot lunch was a big success thanks to generous support from the Copping Community Care Centre, who provided delicious butter chicken. Our student chefs made sure the sides were just as tasty, whipping up fluffy steamed rice, veggie fried rice, and a hearty curried vegetable and lentil dish. It was a great moment for the whole school to come together, sharing a meal and connecting over food, building a strong sense of community across all year levels.

Term 1 has been a great start to our cooking program, with students building confidence. We're excited for what's next in Term 2.



#### **TERM 1 HIGHLIGHTS AT DUNALLEY OSHC**

Over the past two weeks we've had a blast with a variety of activities here at Dunalley OSHC! From energetic dance parties to quiet colouring sessions, and plenty of running around in the playground, the children have had endless fun. We feel incredibly fortunate to have such amazing facilities at our disposal, which allow for so many different types of activities and experiences.

A big thank you to our wonderful school and community for their continued support. We truly appreciate everything that helps make Dunalley OSHC such a special place for our kids!

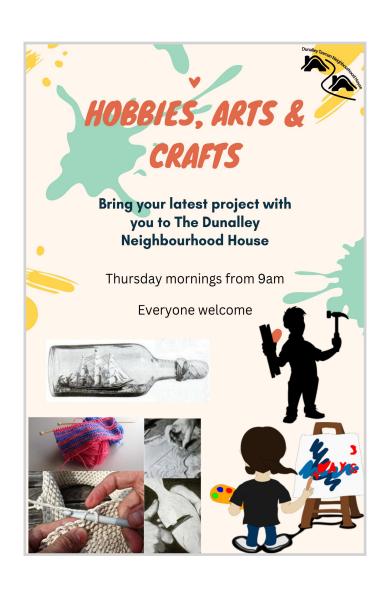
#### **TERM 1 WRAP-UP AT DUNALLEY OSHC**

Well, that's a wrap for Term 1 here at Dunalley OSHC! The children have had a fantastic time making memories, building friendships, and having loads of fun along the way. Now it's time for a much needed two week break before we return for another exciting term full of new adventures and more memories to create.

Thank you to all the families for their support. We can't wait to welcome everyone back for another fantastic term ahead!

Enjoy your Easter and Term 1 break ... and we will see you soon.















#### **Zumba With Cathy**

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm, \$15 per session GP Hall, Dunalley School Enquiries: 0448 936 706

It's a dance-based fitness class & anyone can do it! Suitable for any age from early teens to young at heart. Just bring a drink & a smile. No experience needed!

"I thought I'd never be able to do any exercise, let alone Zumba. It has helped so much with my flexibility & a new found confidence to exercise" "I absolutely love
Zumba! Not only is it
fun but has been great
for my general
wellbeing & relieving
stiffness in my
shoulders & neck"





## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING & MODERATION DAYS

#### TERM 1:

Thursday 6 February - Friday 11 April

(Easter: Friday 18 April—Tuesday 22 April)

**TERM 2:** 

Monday 28 April - Friday 4 July

**TERM 3:** 

Monday 21 July - Friday 26 September

**TERM 4:** 

Monday 13 October - Thursday 18 December

Monday 3 February—Wednesday 5 February

Friday 6 June

Friday 24 October



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