



Book Week



Pupils in the school garden

School is on holidays once again as the Gazette goes to print. A review of Term 3 shows the great range of learning experiences that the children at Dunoon School have shared and enjoyed.

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

The children continued to enchant and entertain at this year's Performing Arts Festival. Miss Jodie conjured up some wondrous costumes to enhance the stage presentation. The children sang their little hearts out and played the marimbas while teachers worked very hard behind the scenes. The performance evoked the blues and gospel years with some great music.

ATHLETICS

The Athletics Carnival was held over two terrific days. There were some great individual and team efforts all achieved with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship and Dunoon won the much coveted Ball Games trophy!

THE ENVIRONMENT

Work continued on the school garden with much help from Emma Stone, a keen group of young gardeners and even support from Bunnings. Mandala Garden Products donated a garden pod and the Westpac Junior Landcare Grant was put to good use purchasing two more. They have all been beautifully decorated by each class. The grant was also used to buy mulch, plants and composting bins. The school will have a highly productive vegie garden in no time. National Tree Day was celebrated by planting native trees and citrus fruit trees donated by Mark & Lucy's Firewheel Rainforest Nursery and by Lismore Bunnings.

FROM BOOK WEEK TO THE OPERA HOUSE!

Robin Sanderson organised a mini book

character parade for Book Week – some amazing efforts! – and then it was time for Genevieve and 9 very excited Year 5 and 6 children to head off to Sydney for the Opera House marimba tour. Of course the concert was not the only thing on the agenda!

"I loved making new friends and I really loved catching the ferry to Darling Harbour." *Macie*

"Sydney was great fun. I liked the Australian Museum best because they had giant dinosaur skeletons and all different types of birds." *Liam*

"Going to Bondi beach was so much fun. We had a sandcastle competition and our team made a volcano." *Breanna*

"Everything was an incredible experience and everyone enjoyed themselves." *Saffron*

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The climax of the Big Scrub Learning Community Public Speaking Competition took place in August with a semi final at Jiggi Public School. Pascoe, Eva, Harry and Poppy represented the school with some brilliant speeches. Pascoe Dunphy and Eva Addinsall were among the 5 students selected to take part in the Grand Final held at Richmond River High School and at that event, Pascoe was awarded Champion Speaker! A great effort from some very talented students and congratulations to Pascoe.

FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST

A special treat for all the Dads (as well as Mums, Granddads & Grandmas) was held on a morning before Fathers Day and to add to the relaxed atmosphere, children could come in their pyjamas. Our hardworking canteen crew prepared a fabulous BBQ breakfast followed by delicious pancakes and it was wonderful to see so many Dads taking time out of their busy day to enjoy

this time with their children. This one is bound to be repeated – so Dads, don't miss out next time!

BOYS' CLUB

"The boys all got to do this new activity called 'Boys' Club'. It was organised by PJ who is a Youth Worker. We played a lot of games – two minute theatre skits, cricket, mine field, celebrity heads and more. The games were about helping us to communicate and to solve problems. It was really fun." Year 5/6 Boys

EXCURSIONS

End of term excursions are a highlight for all children. Recently the K-4 classes travelled to Ballina:

"We went to the seabird rescue place and we saw lots of funny turtles." *Cassandra, Kindergarten.*

"Firstly we went to the bird watching centre. We went to the beach and we made sandcastles. Then we went to the Naval Centre." *Fynn, Year 1*

"We went over a bridge with water under it...and we saw turtles." *Gus, Year 1*

"We went to a museum and we saw all sorts of stuff and we built sandcastles." *Marlon Year 1*

"I saw three turtles in a tank. Yesterday was fun." *Kyle, Kindergarten*

Year 5/6 students are all looking forward to their major excursion. In the last week before the holidays they will be spending three days at Wild Mountains, Rathdowney in Queensland. Apparently it will be a really wild, rainforest, camping adventure!



Principal Barry Cooper standing next to Federal Member of Parliament Justine Elliot at the formal opening of the new building.

What a busy Term 3 we have had. Here are just some of the highlights of the previous weeks.

The Multicultural Public Speaking Competition was a wonderful experience for our participants. Maddy Nind and Nicola Barlow represented Year 5/6 in the District finals at Alstonville P.S. along with Luka Goulding and Rachael Barlow in the Year 3/4 division. All students performed admirably with Luka qualifying for the Regional final. We also participated in the Big Scrub Public Speaking Competition on the 16th August at Jiggi P.S. Shari Rose, Madi Cadonetti in Year 3-4 and Lena Qualmann and Harry Armstrong of Year 6 also did well.

On the sporting scene, we had an enthusiastic group of eight athletes who competed in the Regional Athletics Carnival on Friday 26th August at Coffs Harbour. All performed well with three students; Maddie Smith, Rachel Cooper and twin brother Jack successful in making the North Coast Athletics team to compete at Homebush in October.

During Education Week, parents and friends

were invited to visit the school for the formal opening of the new building by our local Federal member of Parliament Justine Elliot. All present enjoyed the school choir singing a few songs and heard a little of the school history which dates back to 1928. The name, Modanville, comes from a race horse called Lord Modan which lived on a farm near-

by. Previous to that there was an aboriginal settlement not far from the existing school. For quite a few years the school was a one teacher establishment with the pupils living on farms in the area and many travelling to school on their horses.

Many changes have occurred over the last few years with the school's population expanding to over 110 students with five classes. The buildings look very different inside and out from the original timber structure that now serves as the library.

Still on the sporty note, this year's Teams Day will be held on Friday 16th September. This is always a fun day for the local schools to come together and play Rounders, Soccer and T-Ball.

Children's Book Week Celebration Day, in August, proved to be another enjoyable time with the theme this year being One World; Many Stories. The students were invited to dress up in international outfits. There were also special group activities relating to each

continent and we always enjoy trying to guess which books will be the winners of the Children Book Council's awards for the year.

Our choir and dance group were involved in the Lismore Performing Arts Festival at the end of August held at the Workers Club. Performances were enjoyed at the matinee and in the evening.

As a change of pace, our classes have been busy cooking up a storm in the Kids in the Kitchen program with the help of volunteer mums. All classes have a turn at participating in the five week program where students are able to prepare, cook and eat the delicious healthy food.

In this year's Tournament of the Mind Competition we entered a team in each of the three divisions; Applied Technology, Language Literature and Social Science. The teams spent many hours in training for their competition this year with the assistance of parent helpers. They were challenged to work as a co-operative group to solve set tasks in creative and entertaining ways. Modanville has had a long and successful association with the tournament so anticipation was high that the students would do well.

Our Applied Technology team achieved First place and travelled to Sydney last weekend where they competed with 90 other school all larger than ours and came second with honours. What a great result for them! We are all very proud of their achievement.

For anyone interested in checking out our school web site on the net for further exciting news the address is www.modanville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au and you'll also find some great photos as well.

To conclude we wish Ms Azzopardi and Ms Kerr all the best for the upcoming births of their babies and look forward to their return from Maternity Leave in 2012.



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