

Duranbah Public School

A quality education in a caring environment

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Principal's Report

Well I'm back. This time I hope for good. I'm finding it quite tiring at the moment and I'm still not back on class. Thankyou everyone for your support, cards and gifts. They were very much appreciated.

I would like to thank Vicki, Di and Ross. I'm sure that my recovery was helped by the knowledge that the school was being looked after by people who love it as much as I do.

We had a great day yesterday with Joe Peoples coming to show the students his Order of Australia medal. We are very proud to have Joe as a patron of our school. He has donated often and generously, but his most important contribution is sharing his stories of the past with our students. His daughters, who were pleased to be here also, accompanied him.

I had some old friends visit the school on Tuesday. John is a truckie, who couldn't wait to leave school when he was young. He was enchanted by our school. We didn't accept his enrolment though. I was proud of the way the students were polite and well-behaved.

Our School Presentation Night will be held on Monday, 14 December this year. Please keep this night free.

Thank you to Warren Kane, (Nathan and Ebony's dad), for using his specialist gardening tools to prune the branches overhanging the drive during the holidays. The bus is now able to drive in and out safely. This was very generous of Warren because the school does not have the necessary equipment.

Also thank you to John Singh for his assistance in planning the widening of the driveway, prior to it being sealed. The result is that it will be much safer for everyone driving in and out of the school grounds.

Thursday 22 October 2009

A big welcome to our new students Bobby and Stewart and their dad, Greg. They are pictured with two of their new friends.

*Sandy Ellis
Principal*



Stewart and Dayn



Bobby and Kai

Kindergarten Orientation

Attached is a flyer for kindergarten orientation. This will be held on Friday, 6 November (9.00am to 11.00am), Thursday, 19 November (9.00am to 1.00pm) and Friday, 4 December (9.00am to 11.00am).

Kindy orientation is an opportunity for students and parents to become familiar with the school and routines. Students love it.

On the first morning we encourage parents to stay and also join us for morning tea. The following morning parents leave their children so that they can get used to being without their parents. All students are different, but most adapt happily.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming Lessons for the whole school will begin on 10 November and will continue for 6 Tuesdays until 15 December. The cost for each student is \$7 per week. A permission form is attached to this newsletter. Please fill it in and return to school with payment, you may pay the whole amount \$42.00 or \$7.00 weekly.

Remembrance Day Poppies for Sale

The Kingscliff RSL have provided us with some Remembrance Day poppies, badges, pens, etc. for sale. Prices range from \$2 to \$20. If you wish to support this worthy cause just see any of our school captains, Jed, Meg, Celene or Claire.



Joe Peoples and our School Captains

P & C NEWS

MEETING next week

The P & C will be holding a meeting on Monday 26 October at school at 3.30pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend. The agenda will include:

- What is happening to the tree?
- What is the new building going to be?
- Organisation of the end of year presentation?

We hope as many people can come as possible as I have invited Wayne Smith from the Reed Group, who is responsible for the new building, to come along and answer any questions parents might have about the process. Yes we will lose trees.

Christmas Hamper Donations

The P & C is collecting donations of non perishable items for the annual Christmas School hamper Raffle. Please leave any donations at the office. All gifts are very much appreciated.

Anne Perry, Fundraising Committee.

COMPETITION

Design a logo for our new school sign. The logo must represent the environment, Mt Warning, the sea, the cherry ripe grevillea and the ant of course.

Cherry Ripe Grevillea



Date	Event
Tuesdays 10 Nov to 15 December inclusive	Swimming Dates
Fri 6 November, Thur 19 November & Fri 4 December	Kindergarten Orientation
Friday 11 Dec	Movie World Excursion years 3/4/5/6 only
Monday 14 Dec	Presentation Night
Wed 16 Dec	Last pupil attendance day for the year
Friday 18 Dec	Last teacher attendance day for the year

Thought for the week

"If you don't go after what you want,
You'll never have it.
If you don't ask, the answer is always no.
If you don't step forward
You're always in the same place"
- Nora Roberts, Author

A new adventure...

I chose this quote this week because it is so appropriate for Martin and I. We are busy sorting out our clutter and packing prior to moving to the South Coast. I have accepted an Administrative Manager position (promotion) at a much bigger school on the South Coast and will be starting in 2010.

It will be a new adventure for us both, near to our son and daughter in law – but not too near!

Alison Howells
Administrative Manger

