

# Duranbah Public School

*A quality education in a caring environment*

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## Term 4, Week 3

### Principal's Report

Well back in the classroom at last. I feel like a new teacher again. It is great to see how much the students have grown academically, physically and emotionally.

Our new driveway is complete and it is fabulous!!! This will be finished with a new gate (looking forward to that) and a swish new sign. This funding was provided by the Federal Government as part of the National School Pride program.

We have some wonderful school events coming up. Next week we will start swimming lessons. Please make sure notes and money are in. Swimming is an important life skill and should be part of all students experience.

### Hamper

Please bring in non perishable goods for our Christmas hamper. If we can get to sell tickets at the markets, we will make much more money, than if we just sell them amongst ourselves.

### Thanks

Thanks to John Wise of JW Water trucks who kindly donated his time and fuel to bring in a tank of water when we thought the tanks were empty. He did this at very short notice and very graciously. Thanks to Ally who organised it. As we have to close the school if there is no water; I'm sure everyone appreciates it too.

*Sandy Ellis*  
Principal



*Halloween Fun*

Thursday 5 November 2009

### Thought for the week

*"We make a living by what we get,  
We make a life by what we give"*

Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)



*Miss Hearn, a 3<sup>rd</sup> year student prac teacher in the Infants class*



*K-2 cooking class*



*Melissa Tonkin helping with Literacy and Numeracy Groups in the Infants class*

### Kindergarten Orientation

Will be held on the following days:

- Friday, 6 November from 9.00am to 11.00am.
- Thursday, 19 November from 9.00am to 1.00pm.
- Friday, 4 December from 9.00am to 11.00am.

This is an opportunity for students and parents to become familiar with the school and routines. 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.

### School Enrolment System

Almost all schools in NSW are on a new enrolment system called ERN (Enrolment Registration Number) whereby each student's details are entered into the state system when they initially enrol and transferred whenever students change schools. Our school will shortly be part of this system and we will need to enter all our student's current information into the new program.

As part of this change-over can you please **complete the attached form** for each of your child/ren who are currently enrolled here. As students bring these completed forms back to Alison (on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday) they will have the choice of a pencil or a chocolate frog as a reward...

I know it is not a small form to fill in so, I thank you in advance for your co-operation

*Alison Howells*

*Administrative Manager*

### SASS Recognition Week 2 - 6 November The theme for 2009 is "Students Need All Of Us"

Our school community is made up of a wide range of people who all play a part in the provision of quality education to students and in the management of the school. School and Administrative Support Staff, whether they work in the office, the library, the school grounds or classroom setting, are important contributors to the success of our school. We are very proud of the magnificent work all the SASS staff in our school do. We would like to recognise and thank our SASS team consisting of :

Alison Howells – Administrative Manager,  
Charmaine Ray, Yvonne Steven, Celal Hallac, Fay Rigby, Cameron Storey, and Melissa Tonkin - Administrative Officers / Volunteers. Martin Howells and Jamie Cantwell – General Assistants. Jo Jensen and Michelle Hardie – School Learning Support Officers and Sheryl Phillips – SWMO

### Primary News

As part of our work on Globalisation we are having a visit from a National Parks & Wildlife Service Officer tomorrow, who will discuss the ramifications of the globalised pest The Cane Toad.

### P & C News

At the P&C meeting held on 26 October the following items were discussed:

- A BBQ will be held on Presentation night. Volunteers are needed to help with the cooking.
- A Year 6 dinner to be organised.
- The P&C representative will be required to be part of an interview panel for Alison's replacement.

### Swimming Lessons

For the whole school will begin next week 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 discounted to \$40.00 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.

### Ed Alive

Attached to this newsletter is an Ed Alive catalogue. If you wish to order any resources please fill in the form and return to school, along with the correct money by Friday 13 November.

### Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENT
Tuesdays 10 Nov to 15 December inclusive	Swimming Dates-Cars Leave school at 1.00pm
Fri 6 November 9.00am to 11.00am	Kindergarten Orientation
Thur 19 November 9.00am to 11.00am	Kindergarten Orientation
Fri 4 December 9.00am to 11.00am	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

