

# Duranbah Public School

*A quality education in a caring environment*

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**Term 4, Week 7**

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## Principal's Report

What a year! I have had quite some time for reflection and I am very grateful for so many things. I'd like to thank our student leaders for 2009. They have been a wonderful group and a great support to the students and staff. I wish them all the best at their new high schools. I'm very proud of them. All of them have worked very hard this year and are fine young Australians.

I'd like to invite everyone to morning tea to farewell Alison. Please bring a plate to share next Tuesday at 11.00am.

This term the senior class have been studying globalisation and its effect on our society. Today students have had the opportunity to mix with students from many different countries. It was wonderful witnessing the warm interactions between the students from different cultures and age groups.

I'm not going to write my normal farewell and best wishes just yet. We have 2 more weeks to go until the students finish and two and a half weeks before staff finish. However, it is my last public opportunity to farewell Alison and Martin. I'd like to thank them for their invaluable service during their time at Duranbah and wish them all the best with their move to the South Coast. We have changed the day of the morning tea because too many people were unable to attend Wednesday.

## BER

The building work has commenced in the new location. I have on your behalf accepted the new site specifications and look forward to a new modern room for students to learn in 2010.

*Sandy Ellis*  
Principal

*International Visitor's Day*



### Bus Forms for Year 2 Students

As part of the NSW Ministry of Transport guidelines, all students progressing from Year 2 to Year 3 in 2010 have to complete a new bus travel application form. If a student catches 2 buses they will need to fill in 2 forms. I have attached new forms to this newsletter for the students who will need them.

### REMINDERS

#### Hamper

Please bring in non perishable goods for our Christmas hamper.

Some raffle tickets are attached to this newsletter. They are \$1.00 each. Please return tickets and money to the school office. If you would like some more tickets please ask at the office.

#### Kindergarten Orientation

Our last Kindergarten Orientation morning will be held on Friday, 4 December from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

#### P & C News

A BBQ will be held on Presentation night, Friday 11 December. Volunteers are needed to help with the cooking.

#### Diary Dates

DATE	EVENT
Tuesdays 10 Nov to 15 Dec inclusive	Swimming Cars Leave school at 1.00pm
Tuesday 8 December	P&C Farewell morning tea - Alison
Fri 4 December	Kindergarten Orientation 9am-3pm
Wed 9 December	SeaWorld Excursion Infants
Friday 11 December	Movie World Excursion years 3/4/5/6 only
Mon 14 December	Presentation Night
Wed 16 December	Last pupil attendance day for the year
Fri 18 December	Last teacher attendance day for the year

#### Thought for the week

*It doesn't matter who you are or where you come from, the ability to triumph begins with you. Always.*  
Oprah Winfrey

### Movie World

An excursion to Movie World is planned for next Friday 11 December for students in years 3,4,5 & 6. Only students who have displayed good behaviour will be allowed to go. Those who have earned a place will be given a permission note tomorrow. The cost is approximately \$20.00. Please return forms and money to the school as soon as possible.

### End of Year Play

A dress rehearsal for the end of year play is planned for next Monday. A note will be sent home tomorrow regarding costumes.

### Community News

#### Murwillumbah Vacation Care

The Murwillumbah Vacation Care Program for the coming holidays is attached to this newsletter.

#### Ranger for a Day

David Fleay Wildlife Park is running their popular Ranger for a Day program in January. The cost is \$40.00 per child per session. For more information contact the park on 0755 762411.

#### Masterchef Duranbah

