

# Duranbah Public School

*A quality education in a caring environment*

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**Term 3, Week 9**

**Thursday 24 September 2009**

## Principal's Report

Wow! What happened to spring this year? We seem to have gone straight to summer. As a consequence we need to really push our No Hat, No Play policy on the oval. Please ensure your child has a school hat in their bag everyday.

Great news – Miss Ellis will be at school next Thursday and Friday as she commences her return to work program. The latest doctor's report was extremely positive. We can't wait to see you back with us.

This week Ms Young attended a 'live life well at school' inservice on Tuesday and Wednesday. We are very excited about implementing this program into our school as part of our PD Health PE program. More information will be sent home next term.

Thank you to Miss Hill and Miss Tonkin for their contribution to the education of our children. We wish them well in their future studies.

Enjoy a fabulous and safe holiday. The weather is looking good!!!

Vicki Myler  
(Relieving Principal)

## Combined Small Schools Stewart House Concert

Last Thursday, Duranbah children combined with other children from seven district schools to participate in the Tweed Small Schools Combined Concert to raise funds for Stewart House. The performance was presented to a packed auditorium at the Elliot Centre at Murwillumbah High School. The combined infants and primary choirs were excellent with our children contributing in a very positive and happy way.

Many favourable comments have been received about our children's great dance routine "I Like It Loud", both dancing and costumes, and we thank Miss Briony for her tuition!

We really appreciate the contribution made by parents in the support of this great event.

Ms Myler has sent a congratulatory note to Mr David Proudfoot of Carool School, for co-ordinating a wonderful experience for our children.

## Special Kev

A local bush turkey has adopted the school as part of his habitat. He is currently building a nest near the office building and making himself known to the staff and children.

We have dubbed him "Special Kev".

On Tuesday next week Chris McKimmie, author of the shortlisted book "Special Kev" is coming to visit the school. This is a fantastic opportunity and we are extremely lucky. Mr McKimmie is only visiting our school and is very keen to see our own Special Kev.



*This is the real Special Kev*



*And this is the Special Kev the students made*

## Combined Schools Disco

Our last Disco for the year will be held on Wednesday 30 September. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer with all the information you will need for the night.

### Tropical Fruit World

On Friday 2 October the K-2 class will be visiting Tropical Fruit World for the day. This excursion is part of our '2 fruit & 5 vege' unit. The cost of the excursion is \$15.00. This includes:

- Plantation safari - *guided tractor tour*
- Miracle Fruit Show – *live tasting presentation*
- Orchard discovery walks
- Treasure Island – *mini putt-putt golf, flying fox, etc.*
- Minature train ride
- Jungle river cruise
- Animal park
- Feed native bird life & giant Koi fish.

A permission note is attached. Please return note and money to school by Tuesday 29 September.

### School Photos THIS MONDAY

School photos will be taken on Monday 28 September, from 9.00am. We have attached a white envelope for each child to place your order. The orange envelopes are for family groups. *Please do not put the yellow envelope inside the white one.*

Completed envelopes are to be handed in to the office prior to this date. If you order a family photo, these will be taken after the class photos.

### Book Club Brochures

Book Club brochures are attached to this newsletter. If you wish to order any books please fill out the brochure and return to school by next Tuesday 29 September.

### NAPLAN Results

Parents wishing to discuss the results should contact the school to make an appointment with the classroom teacher or principal.

### Absenteeism

Just a reminder that if students are absent from school because they are sick, on family leave or any other reason, parents/carers need to send an absence note to school on their return. Even if you ring the school and inform us that your child/ren are absent a note still needs to be sent to school.

### Missing Shirt

Tyson lost a fairly new school shirt (size 12) at camp recently and his mum would like to ask parents to please have a look at home to see if it's with your child/rens clothing. His name should be written on the tag. Thank you.

### Another great photo display!

Have you seen the great CAMP photo display on the mobile notice board? We would all like to thank Melissa Tonkin (Tahlia's mum) for putting this together.

Date	Event
Monday 28 Sept.	School Photos from 9.00am
Tuesday 29 Sept.	Author visit – Chris McKimmie
Wednesday 30 Sept.	Disco 6.00pm
Friday 2 Oct.	Last day of Term 3 Tropical Fruit World – Infants Class
Monday 19 Oct.	Students return to school for the first day of Term 4

### Thought for the week

*Take responsibility for changing yourself;  
no one else can do it for you*

### Community News



#### NIPPER'S SIGN ON

DATES: 20 and 27 September, 2009

WHERE: Casuarina Rec Pool

Time: 10am – 11.30am

New Members please bring Birth Certificate.

Fees: U6's & U7's \$30, U8's – U14's \$75

Family Registration \$170

Enquiries Please Phone Surf Club Ph 02 66741573  
or Jan Mb: 0432 390 478.

SEASON COMMENCES 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2009

#### Tweed Shire Vacation Care

Attached to this newsletter is some information about Tweed Shire Vacation care's holiday program and booking information.

#### Junior AFL in Murwillumbah 2010

Any person who is interested in seeing a Junior AFL Club established in Murwillumbah is invited to come along to a meeting at Rabjones Oval on Sunday morning, 27 September 2009 at 10.00am.

This will be an informal gathering to gauge the level of support in Murwillumbah.

If you are interested but unable to make it to the meeting please contact Dominic Trevaskis on 0408 118551.

