## **Duranbah Public School**

A quality education in a caring environment



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## Principals' Report

This week I attended the North Coast Principals' Conference in Coffs Harbour. It was good to hear from Michael Coults-Trotter and Trevor Fletcher (Director General and Assistant Director General respectively). There was plenty of discussion on the national curriculum. Having taught on the border even near Queensland and Victoria, I have long been an advocate of a cohesive curriculum across all states. I feel increasingly we think of ourselves as Australian rather than Cockroaches, Cane Toads or Crow eaters.

This segues neatly into a sad goodbye to Zion and River who are leaving on Friday to go to the Sunshine Coast. We have loved having them here and they will be missed. We wish them well in their new school.

I'd like to congratulate Vicki. Vicki has been chosen to address Southern Cross teaching Students about the practicalities of teaching and organisation. Have a look some morning at what is going on in the in the infants' literacy and numeracy sessions. It is busy, exciting and the students are learning. Teachers from a growing number of schools are coming for a morning of sharing Vicki's ideas. Great stuff Vicki!!

## COMING EVENTS

Young Leaders Day

Friday 26March

Swimming Fun Day

Tuesday 30 March

Cultural Day Fingal Head

Wednesday 31 March
(to be advised)

Clean up Australia Day



While this is going on Di is busily starting to incorporate Accelerated Literacy Strategies in her classroom as a result of the workshop that she attended last week.

All teachers at Duranbah are committed to ongoing learning and improving how we teach.

I would like invite ALL parents to the P&C meeting next Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. By participating in P&C you can find out how the school works. It is not only about raising money, but it often guides practical discussions e.g. choice of a new school hat, where to go on excursion, but also is involved in school evaluation, policy review and planning. Education works best when parents and teachers are a team.

Please see attached request for school fees. We try to keep fees at a minimum, so if everyone contributes everyone benefits. No child is ever discriminated against for not paying fees, but it does mean a tighter budget for all.

I'd like to thank the volunteers in the office Fay, Tanya, Claudia and Sheila. They are doing a great job with guidance from Colleen and Anne.

Have a good week.

Sandy.



## <u>REMINDERS</u>

- Bus Passes
- P&C Meeting Wednesday 17 March Straight after school at 3.30pm
- © School Fees for 2010 Notice is attached
- © Canteen
  Please remember to write
  lunch orders on brown
  paper bag and enclose
  money. Bags available from
  canteen and office.