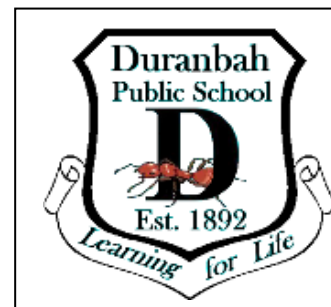


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Term 4 Week 6

Friday 18 November 2011

Principal's Report

Have a say!! Local Schools, Local Decisions is going to change the way schools across the state are going to operate. Please take the opportunity to go on line and have your say at:

haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/localschools.

Another survey (yes we love our surveys) will affect the way our school look in the future with regard to maintenance and equipment. Our school has fared very well in the past and our maintenance is almost up to date. Apart from classroom furniture and Lorraine's desk our equipment is pretty good. You can go online to have your say at www.surveymonkey.com/sfparent.

Swimming is going very well. We seem to always have just enough seats for all to be transported and the bus swap over works well. It is pleasing to see the improvement in all students especially the junior students. Some are starting to almost swim. Yesterday it was big arms and big legs. If you are swimming with your children you can help reinforce this technique. The teachers at Kingscliff pool are really professional and do a great job.

Last week at the P & C meeting it was decided that this year's giving tree would be donating uniforms to the children of Savaia school in Papua New Guinea. Di has spent time there and is returning in April. We are making a display in the foyer for everyone to see what you are donating to. Each uniform item costs approximately \$10, but you can donate whatever you wish. A gift card will be attached to each uniform item with your child's or families name on it when the uniforms are sent to New Guinea for the start of school next year. The Savaia school has a total budget of \$600 which we would spend on writing equipment alone.

A short time ago the students participated in L J Hooker Real Estate 'Draw My House' contest. Congratulations to Dipisha Needham and Jacob Capps who won a prize for their drawings.

Have a good fortnight
Sandy

COMING EVENTS

- ☺ Thursday 24 November
Swimming-Kingscliff
- ☺ Thursday 1 December
Swimming-Kingscliff
- ☺ Friday 2 December - 10-11am
Christmas Celebration 'Its Time'
- ☺ Monday 12 December Nursing
home visit-End of year concert performance
- ☺ Tuesday 13 December -
PRESENTATION & END OF YEAR
CONCERT NIGHT

SPECIAL P & C MEETING

TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2pm
in the Primary Room.

**Agenda : Preparation/
costuming for end of year
presentation. Please come
along and help.**
EVERYONE WELCOME



Dipisha and Jacob
with their winning
drawings

Part of the
Duranbah PS
Display at
Murwillumbah
Show



MURWILLUMBAH SHOW

Our whole school enjoyed a fantastic day at the Murwillumbah Agricultural Show. The sheep shearing demonstration was enjoyed by all. A number of students had the opportunity to 'have a go' at shearing a sheep, this type of activity is not usually available to our students and added greatly to the excitement of the day.



The snake and reptile show was very interesting and informative. The pupils were able to get close to snakes in a safe environment as the person giving the demonstration was a very experienced snake handler.



We were very proud to view the Duranbah PS display in the main pavilion.

The Murwillumbah Wood turners had everyone intrigued trying to work out how they put a wooden arrow into a small hole in a wooden cup? Seth's mum, clever Hannah, worked it out! Well done Hannah.

After lunch we watched the horses in the main arena before coming back to school. The rain didn't damper our enthusiasm, it was a great day.



Duranbah Students having a great time at the Murwillumbah show



Volunteers

What would we do without them. Here we have Shirley Cornwell and Doreen Perry once again giving generously of their time and expertise. The senior students had a great time cooking their own individual chocolate cakes under the guidance of these two very experienced ladies.

HEAD LICE ALERT

With the warmer weather our issue of HEAD LICE has once again flared up. Could you please check your children's hair. I know this is a time consuming procedure, but very necessary as no-one likes to have head lice.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre at Kingscliff is holding Intensive Swimming Lessons in the school holidays:

Monday 9-Thursdays 12 January 2012 with Ellen
Tuesday 17-Friday 20 January 2012 with Kaylene
Intensive lessons cost \$42.00 includes pool entry
For bookings phone 02 6674 1903

LIBRARY NEWS/ STOCKTAKE

Could all parents and students please check home for outstanding Library books. We will be sending out overdue reminders. The Library will be closing this year at the end of November for stocktake. This job is much easier if we are not chasing missing books.