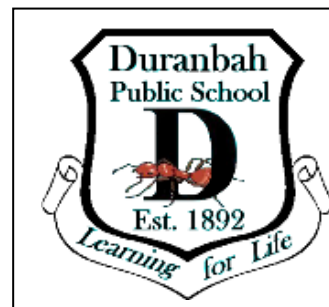


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Term 4 Week 4

Wednesday 2 November 2011

Principal's Report

It was a very happy bunch of campers that returned to school last Wednesday. Thanks Di for organising the best camp yet!! It takes a huge amount of work in the organising, risk assessment process, transporting (Di's husband Richard also drove students to and from Lennox Heads) and being responsible for students 24/7 while away. We would like to thank Tim and Fintan our student teachers from Southern Cross University who supported Di in supervising the students. Tim and Fintan also ran our students into something approaching tiredness, playing every code of football imaginable. Thanks also to Ann Perry who brought students home.

It has come to my attention that there are increasing amounts of lollies and sweets being brought to school in lunchboxes. While many of the snack food have high amounts of sugar, they should be an occasional special treat not a regular occurrence. Our healthy food policy also only allows soft drink as an occasional treat not an everyday item. Our students are given these foods as special treats. Most Fridays the children are given something sweet as part of special lunch, so they don't miss out completely. Strictly banned are the so-called energy drinks. These are high in caffeine and children should definitely not be drinking them.

Congratulations to Lorraine on a very successful audit. It was the first one that she has gone through as School Administrative Manager and in the words of Mike Duncan, she did an excellent job. Our OHS audit was also extremely positive.

Have a good fortnight.
Sandy

COMING EVENTS

- ☺ Thursday 3 November - Day 2 Swimming Program Kingscliff Pool
- ☺ Friday 4 November Murwillumbah Show School Day.
- ☺ Tuesday 8 November - P & C Meeting 2pm, Primary Class Room
- ☺ Thursday 10 November Day 3 Swimming Program Kingscliff Pool
- ☺ Friday 2 December - 10-11am Christmas Celebration 'Its Time'
- ☺ Monday 12 December Nursing home/pre school visit-End of year concert performance
- ☺ Tuesday 13 December - PRESENTATION & END OF YEAR CONCERT NIGHT

TERM 4 P & C MEETING

TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2pm in the Primary Room.

Agenda : End of year presentation, New students, Future of Canteen, Fundraising, Planning for 2012. Please come along and have a say in the direction of your child's school. EVERYONE WELCOME



Katika in Action

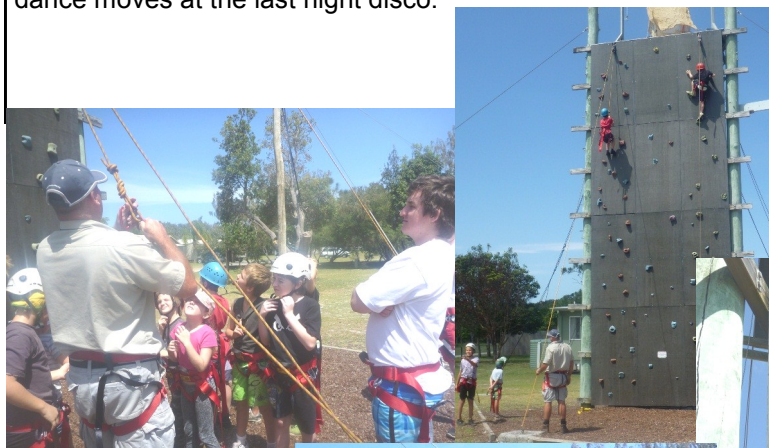
CAMP KOINONIA

Primary students have just returned from a three day camp to Camp Koinonia at Evans Head. Camp Koinonia is situated at Evans Head adjacent to Airport Beach and Bundjaung National Park. Accommodation was in heritage listed WW 11 ex Air Force barracks.

What an action packed, fun filled three days of activity this was. We were fortunate to enjoy fabulous weather during our stay with reasonably calm surf conditions, although a canoe paddle against an incoming tide and headwind on one day proved challenging. Duranbah shared the facilities with Corindi Beach Public School which is situated near Coffs Harbour. The students from Duranbah enjoyed the opportunity to socialise with this school and managed to catch up with a past student of Duranbah.

Students participated in a wide range of activities including, surf swimming, laser skirmish, surfing, canoeing, rock climbing, vertical challenge and pole climbing. We were most comfortably accommodated in spacious cabins.

An enormous thank you to Mr Lynch and Mr Wetherall for their endless energy and enthusiasm during the camp. Their commitment to the children and enthusiasm for teaching was obvious and very commendable. Both student teachers enjoyed themselves and importantly demonstrated the skills of participation and personal challenge. They were also a pair of formidable players during laser skirmish and certainly were a match for the children in enthusiasm and talent including initiating some new dance moves at the last night disco.



Action packed
Camp Koinonia
for all students

'THE TWITS'

Last Friday the whole school went to Murwillumbah Civic Centre to see a play 'The Twits' performed by Murwillumbah Theatre Company. The Twits is one of Roald Dahl's most popular stories. We had a fantastic time! The play was very, very funny and

the audience was asked to participate regularly throughout the production. All the children from our Friday School children to Year 6 students really enjoyed themselves.



Montana with Mrs
Twit



Duranbah Students
interact with the
performers



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.

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.



Coolpon Children's Centre Inc

Community Kid's Fest 2011

Activities:

- Jumping Slide
- Hellum Balloons
- Beppo the Clown
- Mad Sports Song & Dance
- Percussion Instruments
- Pony Rides
- Farm Animals

A Celebration of Children and Families

Free Activities for all the Family

Saturday 29th October 2011

10am-2pm (Darlings Saving Time)

Cnr Park and Recreation Streets Tweed Heads

Raffles and Bar B Q Lunch

And much, much more.....