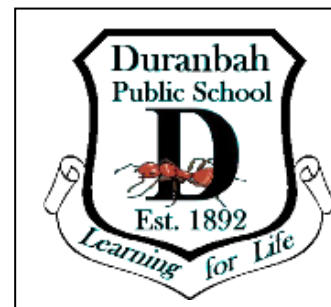


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Term 4 Week 8

Friday 2 December 2011

Principal's Report

It is only 22 more sleeps before the old fella in the red suit comes to visit. School is still very busy and we have much to do. The play is busily being rehearsed and students are finishing projects and assignments. School is still fully operational as are all public schools and high schools despite all manner of urban myths.

We need to know what costumes are needed for the play. Everyone should have a note to say what their child needs for costuming. If you don't, please contact the school to get another note. Don't forget that presentation night is on Tuesday December 13 starting at 5:30 for the barbeque. It is a good idea to bring your own chair. We have only got a few extras once the students are seated. Father Christmas comes, but parents are responsible for getting the gift as he is too busy getting ready for his big night.

Luke and Nadia have organised a night's accommodation at Mantra at Salt Beach with a full buffet breakfast and also a \$100 voucher which can be spent at Salt Bar & Bistro. What we need now are more contributions for the hampers and for the raffle tickets to be sold. We have only two or three books returned. The more we sell the better profit we make. So please could everyone do their best to sell as many as possible. Even if you are not able to sell the tickets, the raffle books must be returned as per the provision of the gaming act. The child who sells the most tickets will be eligible for a prize.

Thanks to everyone who has donated to the school in Saviaia. The tree is in the foyer and a list of the children who are to be the recipients. There is still time to donate.

Have a good fortnight

Sandy

COMING EVENTS

- ☺ 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
- ☺ Thursday 15 December - Y6 Graduation Dinner Tumbulgun Hotel 6pm (notes to follow)
- ☺ Friday 16 December - Last Day for Students

END OF YEAR FUNDRAISING

Our raffle is going well with two very generous prize donations from MANTRA for a 1 night accommodation voucher and SALT-BAR for a gift voucher of \$100. We say a big THANK YOU to both. Please remember to send in donations for our hamper to make this a very successful fundraising event for Duranbah PS
Anyone who can sell more tickets please contact the office.

School and Book Fees 2011

I have been going through the Annual Financial Statement 2011 (our financial year ended on November 30) and in 2011, we received less than half of the fees we received in 2010. If this has simply been an oversight and you can pay them, it would help. We try to keep fees to an absolute minimum, but we do pay for equipment, books and online subscriptions from these fees and our global budget pays for the rest.

AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

If students are not following their usual after school transport arrangement could parents please notify the Admin. Office. If the office has not been notified of a change to routine, students will be sent on their usual mode of transport.



Primary Students Development Projects

Friday Footy

All students are currently involved in a Backyard League Football Program run by Australian Rugby League Development. The facilitator, Kelvin Menchin, ensures the children are engaged with stimulating fun and interactive rugby league sessions that cater to the students' age and development. The sessions are extremely popular with the children

and are a great way of encouraging fairplay and sportsmanship. The program started last Friday and will continue for the next two weeks. Please ensure your child/children have sufficient drinking water and a school hat for these sessions.



Giving Tree

Many thanks to everyone who have donated to the Giving Tree this year. All proceeds will be used to purchase uniforms for the K/1/2 students of Savaia Elementary School in Papua New Guinea. These uniforms along with other school supplies will be delivered to Savaia School early next year by Ms Young.



Development Project

As part of our COGS Unit, *Local Environments*, the Primary students have been engaged in a design and make project. This project entailed the planning, production and evaluation of a development for a local area. Students had to work collaboratively in groups to achieve the required outcomes. A range of materials and formats were chosen including a high usage of recycled materials.

A Handy Checklist

Goods for hamper	
Raffle tickets and money returned	
Giving tree donation	
Santa present	
Nursing home note returned	
Portable chair for presentation night	

LIBRARY NEWS/STOCKTAKE

Overdue notices have been sent home.

Could all parents and students please check under beds, bookcases etc. for outstanding Library books and return to school asap. 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.

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

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.

PLAYING NETBALL NEXT YEAR?



Sign on with
Cudgen Netball Club

at Saint Anthony's School
in Pearl Street, Kingscliff ✓

SATURDAY 4th FEBRUARY ✓
SATURDAY 11th FEBRUARY

1:00pm to 3:00pm ✓

Everyone's welcome with Net-Set-Go! from 5yrs old, Netball from 8yrs, Netball from 10yrs. Coaches/umpires welcomed, too. New training programs for our teams.

ENQUIRIES: Kelly Patterson 0413 886 334
Jo Jackson 0427 745 663

Road safety this Christmas



Always supervise your children in the traffic environment.

Wishing all our families safe travels this holiday season

As the Christmas and New Year holiday season approaches, thousands of families are set to hit the roads for a holiday adventure. A concern for everyone across the country is always that of road safety over this time. There are more people using our roads at this time meaning there is a higher risk for accident, injury or even death. Motorists are urged to be extra cautious especially at night and when passing through residential areas, due to the unpredictable actions of pedestrians.

Driving tips that will help make sure your journey is a safe one

- Don't set off on a long trip at the end of a day's work.
- Sleep well before travelling. Don't drive at times you would normally be asleep.
- Take a 15 minute break outside your car every two hours. There are almost 100 community driver reviver sites that operate throughout NSW during holiday periods.
- Eat well balanced meals at regular times. You need the energy for brain activity and concentration while driving.
- Do not use your mobile phone while driving. Turn off your mobile phone or keep it on silent.
- Pack some quiet activities for the children in the car such as portable DVD players, books, small computer games, portable music player with headphones.



For more information check the Transport Roads and Maritime Services website <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au>

Road safety tips to discuss with your children

- Click Clack Front 'n' Back when in the car.
- Use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.
- Hold a grown-up's hand when on the footpath, in a car park or crossing the road.
- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! When crossing the road.
- Cross the road at a pedestrian crossing where possible.
- When getting off a bus, wait until the bus has gone before using a safe place to cross the road.
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bike and don't ride on busy roads.

"Road crashes account for 58% of all accidental deaths among children aged 5-14 years."



Double demerit points apply over the holiday period.



VOLUNTEER AND HELPERS MORNING TEA

WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 10.15AM

**TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED WITH
TRANSPORT, COOKING, FRIDAY LUNCH,
SPORT, CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES ETC.**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A BIG THANK FOR
YOUR TIME AND EFFORT DURING 2011.**

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN THE STAFF
FOR AN END OF YEAR GET TOGETHER**

RSUP MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 6677 7221

