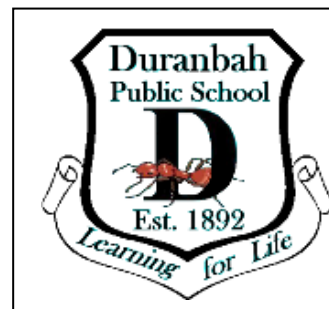


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Term 4 Week 2

Friday 19 October 2012

Principal's Report

Welcome

I'd like to welcome Sahara, Darcy, Seth, Tyler and their families to Duranbah. They have settled in really well. Sahara and Seth went to camp for three days with the primary class and had a good time with their new friends.

Cancellation of 120th

Last Wednesday I called a meeting to discuss the viability of the continued planning of the 120th celebration. The grounds have looked really bad for several weeks because of lack of rain and I was concerned that any trees planted would not survive. **Of course** it rained on Tuesday, fairly bucketed down. However I don't think it would have improved the sub-soil moisture much at all and the grounds look in dire need of even more rain. We will do the tree planting and recognise the 120th, but will combine them with our end of year function.

Solar Power Installation

During this weekend solar panels are being installed at the school. The installers are doing it during the weekend to ensure minimal disruption to the school operations. This will be followed by the installation of energy saving devices and lights throughout the school. We should be able to make substantial savings in energy consumption. The works are being carried out as a result of a federal grant that was put together by Andy Yeomans and Vicki. A good result.

Wendy Binks Visit

We were very fortunate on Wednesday to have Wendy Binks visit from Western Australia. Her visits to schools were coordinated by the Richmond –Tweed Library. We also welcomed students and staff from Murwillumbah South Infants School. The students played really well together and then learnt about how Wendy writes and illustrates her books. The children were really interested and attentive. It was a great opportunity to learn firsthand from a published author. Thanks Larry Price from the Kingscliff Library for choosing us for the northern end of Wendy's visit.

Thanks

Thank you to Vanessa, Sheryl, Ange, Keeley and Shane who helped transport students for Camp. It saves every student about \$15 to \$20 in bus costs.

P & C Meeting

I would like to suggest having a P & C meeting Tuesday October 30. Could everyone let me know if this is a good date or perhaps Wednesday if that suits better. Have a good fortnight

Sandy Ellis
Principal

COMING EVENTS-TERM 3

- ☺ Friday 19 October - AFL
- ☺ Tuesday 23 October-Swimming classes begin
- ☺ Tuesday 30 October-School Photos
- ☺ Tuesday 30 October-P & C Meeting 2.30pm
- ☺ Friday 2 November-Magic Pudding Exc.
- ☺ Tuesday 6 November-Multi cultural Day
- ☺ Tuesday 13 November Lantern Workshop-Primary Class



K/1/2 NEWS

Term 4 has started with lots of interesting things happening. Miss Street has joined us and will be here for 4 weeks. She is doing her 4th year internship with the University of Southern Queensland. We welcome her and hope she enjoys the time at Duranbah PS.

In Maths this week we are learning about money. With summer approaching we are doing a mini unit of work on 'Pool & Beach safety,' which also includes being sunsmart. Please ensure your child has a hat.

Friday school continues this term and our new students for K 2013 are starting to feel very much at home.

Wendy Binks, famous author and artist, visited Duranbah last Wednesday. Students and teacher's from Murwillumbah South Infants joined us for morning tea and a talk by Wendy. She shared her books, artwork and showed us how to draw Australian animals. We all had a go at drawing a kookaburra. The visit has inspired our students to try drawing animals as explained by Wendy and they are showing some very good results.



PRIMARY CAMP

Late Wednesday afternoon a group of excited but weary students (and teacher) made their way back to school after a 3 day excursion to Tyalgum Ridge Retreat. Tyalgum Ridge Retreat is situated at the end of Tyalgum Creek Road and on the north-west side of Mount Warning. Immersed in forest and rainforest, the retreat is a habitat for many native plants and animals including wedge tailed eagles, red tailed black cockatoos and wallabies.

The camp enabled students to meet other students from local small schools as well as those from much larger schools in Queensland. For some students this was their first overnight excursion. During the stay students participated in a diverse range of activities including; rock hopping, bush walking, high ropes, canoeing, mountain bike riding and archery. Many students were excited to visit farm animals including horses, alpacas and goats.



COMMUNITY NEWS

GO4FUN A free healthy lifestyle program called Go4Fun will be run for 7-13 year olds at South Tweed commencing Tuesday 16 October 2012. The program commences 4.15pm each week and includes healthy eating advice, nutrition education and fun games and runs for 9 weeks. A parent or carer must attend each week with the child. Children receive free T-shirts, a water bottle, back pack, frisbee and other goodies. To enquire or register call (02) 6672 -5158 or free-call 1800 780 900 or email go4fun@lismorewomen.org.au

INDOOR JUNIOR SOCCER Commencing soon on Monday afternoons 4:00 -5:30 pm (NSW) **BOYS AND GIRLS** Ages 5 – 11 Register Your Interest Now Teams of 5 or individual players.

Call Brian on 02 6674 4733 / 0415 870 105 **TWEED SUPER SPORTS** 14 – 18 Chinderah Bay Drive, Chinderah Evening competitions also available for youth and adults in Soccer, Mixed Soccer, Netball, Beach Volleyball and Cricket