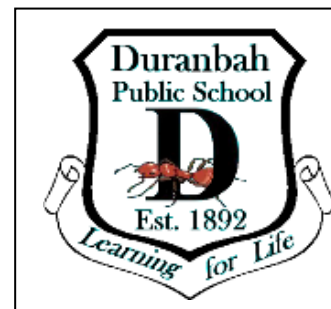


# Duranbah Public School

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**Term 4 Week 6**

**Friday 16 November 2012**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The power was out for the first two hours on Monday. This certainly gave Vicki and I something to think about. We are quite reliant on technology in the classrooms, so it was back to the olden days for teachers and students. Power was restored shortly before recess. The cause was found to be a dead limb on the pole leading into the school. Tree clearing along the lines will be necessary.

Speaking of power, Sunbeam switched on the solar panels on Friday. They started working straight away. Once the computer program is installed we will be able to monitor the power produced and used per hour, an interesting task for all students.

Thank you to Shane Balcombe, Seth and Tyler's dad who came in to talk about his experiences in the army. Shane is a serving lieutenant and has been posted to many places across the globe. He gave us an interesting insight into the life he shared with colleagues in Iraq. His visit was in preparation for the observation of Remembrance Day on Sunday 11 November. On Friday our students along with thousands of others across Australia read the Ode of Remembrance by Rupert McCall in an attempt to set a world record for the most people reading one thing at the same time.

In the spirit of Multi Culture, I was lucky to be invited this week, to the Needham families celebration of Diwali with lights and wonderful food.

On Saturday night Di and I will be at Jack Evans Boat Harbour for the Lantern Parade. All students are welcome to attend.

The school is registered in the parade and students can pick up and carry the lantern they made at school last Tuesday. We will meet close to Coral Street at the boardwalk at approx. 6.30pm.

Have a good fortnight

Sandy Ellis

Principal

## K/1/2 NEWS

With the summer holidays fast approaching K-2 children have been learning about beach safety. Ask your child if they can name the 5 beach safety rules they have learnt.

1. Always swim between the red and yellow flags.
2. Read the safety signs when you arrive at the beach and follow the instructions.
3. Ask a lifeguard for safety advice.
4. Swim with a friend.
5. If you need help stay calm and put your hand up.

We have covered the topic using various techniques. Pictured is Ms Myler in her life guard gear, demonstrating on the white board to students some of the points covered.

'Enjoy the beach this summer'

## COMING EVENTS-TERM 4

☺ **Tuesday 23 October to 27 November**

**Swimming classes**

☺ **Saturday 17 November Lantern Parade, Jack Evans Boat Harbour 6.30pm**

☺ **Thursday 22 November Y6 to Y7**

**Orientation Day Kingscliff HS**

☺ **Tuesday 4 December Y6 to Y7**

**Orientation Day Wollumbin HS**

☺ **Tuesday 18 December-Duranbah PS Presentation Day**

A Multi Cultural Week at Duranbah PS





## MULTICULTURAL DAY

Forty students and three teachers from Gold Coast TAFE arrived at Duranbah School last Tuesday. For some students it was their fifth visit, but for many it was their first time in any Australian School. The TAFE students who have been coming for some time greeted our students very enthusiastically. Our visitors were welcomed by the principal and student leaders.

Zumba students were led through their routines by our fabulous instructor Lara Kampnich. Everyone loved their energetic performance. Morning tea was hosted by Duranbah PS and many traditional 'Aussie Foods' were shared. After morning tea the TAFE students set up their activities in nationalities. The Chinese students shared a Kungfu demonstration and taught our students how to write their name in Chinese. The Thai women, as beautiful and graceful as ever taught a traditional dance. Many of the Duranbah students picked up the dance very quickly. Students had their 'passports' stamped with the signatures of our visitors. Japanese students taught origami and surprised everyone with their delicate fine motor skills. The final part of call was a mixture of four countries. The Phillipines, Bosnia, Vietman and Columbia were all represented.

The day concluded with the sharing of traditional foods, supplied by our visitors, for lunch. It was fantastic. As the bus was preparing to leave Nomu, one of the Japanese women gave each child a bracelet or necklace. What warm generosity.



## A FANTASTIC WORKSHOP !

On Tuesday, Laura, Heidi, Jenna and Jonathon, from 'LightnUp', Lismore, visited our school for a Lantern Workshop. The group is responsible for the very colourful and successful Annual Lantern Parade held in Lismore. Duranbah PS was selected to be a participant in the Tweed River Festival, Lantern Parade sponsored by Tweed Shire Council to be held at Jack Evans Boat Harbour, Tweed Heads this Saturday. Working outside in glorious, windless weather, the children created some 'eye-catching' masterpieces. Their creativity and manipulative skills impressed our visitors, as did their behaviour. I was particularly impressed with the way the senior students assisted our Year 2 students who joined us for the workshop. They were also enthusiastic in assisting the team in clean-up and pack the equipment back into their van.

Students 'masterpieces' have been retained by 'LightnUp' for collection and display in the Lantern Parade at Jack Evans Boat Harbour this Saturday. The Festival will run from 3.30pm with the Lantern Parade at 7.15pm. Parents in attendance will be welcome to carry special feature lanterns and to join their children in the parade. Ross J.



## HEAD LICE

The warm weather has arrived and with it the ever present head lice. Could all parents check (every night) and treat (if necessary) their child's head. We all need to be vigilant with this problem. Conditioner left on the child's head overnight is a gentle treatment, but the head must be combed thoroughly if nits are present.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**BICYCLE HELMETS** There are 3 helmets available which have been donated by one of our parents. If your child needs a helmet contact the office.