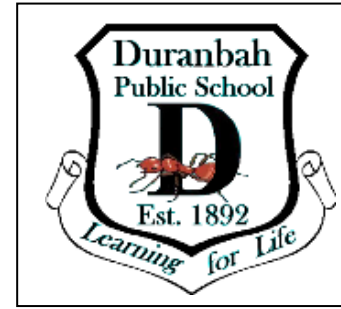


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Term 4 Week 4

Friday 2 November 2012

Principal's Report

Multicultural Day

Next Tuesday Gold Coast TAFE students from the Philippines, Thailand, China and Japan are visiting the school to enjoy a day of shared culture. It is a great opportunity for our students to get to know people from different backgrounds. Our students will be sharing their dance and work with the TAFE students. DPS students should bring a plate of morning tea to share, but won't need to bring lunch as the TAFE students bring food to share. If your child is reluctant to try different food it might be an idea to pack a sandwich. Everyone is welcome to come along and share in the day. Last Tuesday we had school photos which should be available soon.

P & C Meeting

Thanks to everyone who attended the P & C meeting on Wednesday. It was a good turnout. It was agreed that the takings from Friday lunches are to be used to subsidise buses for excursions. So far this year we have raised \$1463. Thank you to all parents who have bought ingredients, cooked and served some delicious lunches. It was decided to have presentation and tree planting on Tuesday 18 December. We will be having it in the afternoon either early or late. Please complete the survey attached to this newsletter.

Di Young LSL

Di is taking some well earned long service leave for the next two weeks. Ross Johnson and Sue Proudfoot will be sharing her teaching load. They are both experienced teachers who know the class well.

Solar Power

The solar panels are up and ready to be switched over. Sunbeam Solar worked during the weekend so the school was not interrupted. We will be able to monitor the weather from any computer within the school.

Swimming

Please have a look at the article about making school swimming compulsory in NSW schools. We agree with the argument expressed in the article. We always do an intensive swimming program because we believe that children's safety is paramount.

Have a good fortnight
Sandy Ellis
Principal

COMING EVENTS-TERM 4

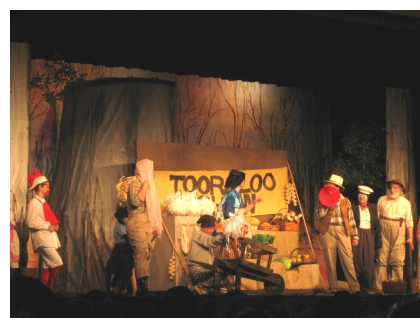
- ☺ Tuesday 23 October to 27 November
Swimming classes
- ☺ Monday 5 November -Swimming
Lessons
- ☺ Tuesday 6 November-Multi cultural Day
- ☺ Wednesday 7 November-KHS Y6 to Y7
coordinator visit to DPS 10.30am
- ☺ Tuesday 13 November Lantern Work-
shop-Primary Class
- ☺ Thursday 22 November Y6 to Y7 orienta-
tion day KHS
- ☺ Tuesday 18 December-Duranbah PS
presentation day

THE MAGIC PUDDING

Today the whole school enjoyed the opportunity of watching a performance of Norman Lindsay's production, *The Magic Pudding* by the Murwillumbah Theatre Company at Murwillumbah



Civic Centre. The performance has been adapted by Andrew James. Since 1918, *The Magic Pudding* has engaged both children and adults. The story involves Albert, a pudding, who changes form and is constantly nibbled on by his owners. Somehow he never seems to shrink! Albert is cranky and rude and tends to get his owners into all sorts of problems. The story is set in the Australian bush with memorable



animal characters including Bunyip Bluegum, Bill Barnacle, Sam Sawnoff, the Puddin' thieves, and of course Albert, the cranky, 'never-ending' pudding.

K/1/2 NEWS

This week is Miss Street's last week with us. We would like to thank her for her valuable contribution to our children's education and we wish her all the best as she begins her career as a classroom teacher in 2013. I was very happy to hear that so many parents 'googled' Wendy Binks and saw her amazing artwork and books.



FROM MS STREET - I would like to thank all students and teachers of DPS, especially K/1/2 and Ms Myler for making my internship a very happy and successful one. During my 4 weeks I enjoyed being part of your school and I have learnt numerous teaching strategies that I will take with me for use in my own classroom. The enthusiastic and happy students made teaching a pleasure and it was fantastic watching the students make connections in their learning; especially in our pool, sun and safety unit. This experience has enhanced my knowledge as a beginning teacher greatly and I will miss you all.



AFL

As part of a six week AFL program students from both the Infants and Primary classrooms have been busy learning ball skills and good sport practice from Mark, the AFL coordinator. The sessions involve activities that encourage strategy, body and space awareness which were modified to suit the age and ability of our students. Mark enforces fair play with friendly competition which has also been a focus of our physical education lessons this year.

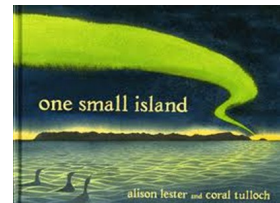
Mark was very impressed with the skill and energy levels of the students. Last week he commended Katika on her kicking skills. She presented the best kicking talent he had seen all Term, which is very commendable considering Mark visits many schools each week.

ANTARCTICA

The Primary Class are currently involved in teaching and learning activities on the theme of Antarctica. Antarctica is proving to be an engaging and popular topic for both students and teachers alike. So far we have investigated the geography of Antarctica, food webs, introduced species and territorial claims. We look forward to further learning opportunities including the exploration, current use, geology, the Antarctic Treaty and an in depth look at animal and plant life.

This week we studied the text, *One Small Island* by Alison Lester and Coral Tulloch.

Featuring Macquarie Island, this book demonstrates the historical effect humans have had on this isolated and now World Heritage Listed sub-Antarctic Island. Using incredible illustrations and facts this book describes the impact of sealers, explorers, introduced animals, environmentalists and the Australian Government. If anyone is interested in taking a look at this book it is available in the Primary Classroom. Miss Ellis has sourced some very exciting resources from the Australian Antarctic Division which will be freighted to the school very soon!



FRIENDS OF THE POUND

On Tuesday we had the pleasure of receiving a visit from two dedicated members of the non-profit organisation, Friends of the Pound Tweed Inc. This organisation has an important role in our community of providing foster homes for unwanted cats and dogs until permanent homes can be located, improving conditions at the Tweed Pound and providing education on responsible pet ownership.



Accompanying the ladies was Clancy, a young and very lucky dog who has recently undergone eye surgery to correct cataracts. The cost of this expensive procedure to Friends of the Pound was \$5000.

To fundraise, Friends of the Pound have organised a colouring competition with Clancy as the focus. Students can enter the competition for 50 cents with a maximum of 4 entries. Money for the colouring competition is to be handed to the classroom teacher. A winner will be chosen from both the Infants and Primary classroom in approximately two weeks. The prize for both students will be two movie tickets each. Donations are most welcome and can be placed in the tin provided in the front office.