

Duranbah Public School

A quality education in a caring environment



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Term 4 Week 4

Friday 1 November 2013

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Multi Cultural Day

What a magnificent day! My first experience of this amazing day left me thinking how lucky our students are to be able to participate and experience such a variety of cultures, not to mention the food!

State Athletics

Congratulations to our team for their efforts last week. It was an experience they will always remember. A huge thanks to the parents and family of our runners for their efforts in getting them to Sydney.

Camp

Our students had a memorable time at camp. Thank you to Ms Young and Ms Knight for attending with the students

Bus Travel

We have had instances of students getting off the bus with friends after school, instead of their own bus stop. Students will NOT BE ALLOWED to get off the bus at any stop other than their own without a written permission slip. If you wish your child to alight at another stop please inform the school. We will then issue the student a slip to present to the bus driver. This ensures the safety of our students.

Swimming

Reminder - swimming starts next Tuesday. Please ensure your child/ren come prepared with all the necessary equipment.

Chris Pritchard

Relieving Principal

MARK YOUR CALANDER

- ☺ 5 November (Tuesday)- 6 week Swimming program commences K-Y6
- ☺ 5 November (Tuesday am) -Lantern Making Workshop Y3-Y6
- ☺ 7 November (Thursday) - Y6-7 Kingscliff HS visit
- ☺ 7 November (Thursday) - Y5 Visit to Kingscliff HS Art & Music workshop
- ☺ 9 November (Saturday) -Tweed River Lantern Parade
- ☺ 15 November (Friday) - Solid State Circus Excursion to Cudgen PS
- ☺ 20 November (Wednesday) - Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary K-Y2

P & C MEETING

Tuesday 26 November 12.45pm
(before swimming)
Agenda - Presentation Night

WATER FOR THE VEGGIE GARDEN

Greg from Farmers Choice Organic Nursery suggested to the students that those students whose homes are not on tank water could bring in **1 LITRE of water each every day to help water the Veggie Garden**. This is a great idea for conserving our tank water and keeping interest high for our garden project. Students will be picking next week.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Week 3

Infants Class
Benji & Chyna

Primary Class
Disisha

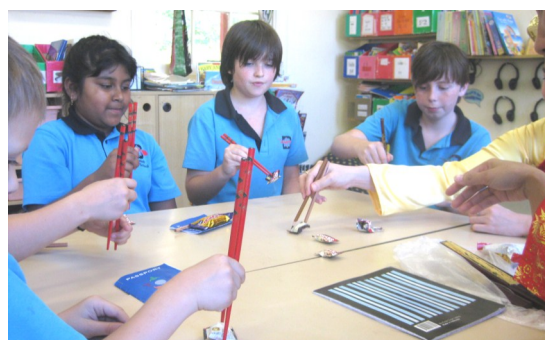
LES PETERKIN PORTRAIT PRIZE

Tashya and her family had a great time at the Tweed River Art Gallery Family Day and Presentation. Her entry in the Les Peterkin Portrait competition 2013, is being displayed along with entries from Ela, Nathaniel & Alex





MULTI CULTURAL DAY



PSSA STATE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Duranbah PS was very pleased and proud to hear that the PP5 Relay team came 5th at the State championships in Sydney. The boys travelled to Sydney with their families and enjoyed the experience of competing at Sydney Olympic Park.

Zac came out pumping hard and was running first. Charlie kept the pace up and unfortunately Callan was up against some tall, long legged runners, as was Jack. But they all did their best and did not disgrace themselves or the school. All behaviour was exceptional on the day.

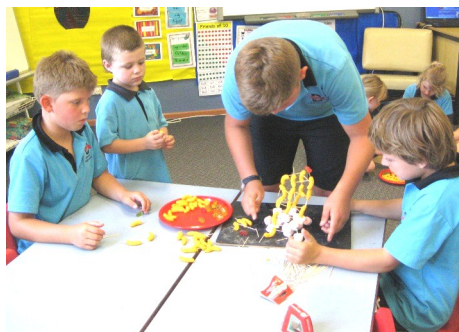


FUN, FOOD AND SCIENCE DAY

Last Tuesday the K-6 students who did not attend camp enjoyed a 'Fun, Food and Science Day.' We began the day with peer reading, the primary students listened to K-2 students reading and then primary read to K-2. At fruit break Ela, Tilly and Jazmin helped everyone make apple slinkies, while Charlie and Dylan set up our 1st science activity. We had fun guessing and testing whether different fruits or vegetables would float or sink. Can you believe some of the heaviest items floated AND an orange floated then sunk after we peeled it! Next we had a competition to see which group could make the tallest tower out of... (we won't tell you what or that we ate our towers later in the day!)

A yummy lunch was prepared by all... ham and pineapple pizzas!

After lunch we had a 'Why is this so?' session with all groups attempting to push a skewer into a blown up balloon, everyone knew how to do it without bursting it! Finally we concluded the day with a challenge to see if anyone could pick up a \$5 note while standing with their back to a wall without bending their knees or moving their feet off the floor. If they could do it they could keep the \$5. I still have my \$5 note! Ask your children... 'Why is this So?'



LAKE AINSWORTH LENNOX HEAD

The Primary Camp this week was an opportunity for students to be active, learn new skills, have fun and form friendships with other students from a diverse range of schools. Being responsible, problem solving and respect for others are key elements of Lake Ainsworth's philosophy.

Monday 's activities included archery and water safety. On Tuesday our students had a chance to experience rock climbing and snorkelling. For many students this was their first opportunity to challenge themselves on a rock face with climbs of various degrees of difficulty. Canoeing on Wednesday proved a challenge with strong southerly winds making the circumnavigation of the lake very difficult. Success in all of these activities required teamwork and perseverance.

The centre provided excellent healthy meals. Students eagerly lined up for seconds at dinner. Many thanks to the parents who assisted with transport. (See our exciting pictures over the page.)

GYMNASTICS WORKSHOP

On Wednesday while Mr Pritchard battled strong winds on the lake at Lennox Heads with our student campers, Miss Knight and myself attended a gymnastics workshop at Ballina. The practical and theory covered in this workshop will enable us to confidently include elements of gymnastics in our Physical Activity Curriculum. The qualifications provided by this workshop however limit the activities that can be taught. Students wanting to participate in higher levels of gymnastics need to contact accredited providers such as the PCYC. This workshop will enable teachers to better utilise the abundant gymnastics resources at our school.



Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreational Camp

COMMUNITY NEWS

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!



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