

Duranbah Public School

A quality education in a caring environment



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Term 4 Week 10

Friday 13 December 2013

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

The year is almost over and as this is the last newsletter of the year I'd like to thank the students, parents and staff for their efforts and support. I have had a wonderful year at Duranbah PS. The presentation night was a huge success (despite the rain) and the P & C did a tremendous job feeding everyone. I'm sure all parents were extremely proud of their children, just as we are! Many thanks to the Philip and Withey families for their generous support.

NAB Coloring Competition

Congratulations to Ela who won first prize in the competition, the only entry from a school to win a prize. Congratulations also to Ashleigh who received an achievement award for her entry.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Taysha for her effort in completing the challenge. Taysha had to read a minimum of 20 books to obtain the award.

Reports

Reports will be sent home today. If you wish to discuss your child's report please contact the school to arrange a meeting.

Students last day will be Wednesday 18 December and the students first day for 2014 will be Wednesday 29 January. Best Wishes to our Year 6 for High School next year. We look forward to hearing of your progress. Have a happy and safe holiday period.
Chris Pritchard, Relieving Principal

MARK YOUR CALANDER

- ☺ 16 December (Monday) - Picnic & Beach Day Hastings Point
- ☺ 18 December (Wednesday) - Last day Term 4 for students
- ☺ 28 January (Tuesday)-Staff Development Day
- ☺ 29 January (Wednesday) - First Day Term 1 for Year 1-Year 6 students
- ☺ 30 January (Thursday)-First Day Kindergarten students
- ☺ 10 February (Monday)-Small Schools Swimming Carnival

WISHING TREE

**LAST DAY MONDAY 16 DECEMBER
REMEMBER TO BRING AN ITEM IN
FOR OUR CHARITY COLLECTION
THIS YEAR WE ARE SUPPORTING
'YOU HAVE A FRIEND'**

LIBRARY NEWS

Could all students and parents check bedrooms, under beds, book shelves etc for library books and return ASAP we are still missing books. It would great to have our library fully stocked and tidy for the start of 2014.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Week 8

Infants Class Maleke
Primary Class Indiana



Week 9

Infants Class Esha
Primary Class Jazmin



Week 10

Primary Class Kain & Taj
Infants Class Chyna



PRESENTATION 2013

PREMIERS
READING
CHALLENGE

GIVING TREE

Thank you to the wonderful families who have donated food and other items to this years Giving Tree. The charity we have targeted this year is "You Have a Friend". This Tweed Heads based organisation supports homeless and disadvantaged families and individuals in our local area. The founder, John Lee, organises hot meals, food and clothing donations and compassion to people who are facing many challenges. John visited our school earlier in the year to talk to the Primary students about his work and the importance of giving and caring for others especially those less fortunate. The charity also has an op shop in Machinery Drive which is well worth a visit.

CRAFT DONATIONS

We are very excited to have had a large quantity of craft supplies donated to our school by Jackie. Jackie lives locally in Cabarita and has much talent and knowledge which she is excited about sharing.

Jackie visited our classrooms today to instruct and assist the students with their craft pieces. As you can see from these photos our students had a lot of fun creating with Jackie.



JAPANESE LESSONS

Our Primary students have had the opportunity this year to engage in Japanese language lessons with Mrs Knowles from Kingscliff High School. In previous years our students have used our school's video conferencing equipment to engage in these lessons. This program demonstrates the benefits of our local network of schools working together to improve educational outcomes for all students.

SYDNEY MARKETS VIDEO CONFERENCE

Yesterday primary students connected with Sydney Markets in a video conference to explore the journey of the banana from farm to plate. Celebrity guests Nathan Hindmarsh and TV chef Fast Ed also spoke of the importance of a healthy diet in keeping fit and well. Presenters discussed the wide variety of fruit and vegetable grown on the East Coast of Australia including how they are grown, transported and sold.

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to add fruit at brekky

This delish recipe will give your kids' a great start to their day!
It contains one serve of fruit.

Ingredients
2 eggs
1 tbsp honey
2 ½ cups low fat milk
3 ripe bananas, sliced
2 cups self-raising flour
2 tbsp sugar
2 tsp margarine, melted
3 medium apples, peeled, cored and grated

Method
In a large bowl beat eggs, margarine + milk. In a separate bowl mix flour and sugar, stir into wet mixture until smooth. Heat oil in a pan over medium heat. Add 2-3 tbsp of mixture, flip when bubbles appear and cook until golden. Serve with banana and drizzled honey. Makes 10.

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Friends of the Pound (Tweed) Inc.,

"Santa is coming to '100% Pets' over two fun-filled weekends. Have your photo taken with Santa and your furry best friend! 100% Pets, Greenway Drive, South Tweed Heads
Saturday-Sunday, 14-15 December, 10am-2pm;
Saturday-Sunday, 21-22 December, 10am-2pm." Thank you for your support,