

Duranbah Public School

A quality education in a caring environment



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Term 3 Week 10

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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

What a busy Term 3 we have had with our students all involved in a whole variety of creative, academic and sporting activities throughout the term. We are very proud of our students level of participation and effort in these activities.

Congratulations to Cody for his participation in the Far North Coast Public Speaking Finals which were held recently at Banora PS. Congratulations also to Ella, Taysha, Alex and Nathaniel whose art work will be displayed during Term 4, in the folder section, at the Tweed Regional Art Gallery as a result of their entries in the Les Peterkin Portrait Prize. Congratulations to Koby and Tilly for their winning entries in the Lions Club Peace Poster competition. Congratulations to Molly for her prize winning entry in the Coolangatta/Tweed Crime Stoppers Poster Competition. Finally congratulations to all our students for their amazing efforts at the Tweed Small Schools Ball Games Carnival last Friday. Their level of participation, behavior and sportsmanship was exemplary. The results speak for themselves. A truly fantastic effort.

Thank you to our fantastic staff who work tirelessly for the students of this school. I am looking forward to being here again next term. Have a safe, happy holiday.

Chris Pritchard
Relieving Principal



Molly receiving the prize for her Crime Stoppers poster



Student leaders Cody, Stewart & Molly presented with the Ball Games Trophy

MARK YOUR CALANDER

- ☺ **8 October (Tuesday)-First Day Term 4**
- ☺ **8, 15 & 22 October (Tuesday)-Rugby League Development Clinics**
- ☺ **11 October (Friday)-Responsible Pet Education Visit**
- ☺ **16 October (Wednesday)-Science Discovery Visit**
- ☺ **17-18 October (Thursday)-State Athletics Carnival**
- ☺ **23 October (Wednesday)-Multi Cultural Day with Coolangatta TAFE**
- ☺ **28-30 October-Lake Ainsworth Camp Year 3-6**

STUDENT MEDICAL FORMS

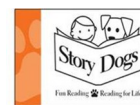
New student medical forms were sent home last week for every student in the school. Could you please fill these in and return to the office asap. Please note students with asthma and anaphylaxis conditions need a current treatment plan from their doctor.

SEEKING STORY DOGS VOLUNTEERS FOR DURANBAH PS

Do you have approx. 2 hours free each week and a well-behaved, confident, child-loving dog? Would you like to be a part of a fun reading program that helps students become confident, life-long readers? Why not become a Story Dogs volunteer at our school and have fun with your dog and children?

Story Dogs is an amazing program that uses dogs to assist children learn to read. When children read to a Story Dog, they relax, try harder and have fun as our volunteers and their dogs make the sessions friendly and fun!

Story Dogs is seeking volunteers and dogs. You will need to do a one-day training session and be assessed with your dog by an accredited dog assessor. Once this is done you will be ready to volunteer with your dog, in term 4, 2013. For more information and an application form, please contact Leah Sheldon on 02 6672 1223 or email info@storydogs.org.au. Applications can also be downloaded at www.storydogs.org.au





SMALL SCHOOLS BALL GAMES CARNIVAL

Our sporting prowess continued last Friday at the Small Schools Ball Games Carnival. Duranbah PS were declared Champion School B Division (schools under 53 enrolled). We were also successful in the following individual sections. 1st in Junior and Senior Ball Games, 1st Junior Tug-O-War and 3rd in Senior Tug-O-War. Sub-junior students had heaps of fun competing in their tunnel ball and their Overs and Under's where they came 3rd. After the Ball Games section all K-2 students enjoyed the sport tabloids of activities such as Parachute, sack races, croquet, mini fitness circuit and many more. The day was a huge success and all students were bubbling with enthusiasm and pride for their school.



SPINAL INJURIES VISIT

Daniel from Spinal Education Awareness Team (SEAT), visited Duranbah PS on Wednesday. The visit was very informative giving the students a new awareness about spinal cord injuries and an understanding that spinal injuries do not stop people from leading full and enjoyable lives. We have printed below some K-2 student quotes about the visit and information which they think is important.

'Always wear a helmet when riding a pushbike.' Nate

'Always swim between the Red and Yellow flags when at the beach.' Alex

'Always walk into the water to check how deep it is before diving in.' Logan

'When possible always protect your spine, always watch where you are diving because there could be rocks just under the water and you may break your back and be in a wheel chair for the rest of your life.' Chyna

'I found interesting that the back bone is all split up in parts and if you break it you can't use your legs and hands. I found it amazing that you can still go in races, do 100m in 10 seconds in a wheel chair and win a medal or two, play basketball and go to the Special Olympics even if you have a broken back.' Tristan

'It was a great talk. Daniel's personal story was really interesting because he was funny. The Jack and Ella story told us all about spinal injuries and the different wheel chairs for people with different spinal injuries. He also told us how dangerous it is to swing on our chairs at school.' Nat

'It was a really good talk. Daniel was talking about spinal injuries that I had never heard of before. He was clever because he knew everything about the spinal cord and spinal injuries. He had a mad motorbike. It was a crazy colour and had cool black rims.' Matthew