# **Duranbah Public School**

# A quality education in a caring environment



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Term 4 Week 4

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#### PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Thank you to all the parents who attended the P & C meeting. We had a good number of parents here. I understand how difficult it is for everyone to attend with the busy lives we all lead.

Our presentation evening will be held on Tuesday 16 December and our PBL rewards day on Monday 15 December. We will provide more information closer to the dates.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Most students are well and truly on track to achieving the 40 bee cards required to attend the rewards day and we commend those students for their efforts.

Friday School

Started today, for those students enrolled in kindergarten for 2015. We wish to welcome the new students and families to Duranbah P S. Friday school will be running for a further three Fridays. If you know of a child starting school next year, invite them to come along and experience Duranbah PS. Many thanks to Ms Myler for organizing the days.

Lions International Peace Poster Competition Congratulations to Koby (Snr Primary) and Taysha (Jnr Primary) for their winning posters. Each student received a cash prize for their efforts. Posters are on display in the foyer, come and have a look at our talented students.

Chris Pritchard Relieving Principal



Primary Week 3

Dipisha

Infants Week 3 Shane

#### **MARK YOUR CALANDER - TERM 4**

- © November 4, 11, 18 & 25 (Tues) Swimming Classes 1-3pm
- © November 7, 14 & 21- Friday School Kindergarten Orientation 9am-3pm
- © November 7 (Fri)-Responsible Pet Ownership
- © November 14 (Fri) One day camp Lake Ainsworth
- © December 15 (Mon) PBL Reward Day
- © December 16 (Tues)-Presentation Night
- © December 17 (Wed)-Students Last day

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# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK TERM 4



Infants Week 2 Primary Week 2
Chyna Indiana



Primary Week 4 Infants Week 4
Emma Callan

#### LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONTEST



Winners of the Lions International Peace Poster Competition for this year were Koby Year 5 & 6 (pictured right) and Taysha (poster pictured left). Both students were recipients of a \$25.00 cheque for their colourful and thoughtful efforts.





#### **PRIMARY NEWS**

Our Primary students have been engaged in teaching and learning activities based on a healthy eating theme. We have been investigating the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating (copy attached) which has replaced the old food pyramid many people may be familiar with. Also we have started a two week challenge to eat better and be more active. Did you know that young people should spend less than 2 hours per day engaged in screen time including television and computers and should be active for at least one hour each day?

Once a week students will have an opportunity to explore simple cooking or food preparation activities that support their learning. We hope to include produce from our school garden later in the term in our cooking?

### **Mouldy Bread**

Primary students have been engaged in an interesting science experiment to determine how well mould grows on different bread types. The students have employed good scientific methods including fair trials, controls, independent and dependent variables to answer the question "Does mould grow quicker and better on brown or white bread?" Resolution - "In conclusion the mould grew faster and better on the brown bread. A possible reason is that the sugar and chemicals in the white bread stopped the mould growing" by Jasmin



My name is Mrs (Monika) Robson and I have spent the last three weeks at Duranbah Primary as a student teacher



from the University of Southern Queensland. I feel very lucky to have the very experienced Ms Myler as my mentor teacher and gain professional experience in this lovely school. During my stay I had the opportunity to teach the K-2 class and the primary class in literacy groups. I have been doing a mini unit with the K-2 class about Mini Beasts. (Ask your child...What is a Mini Beast?) They have been very excited about this unit and are eager to learn interesting facts about bees, butterflies, spiders etc. They have looked at the life cycle of a butterfly, completed a booklet about spiders and created a bee with Mrs Young amongst other activities. Some students also got the chance to try on a bumble bee outfit and buzz around the classroom. I had a wonderful three weeks here and I would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff and the students for welcoming me into their school.



#### PE AND SPORT

After a very busy sporting year our Primary students are now involved in a range of physical activity including strategic games. Our younger students are involved in playground games with a focus on the fundamental movement skills of the side gallop and skip. Fundamental movement skills need to be explicitly taught and are not something that children acquire developmentally. These basic movement skills provide a foundation for more complicated sport such as soccer, netball, tennis, athletics etc.

## **HATS**

Just a reminder we are a sun safe school so it is compulsory to wear a school hat when playing on the oval. Please ensure your child has his or her hat every day and it is marked with their name. We have received a delivery of the new reversible school hats which have a wider brim and are available from the office for \$12.00.

# SCHOOL FEES

Please finalise outstanding accounts: PAYMENTS TO THE OFFICE OR BY DIRECT DEBIT

BSB: 032-001

Account Number: 150883
Account Name: Duranbah PS
Include child/family name with Payment.