

# Duranbah Public School

*A quality education in a caring environment*



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## Term 4 Week 8

Friday 28 November 2014

### PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

#### Lake Ainsworth

Our senior class had an absolutely fantastic time at Lake Ainsworth. The morning was spent rock climbing. Students learnt to correctly fit their harness, helmet and ropes and most climbed much higher than they anticipated. After lunch was kayaking on the lake. For some it was their first time kayaking. A great time was had by all and Ms Young and myself were proud of our students participation and behaviour. Thanks to those parents and Ms Young who supplied transport.

#### Costa Visit & Waste Watch

A big thank you to Evan from TSC who provided us with new bins and reminded students about what goes into each bin. We are very proud of our school and its lack of rubbish so it was a timely reminder to the students.

As Evan finished talking to the students Costa (ABC TV) and Greg from Organic Choice Murwillumbah arrived and reinforced the importance of using the bins correctly. Costa then planted fruit trees with the senior class, enjoyed Vanessa's Enchiladas for lunch and gave the infants class a lesson in recycling and composting. A very big thanks to Costa, Greg, Annie & Zoe for all the work they have put into our new garden and composting area.

With only 2 weeks of school left it is becoming difficult to fit everything in! We have had to move our Rewards Day to the 10 December. It will be at Hastings Point in the park by the creek. Once again we will be relying on parents to help provide transport.

Our presentation evening will be on Tuesday 16 December starting at 5pm with a BBQ run by the P & C.

The permanent position of Principal of Duranbah PS has been advertised this week. It is my intention to apply for the position. Please contact me if you have any queries.

Chris Pritchard

Relieving Principal

### MARK YOUR CALANDER - TERM 4

- ☺ December 3 (Wed)-Christmas Celebration
- ☺ December 5 (Fri)-Year 6 Farewell Lunch
- ☺ December 10 (Wed)-PBL Rewards Day. Hastings Point. **Please note change of date**
- ☺ December 16 (Tues)-Presentation Night
- ☺ December 17 (Wed)-Students Last day Term 4
- ☺ January 28 (Wed) - First day 2015 for

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION FOR TWEED COAST SCHOOLS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,  
On Wednesday 3 December our School will have a special Children's Christmas Celebration between 9.15am and 10.15am. We are one of 11 public schools to host this Tweed Coast community initiative, in its eighth year. The school programme will include an assembly and three learning centres, celebratory songs, activities, DVD & craft with the theme "Christmas Lights", including references to Christ and Christmas. There will be no cost to our School or Students. **If you do not wish your child/children to attend, please advise the School by Tuesday 2 December.**



### COMPUTERS

As we have received our 2014 T4L allocation we now have a small number of redundant computers available to the community for a donation. Please contact the office if

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK TERM 4



Infants Week 6  
Emma & Benji

Primary Week 6  
Jasmin & Koby



Primary Week 7  
Jasmin, Koby & Kenta

Infants Week 8  
Portia



## FRIDAY SCHOOL

During the past 4 weeks we have been running our 'Friday School' program. This program provides an opportunity for pre-schoolers (4-5 year old) who will be starting Kindergarten in 2015 to have a taste of big school life. The children become familiar with the school environment and make friends. We welcome Liv, Layla, Brayden, Jimi and Cohan to Kindergarten in 2015 and Jimi's big brother Zeph to Year 2. The children had a wonderful time sampling Duranbah PS life as you can see on the photo board situated outside the K-2 classroom.



## SWIMMING

Duranbah students have completed our Term 4 swimming program at TRAC, Kingscliff. This highly successful program caters for non swimmers, beginning swimmers, stroke correction and also focuses on water safety. The program is accredited by Austswim, Swim Australia and the Royal Life Saving Society. All participating students will receive a certificate of achievement and a free slide and dive pass for TRAC, Murwillumbah. Attached to their certificate is a brochure outlining dates, times and costs for holiday swimming programs at all 3 TRAC centres. Vicki Myler



## WASTE WISE SCHOOL PROGRAM

You may have noticed our school's photo in the Tweed Link this week. Duranbah PS has been involved in a program with Tweed Shire Council since 2006 called Waste Wise. This involves the council working in partnership with our school to help us use resources more wisely and to help develop a mindset of reduce, renew and recycle in our school community. Even from T.S.C. audited our school program and as a result we have 3 new bins, a red for rubbish, a green for green waste and yellow for recyclables. Our new bins arrived just in time for our visit by Costa. Our green waste will be used in the school's worm farm and compost heap. Next year our education activities will involve a visit to the TSC Sustainability Centre at Cudgen.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**FRIENDS OF THE POUND** in partnership with 100% Pets are holding "Have your pets photo taken with Santa" this event will be on the 6-7th & 13-14th December, from 10.00 am at the 100% Pets, Harvey Norman Centre, Greenway Drive, South Tweed Heads. I have attached an email version of the flyer in hopes you will advertise our fundraising event in your newsletter and on your Face Book. This is a major fundraising event which will give people an opportunity to have their photo taken with their pet and Santa while at the same time helping Friends of the Pound.