

Duranbah Public School



A quality education in a caring environment

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Term 4 Week 6

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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

We are halfway through what is a very busy term with a great deal to do before the school year is over in a few short weeks. This week is the final week of Ms Guinea's practicum. I'm sure she has enjoyed her time here at Duranbah and we thank her for the contribution she has made to our school and wish her all the best for her future career. While on the subject of student teachers, Southern Cross University has been nominated for an award for their SCIL program, in which Duranbah PS plays an important part. We are proud of our contribution to this program and the development of future teachers. The program also has great benefits for our students and supports the Department of Education's policy of 'Great Teaching Inspired Learning'.

Combined Duranbah/Tumbulgum Disco

Our students who attended the disco at Tumbulgum hall last week had a fantastic time with some amazing costumes around the theme of Heroes & Villians. Thank you to all the parents who supported the event and the effort made with the costumes. Not only was it a great opportunity for our students to socialize with another school but the money raised was donated to Story Dogs.

Surfing

Yesterday was our first of four surfing sessions with local learn to surf company In2Surf. All students had a great time learning to surf as well as playing beach games. The students will be divided into Infants and Primary groups with one group participating in beach safety lessons and games on the beach while the other group surfs. Groups will then swap. Learning beach and surf safety as well as surf manners is an important part of the sport of surfing. All students received a back pack, hat, sunscreen and bowl courtesy of the sponsors Weetbix. The surf lessons have been provided free of charge with funding from our Sporting Schools Grant. Thanks parents and carers who assisted with transport and support.

World Education Games

Our students recently participated online in the World Literacy and World Numeracy Days. 6 million students from 20,000 schools worldwide participated. We have just received our results for World Literacy day. Our 25 students who participated answered 9026 questions, a tremendous effort! Congratulations to Eliza who finished in first place for our school, Jasmin 2nd place and Aidan in 3rd place. Well done.

Parent Surveys Reminder

Please return the Parent Surveys asap as we value your opinion of our school and the information you provide helps in our future planning and school improvement.

Chris Pritchard
Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - TERM 4

- ☺ 17 November to 8 December (Tuesday) swimming Casuarina
 - ☺ 18 November P&C Meeting 2.15pm
 - ☺ 18 to 20 November Primary Students Camp Tyalgum Ridge
 - ☺ 25 November to 9 December (Wednesday) surfing Kingscliff Beach
 - ☺ 10 December (Thursday) - Presentation
 - ☺ 16 December (Wednesday) Last day
- Term 4 for students**

UNIFORM SHOP

Please advise the admin office if you require any of the following items for 2016

Polo Shirts	\$28.00
Hats	\$15.00
Hooded Zip-up Jackets	\$28.00

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK TERM 4 CONGRATULATIONS



Infants Week 4

Ashleigh



Primary Week 4

Jasmin



Primary Week 5

Kodi

Infants Week 5

Jimi

**DURANBAH PS
P & C MEETING - WEDNESDAY
18 November 2.15pm
ALL WELCOME**

End of year Presentation organisation



FRIDAY SCHOOL

Friday School students have settled into Duranbah PS really well. They are enjoying the classroom routine, cooking and last week a visit from 'Responsible Pet Ownership' co-ordinator Maree and special friend 'Munro'. Today will be their last day, but we are looking forward to their return in 2016.

INFANTS NEWS

Kindergarten, Year 1 & 2 have been working very hard to write their 'Best Ever Story' in their best ever writing books. Stories have ranged from their BFG excursion experience to fairies and dragons. Each story has featured adjectives and even similes. They are now in the process of publishing and sharing their work on 'My Story' which is an app on the iPads. Well done to K, 1 & 2 for your hard work. Ms Guinea



Duranbah PS is very proud of Eliza who is pictured on the steps of the Sydney Opera House with the Small Schools Choir



Disco night with Duranbah and Tumbulgum PS students dressed as their favourite super hero's

LANTERN PARADE & FISHING

Recently we have had an opportunity to be actively involved in the Tweed River Festival as participants of the lantern festival. This involved our Primary students making lanterns in an inschool workshop led by the organisation Light n Up The lanterns produced were exceptional and will last for many years. As well some students were able to attend the lantern parade at Murwillumbah walking alongside many other local schools and community organisations.

The festival is a wonderful opportunity for locals and visitors alike to celebrate the Tweed River and also to gain an appreciation of the importance of a healthy catchment to our lives. This activity supports learning activities in the Primary classroom led by Ms Bathie and Mr Pritchard on sustainable fishing and water quality. The primary students ended their unit with a successful fishing excursion to the Tumbulgum River.

