

Duranbah Public School

A quality education in a caring environment



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Term 4 Week 4

Friday 4 November 2016

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Our first Friday School was held last week and was a huge success both with our future kindergarten students who attended and their parents who also enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to Ms Myler for her organization, Mrs Steele for her assistance, our P & C president Anita and Annie for the nutritious lunch using produce from our Vegi garden. Our second Friday School is on today with another Friday 18 and 25 November.

Swimming/Tennis

Our swimming and tennis programs are well under way with all our students improving their skills in both areas while enjoying participating in the activities.

Camp Excursion

The Brisbane/Sunshine Coast excursion is on next week and our Year 4-6 students are becoming very excited. I will be accompanying them. A reminder we have to catch the bus from Condong PS at 7.45am Wednesday morning.

Retirement

Since announcing my intention to retire I have been receiving many questions regarding what will happen next year. I can assure parents I am working to ensure a smooth transition and am having discussions with our Education Director regarding the process. I have committed to keeping staff and the school community fully informed and will provide information as it comes to hand.

Lions Peace Prize

Congratulations to Sarika who was the school winner of the annual Lions Peace Prize art competition. The school is very proud of you.

Chris Pritchard
Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDAR -

- ☺ 8 November-6 December (every Tuesday) Swimming Casuarina Pool
- ☺ 4 November -18 November (every Friday) Tennis coaching at school.
- ☺ 4, 18 & 25 November Friday School Kindergarten 2017
- ☺ 8 November (Tuesday) Tweed Shire Lantern Workshop
- ☺ 9-11 November Y4-6 Sunshine Coast Camp
- ☺ 12 November (Saturday) Tweed Shire Lantern Parade Tumbulgun
- ☺ 5 December (Monday)-Pet Safety Visit
- ☺ 10 December (Monday) STEM activity day excursion Burringbar PS
- ☺ 14 December (Wednesday) Presentation Night
- ☺ 16 December (Friday) last day Term 4

LANTERN FESTIVAL (Sat. 12 November)

Tweed Shire Council are asking for volunteers to be Large Lantern carriers.

Your role: (as part of a group) will be to carry one of the large animal shaped lanterns. These lanterns are bulky, but not heavy. If you want to form a group of family or friends to carry a large lantern, please contact Council's Customer Service Unit on 02 6670 2400 to advise of how many adults / children are in your group. Festival organisers will contact you in the week prior to the lantern parade to assign a lantern. If this does not occur, just ask to be assigned a lantern when you sign-in on the day.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK TERM 4



WEEK 3
Portia Keya Jay



WEEK 4
Zeph Keya Chyna

ALI BABA



Duranbah students thoroughly enjoyed another fabulous production by the Murwillumbah Theatre Company. Here's what our students had to say: I liked how colourful it was and the clothes were nice (Emma), 'My favourite part was when the skeleton fell down the toilet in the cave and when the camel went to the toilet (Portia), I think the best part was the singing with all the kids (Deepa), My favourite part was at the end when they were all dancing and happy (Layla).

ROBOTICS

This term our Primary students have been investigating robotics and coding with the help of our new Edison robots. The school has purchased 10 of these educational robots which are capable of sensing light, sound and objects. The Edison robots are programmed using purpose built barcodes or free software. The software involves dragging coding blocks to create a desired program.

Students have had much fun sumo wrestling their robots, connecting them to a remote control and modifying them by adding Lego pieces. They are learning that coding and using robotics requires patience and problem solving skills. After the students return from camp they will be introduced to Wedo Lego robotics kits.



LIBRARY NEWS

We are excited to announce that a new library system has been installed by the Department of Education to replace the old 1980 system. This new system is more reliable and user friendly. Library administration has been made a lot simpler and accurate. Students are able to search for books more easily through a facility called Orbit. Orbit is available on each student's Department of Education home page.

The K-3 Class have already commenced borrowing this Term. Their library day is Tuesday. Please remember to send your child's books back each week so that they can borrow. A library bag is required to help preserve our books. The 3-6 Class have not yet borrowed due to refurbishment of the library's computer bank. Year 3 students in the Primary Class will begin borrowing next week with the remainder of the class borrowing after they return from camp.



INFANT NEWS

In my time at Duranbah PS K-3 and I have been involved in a class unit based around the book 'Where the Forest Meets the Sea', by Jeannie Baker. While studying this unit the students imagined walking through a rainforest, have read and watched the story, had marvellous conversations about words they were unfamiliar with and also discussed which parts of the book they liked best. We have all now begun to think about how to care for our environment. This week the students all created a lovely snake artwork to display in the classroom.

Mrs Steele

