

# Duranbah Public School

*A quality education in a caring environment*



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## Term 4 Week 8

Friday 2 December 2016

### PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Welcome to the last newsletter of the year and my last as Principal of Duranbah PS. I am truly privileged to have been able to spend the last four years of my 38+ year career at such a magnificent school. I will truly miss the place and everyone in it. Yesterday Anita (P & C President) and myself met with the Director of Schools, David Robson, to look at the many applications he received for the role of Relieving Principal, while I am on leave pending retirement. The large number of applications reflect the fantastic reputation this school has developed. I was informed this morning that Mr Jason Ellem, who is currently Assistant Principal at Kingscliff PS will be our Relieving Principal Term 1 next year. Mr Ellem brings with him a wide range of experiences from a wide variety of schools. He is very excited and looking forward to his new role. We will be working together to ensure a smooth transition of leadership.

With only two weeks of the school year left there are numerous things happening. Our presentation evening will be on Wednesday 14 December. On Friday 16 December we will be having our end of year picnic day at Hastings Point. We will send a note with details closer to the date.

#### Reports

Teachers are currently working on the Semester 2 reports. All being well they will be sent home Friday 9 December (unless we have a major technology glitch). Best Wishes for a happy and safe holiday period.

Chris Pritchard  
Principal

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR -

- ☺ 6 December (Tuesday) Swimming Casuarina Pool
- ☺ 7 December (Wednesday)-Pet Safety Visit
- ☺ 12 December (Monday) STEM activity day excursion Burringbar PS
- ☺ 13 December (Tuesday)-Year 6 Farewell Dinner
- ☺ 14 December (Wednesday) Presentation Night
- ☺ 16 December (Friday) End of year beach picnic, last day Term 4 2016

**UNIFORM SHOP** Could parents/careers wanting to purchase Polo's for 2017 please let the office know the sizes and quantities required. We will need to place an order by the end of November for January 2017 delivery.



### P & C END OF YEAR RAFFLE

All students received raffle tickets this week. Please support your school and return all sold tickets by Monday 12 December. We have some great prizes and wish to thank our sponsors for their generosity. Please support their businesses.

<b>Art Shelter Café Kingscliff</b>	<b>6674 8538</b>
<b>Stunned Mullet Cabarita</b>	<b>6676 0318</b>
<b>Kartel Espresso Bar Cabarita</b>	<b>6676 2962</b>
<b>Billabong Swim School Casuarina</b>	<b>6674 9861</b>
<b>KidsPlay Crafts (Sonia) Cabarita</b>	<b>0401 937 647</b>
<b>Tropical Fruit World Duranbah</b>	<b>6677 7222</b>
<b>Woolworths Kingscliff</b>	

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK TERM 4



#### WEEK 7

Emma Esha Me'Sharn



#### WEEK 8

Keya Esha

## HISTORY/ GEOGRAPHY PROJECT

Primary Class students have been researching the history and geography of the Duranbah area. The class has been doing this in conjunction with other small schools in our area. Work created by the students has and will be shared with the other schools through the video conferring equipment in the primary classroom. Some of the interesting facts the class have found out include:

Parts of Duranbah were covered in thick rainforest which was part of the Cudgen Big Scrub.

Our rich red soil was created from volcanic basalt rock.

Early farms included dairy farms and many South Sea Islanders worked on these farms.

The original school building is the end of Ms Myler's classroom and was located on the rise at the entrance to the school.

We were very fortunate (thanks to Mr J.) to have a visit from Mr & Mrs Brian O'Keefe. Mr O'Keefe and his father were past students of Duranbah Public School. Mr O'Keefe gave a very interesting talk about Duranbah including his memories of being a student here. The students were excited to know that he too enjoyed sliding down the embankment slope. The slope was covered in thick blade grass and he used a piece of iron sheeting as the toboggan. Mr O'Keefe father's name is on the honour board in Mrs Myler's room as he attended WW1.

### The Old School Building

The Class have been investigating a model of the old school building built by former student Tiny Philip. It is a replica of the original building used between 1892 and 1925. Complete with tiny desks it is a wonderful educational asset when we teach history. The Philip family were early pioneers to this area and continue to support Duranbah PS annually at presentation night. Families are welcome to pop in at any time to look at this model and the honour board in Mrs Myler's room.

### CAPA

The children are showing great enthusiasm and excitement as they prepare for their end of year presentation. All children from K to Y6 are involved and have given themselves the challenge of outdoing last year's effort. **A great Attitude!** It has been a privilege working with them. We hope you enjoy "Alice's Musical Adventures" with music encompassing traditional songs and those released this year. Mr J

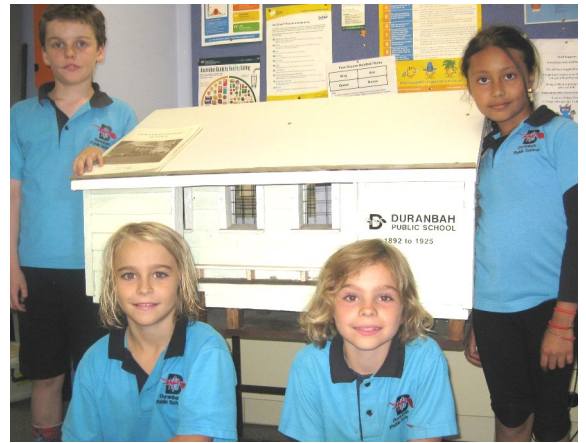
### ROBOTICS



Being small doesn't mean that Duranbah Public School and other small schools in the area are not keeping up to date with changing technologies and 21 century educational expectations. Robotics and especially the ability to code is one of these expectations.

Small schools in our network have supported each other in purchasing and investigating teaching and learning programs to implement robotics and coding. Coding is so important because it supports the development of problem solving and creative design. The educational key word is computational thinking. Our school now has a mixture of robotics and access to coding software including Beebots,

Edison, Makey Makey, LegoWedo, Light Bot and Scratch. Our older students have been using Lego Wedo this term with the younger students being introduced to Edison. It has been very interesting seeing students problem solving and using resilience to persevere.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### LOCAL LIBRARY NEWS - RICHMOND TWEED REGIONAL LIBRARY

**Summer Reading Club 2016 - HEROES AND VILLIANS.** Reading is an essential skill for every child. It is the vital foundation of a child's learning and engagement in their school years and for life. The Summer Reading Club encourages children and young people to discover great authors and illustrators of picture books, junior and young adult fiction and non-fiction. Summer Reading Club activities will run from Thursday, 1 December 2016 until Tuesday, 31 January 2017. Registration is FREE! Everyone who joins the Summer Reading Club will receive a free Summer Reading Club activity pack to get them started, as well as the opportunity to win the major prize of an iPad Mini. All you have to do is read 10 books or listen maybe even download an eBooks or an eAudiobook for ten hours to enter. **Visit your local library and register NOW!** Sponsored by BorrowBox

