

Duranbah Public School

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Term 4 Week 5

Friday 10 November 2017

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

As we move into the second half of Term 4, it seems we are actually gaining momentum, rather than slowing down! For a small school community we certainly punch well above our weight when it comes to involving our kids in a variety of learning experiences, as our last fortnight proved.

The Stewart House Concert last Thursday was wonderful experience for our kids. A full day, ending just after 9pm, with two concerts and a heap of fun, meant that there wasn't much left in the tank for our kids. So much energy, so much laughter and such pride in themselves. Thanks to all our parents and families who came along and enjoyed the performances and well done to all our students for their efforts in the lead up and in the actual performances. A special thanks to Mr Graham who coordinated the items through his work in our school music program.

Friday saw our whole school enjoy the Murwillumbah Show together. We enjoyed the exhibits, the activities and all of the sights on offer. Congratulations to all our award winners (see over).

Tuesday saw our 11th Annual Multicultural Day in partnership with Coolangatta TAFE. We were lucky enough to host over 30 International students who shared their culture, their games, their language and THEIR FOOD with us throughout the day. What a great day!

Today we hosted the first day of our 'Friday School' program. It was lovely to meet all our new 2018 students and their families. We are very fortunate to have such a positive and energetic group join us for next year and we welcome them to our school and community.

As we move toward the end of our school year, our planning for 2018 is becoming clearer. Throughout the year I have shared some planning thoughts with the P&C as to the school structures for next year and as per these discussions the decision has been made to form 3 classes for 2018. While we don't have the numbers confirmed for an allocated position for a third teacher yet, we will be funding this class internally. This is really exciting as it provides smaller class groups, closer teacher: student ratios and the ability to provide teaching and learning programs which better cater for the learning needs of each student. This change in structure will result in a staffing change and we will welcome Mrs Peta Jones to our school. Mrs Jones has worked with both Ms Myler and myself and comes with an excellent reputation as both a practitioner and someone who builds strong relationships with her students. Sadly, this change also means that Ms Young will no longer work with us in her current capacity, however she may still work with us on a day to day basis. It goes without saying that Ms Young's contribution to the school and it's students over her time here is immense and of great value and we are very grateful for all she has done at Duranbah PS. Please feel free to catch up with me for a chat to discuss any aspects of these new changes.

Have a great weekend,
Mr Jason Ellem, Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDAR -

- ☺ 10 November to 1 December (every Friday) Friday School 2018 new students
- ☺ 20 - 22 November Tallebudgera Camp Y4-Y6
- ☺ 23 November-Yuli Day Kingscliff HS
- ☺ 12 December-Presentation Evening
- ☺ 13 December-Student Reports home
- ☺ 15 December-Last day T4, end of year picnic day

STUDENT OF THE WEEK - CONGRATULATIONS



TERM 4 WEEK 4
Brayden Esha



TERM 4 WEEK 5
Sonny Dante

SUSTAINABLE LIVING

Last term the Primary Class engaged in lessons on sustainable living as part of their Science and Technology unit. To support this program Cindy from the Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre visited us to discuss the importance of living sustainably. She demonstrated to the students how we can make simple changes as 'custodians' to support a 'Healthy Earth'. The program also supports our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) endeavours. To supplement this program students designed and produced a sustainable living building. The completed project developed by Kye and Gabriel was displayed and entered into the Tweed 'Living for the Future' Home Expo 2017 held at Seagulls. The boys were very excited to learn their model was awarded 2nd in the Junior category for which they will receive a cash prize. Congratulations boys.

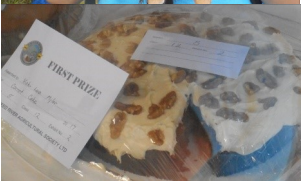


MANY THANKS-TENKU TRU

Thank you again to everyone who supported the clothing drive for Hanuabada Village, Port Moresby Papua New Guinea. The village had suffered serious building and resource losses due to a fire. Clothing collected from the school was transported and distributed by the Kokoda Track Foundation, an Australian NGO working with and empowering local people.

MURWILLUMBAH SHOW

Everyone had a great time at the Show. Students had the chance to visit the RSPCA interactive van, inspect all the birds and animals, watch the sheep shearing and see the art work they entered. Congratulations to Autumn for her 1st and Champion prize in Floral Decoration, Finn 2nd, Tajali 3rd and Lailain highly commended in Art and Ms Myler 1st in the Carrot cake section.



Congratulations to Eva, Keya & Liv on the Reading Awards presented at Monday's assembly.



MULTICULTURAL DAY 2017

