

Duranbah Public School

A quality education in a caring environment



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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Where has the year gone? Only one week left of what has been a fantastic year here at Duranbah Public School.

As the year has progressed I have gained a deeper appreciation of why our school is such a great place for students to learn. Our kids have a really healthy attitude when it comes to being accountable for themselves and their progress. They understand what it means to be challenged in their learning and development and they know what they need to do in order to make progress.

Our parents simply want the best for their kids and in turn, our whole school. From helping in classrooms, to being part of the P&C, to transporting for excursions, to cooking BBQ's, making whole school lunches etc etc etc. The list goes on.

Our staff work hard, and they care for our kids. Simple. They are forever thinking of new ways to better cater for our kids. From ensuring they know where each child is up to in their learning and what's next, to making sure ice packs are available, to transporting to and from learning experiences, to accessing fun and exciting opportunities. The job doesn't stop and neither do our staff. These are just a few of the reasons our school is so special. A reminder that our 2017 School Presentation evening is next Tuesday evening, 12 December. We'll have a 5pm start (see attached program) with a sausage sizzle for the kids (featuring 'Chef Greg Blacklock') along with nibbles for the adults, provided by the P&C. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

By the time you have read this our P&C will have completed their 'Christmas Tree' drive. This has been a great initiative with over 25 trees sold throughout the greater community. Thanks to our hard working parent body for putting this together.

All things being equal, we expect to be able to send reports home next Tuesday. Make sure you take time to look over this very important document with your child and celebrate their progress. These documents serve as part of each child's life journey and are a large part of the development of important life skills, such as accountability and goal setting. As usual, ensure you make a time to discuss any points of interest with your child's teacher if you wish to. The last point for me in this last newsletter of the year, is to thank everyone involved in our school for supporting the change in leadership in 2017. I have really enjoyed working with our kids and have found our parents to be supportive and approachable. I especially wish to thank our staff, who have ensured this transition has been as successful as possible. This includes Mr Chris Pritchard, whose passion for this school is still evident in all he does to support us. I wish to make special mention of Ms Dianne Young, whose role in our school is changing. We will still see Ms Young, but in a different capacity. She has done so much for our school and our kids and we acknowledge and appreciate her efforts.

So that's it for our last newsletter for 2017. Students Kindergarten to Y6 return to school on Tuesday 30 January 2018. Best wishes to everyone for a safe holiday, a relaxing Christmas, plenty of family time and the chance for everyone to sneak in some 'me' time!

Mr Jason Ellem, Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDAR -

- ☺ 12 December-Presentation Evening
- ☺ 12 December-Student Reports home
- ☺ 15 December-Last day T4, end of year picnic day
- ☺ 30 January-First Day Term 1 2018 Kindergarten to Year 6

STUDENT OF THE WEEK - CONGRATULATIONS



TERM 4 WEEK 8
Brayden Cooper



TERM 4 WEEK 9
Tajali Jude

FRIDAY SCHOOL

Last Friday was the final day of our 'Friday School' program. The students participated in festive artwork to produce a Christmas tree where they used their hand prints to form the branches and leaves of the trees. To decorate the tree, bright colours were used for the bauble ornaments and glued on. The cooking activity was making playdough and for PE we played Ten Pin Bowling. After lunch everyone participated in 'mindfulness' where students found a spot in the classroom, laid down and listened to relaxing music. We then celebrated Finn's birthday with some homemade gingerbread cookies.



STEWART HOUSE CONCERT WRAP-UP

I want to sincerely thank everyone for their enthusiasm, efforts and willingness to support this fabulous opportunity for our students.

The creativity displayed in all of the items was inspiring - well done to all who contributed. Special thanks also to Stuart Elder and the VET students from Murwillumbah High for their amazing work with lighting and sound.

I am pleased to advise you that we are donating \$3,171.30 to the Stewart House Children's Charity! What a fantastic achievement! Congratulations all!

Christine Marshall *Stewart House Co-ordinator/Principal Fingal Head Public School*

PRIMARY HISTORY PROJECT

The primary class have completed their project on 'What was life like for the First Peoples of Australia before Colonisation'. They are very excited to present their work to parents and friends




UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform orders are now being placed with our supplier for 2018. Please advise the office as soon as possible of your requirements for next year as our supplier takes 6 weeks for delivery.

LIBRARY NEWS

We have a few students with outstanding books. Please check at home and send back all books. Students may return any day.



P & C NEWS

RAFFLE BOOKS ARE DUE BACK THIS WEEK. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR KIDS AND THE SCHOOL. Raffle is drawn Presentation night.

A huge thank you to the following businesses for your generous support:

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