

Duranbah Public School

A quality education in a caring environment



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Term 3 Week 7

Friday 7th September 2018

Principal's Report

We are 70% through our term and anyone who has been up to school recently would agree that the classrooms and the students inside them are busily engaged in the variety of learning opportunities available. No slowing of momentum here!

External Validation

As many of you would be aware, our school was selected to undergo this departmental procedure this year. It is a big task that schools are expected to participate in once each five years, and put simply requires the school to reflect upon the Schools Excellence Framework and decide where our school sits, providing evidence. Our panel interview was this week, where as a staff we sat and worked with a Peer Principal and a Principal Liaison Support to review our decisions against our evidence. Long story short, we validated very positively across all sections, and the hard work put in by our teaching staff throughout the process meant that our school reflected very well. Our staff are to be congratulated on both the amount and quality of their work in this process and we also are very grateful to the parent members who were able to participate in the feedback forums.

School Administration Staff (SAS) recognition week.

Next week is the designated time for schools to recognise the fine work of the School Administrative Support Staff in our schools. At our school, we don't need a given time to do this, as we value their work and contribution to our school every day. SAS staff at our school include:

Mrs Flint- School Administration Manager (SAM)
Mrs Ramsden- School Administration Manager (SAM)
Ms Kirk- Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO)
Mr Wildermuth- Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO)
Ms Annie Pollard- Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO)
Mr Dave Ash- Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO)
Mr Dan Mueller- Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO)
Ms Katie Wheeler- Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO)
Mr Cantwell- General Assistant (GA)
Ms Baly- School Administration Officer (SAO)
Mrs Heargraves- School Administration Officer (SAO)

You can see that whether our SAS staff are here each day or just some of the time, they are an integral part of our school and a large part of the reason why our school is such a positive place to be. We always appreciate them, but it would be a special thing for each of our families to thank them personally as they see them.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 7 Award Winners



Dante, Seth, Keya, R.J.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ◆ 11th September - Multicultural Day
- ◆ 14th September - Book Club due, Tennis
- ◆ 13th September - School banking starts
- ◆ 19th September - Tissue Fairy
- ◆ 21st September - Small Schools Ball Games

North Coast Primary Schools Public Speaking

Last Monday we had a special assembly to provide students with the opportunity to represent our school at the North Coast Public Speaking competition at Tweed Heads South Public School on Thursday 13th September. We had 8 students deliver their wonderful presentations to our assembly, with topics ranging from 'Greek Mythology' to 'My Dog'. We enjoyed each and every one of these presentations and the job of adjudication was really difficult for Ms Badger, Ms Schumaker and Ms Kirk. The students who were selected were Felix Hooper, Autumn Shaw and Madison Crabtree. A big thank you to Mrs Jones for coordinating this opportunity for our students and of course to all of the parents and families who were able to share the afternoon with us.



Madi, Autumn, Felix

Art Workshop Day

Today our students were lucky enough to participate in a full day art workshop. They worked in K-6 groups with 3 different artists and 3 different artworks. It was great to see so many smiling faces, excited artists and so much creativity. A big thanks to Mrs Badger for coordinating the day and for our P&C who provided financial support to ensure the day was so good!

Passion Projects

Due to the number of opportunities being offered we have decided to rest our Passion Projects until next year. This program was a first for us this year and we were overwhelmed with the positive support and feedback our school enjoyed throughout this program. Another huge thanks to Mrs Badger for working so hard to put this together and providing such a rich experience for our students.

"You Have a Friend"

Thank you to John Lee for collecting the canned items for the "You Have a Friend" charity which provides support to the homeless in the Tweed area. Thank you to the SRC students for organising this.



Small Schools Ball Games

Friday 21st September will see us at Les Cave Oval at Murwillumbah for the annual Small Schools Ball games carnival. More information will follow, so walk straight to your calendars and mark the date.

The Todd Woodbridge Cup

Wet courts this week meant that the planned event at Lismore was postponed to next Tuesday 11th September, but our students are unable to attend due to Multicultural day.

Milo Cricket

You guessed it- wet week, event postponed until next term.

Staffing

In weeks 8, 9 and 10 Ms Myler is Relieving Principal as I take some Long Service leave. Because I won't see anyone before the term holidays I want to thank everyone for their part in our school and wish each family a safe break. Au revoir!

The Gardening Program

Thank you to Kingscliff Hire & Landscape Supplies for the donation of the soil. We would also like to thank Tania and Kobi for the donation of worms and worm bedding block.



Congratulations to Annie Pollard and her gardening students for winning the School Encouragement Award from the Murwillumbah and District Garden Club INC.

FNC Zone Athletics



Liv- 100 metres heat, 4th place

Banjo, Liv, Georgie

Therapy Dog Echo, visiting the classroom



Surf Life Saving Australia Presentation



Office News

SCHOOL SHIRTS HAVE ARRIVED! We now have School Shirts in Sizes 4 – 8 available for purchase. The price remains at \$28. Thank you to Get It On Clothing for pulling out all the stops to fill this order for us.

SCHOOL BANKING will commence this coming Thursday 13th August. Our new P&C Treasurer, Karen Nixon-Hind will be the School Banking Co-Ordinator, as this venture will be a fundraiser for the P&C Association at this school. An information sheet is attached to this newsletter.

Multicultural Day will be on Tuesday 11 September from 9.30 am until 1.30 pm. Permission notes are to be returned to the school. Parents and school community members are welcome to attend.

Small Schools' Ball Games will be held on Friday 21st September at the Les Cave Oval, in Murwillumbah from 9.30 am – 1.30 pm. There is no cost. Permission notes are to be returned by Monday 17th September.

Year 4 – 6 School Camp - Reminder the first instalment of \$60 due today Friday 7th September and the final payment of \$100 is due on 26th October.

Non-Teaching School School Introduction Training Days - NSW Department of Education is seeking people who are interested in commencing work within public schools. Prior to participating, a Working with Children Check clearance is required. I have attached a flyer with further information.

Community Notices



8 May 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Australian Immunisation Register: School Immunisation History Statements for 2018 School Entry
Immunisation is a simple, safe and effective way of protecting the community and individuals from disease. All children attending kindergarten are required to provide an Australian Immunisation Register 'Immunisation History Statement' to the school. If your child is classified as 'fully immunised' for school entry purposes, the statement will say:

"This child has received all vaccines required by 5 years of age"

A copy of this Statement should also be kept in the Personal Health Record (Blue Book).

This Immunisation History Statement:

- Reminds and encourages parents to have their children immunised.
- Will indicate if your child has received all immunisations due at the time of school entry.
- Will indicate if your child has not been fully immunised, for whatever reason.
- Helps the Public Health Unit to identify children who have not been immunised, if there is an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease at the school.

Changes in the immunisation schedule for children about to start school:

- Recommended boosters are:
 - measles-mumps-rubella (MMR), (Priorix, Tetrix or ProQuad) now recommended at 18 months
 - diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTPa or Triptavac) also recommended at 18 months (for children born prior to 1/1/2017)
 - diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis-acellular (DTPa or Quacivac) recommended at 4 years.
- Please see your local doctor if these vaccines have not been given. It is not too late for your child to have these vaccines now, when it reaches over 4 years of age.

Where do I get an Immunisation History Statement for my child?

The Immunisation History Statement is automatically generated by the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) and posted to the address you have listed with Medicare when your child has received their booster vaccines at 4 years of age. You can also request the statement through the MyGov app or at any Medicare Office.

If your child is not immunised or is not up to date, the Immunisation History Statement will indicate appropriate immunisation. Your child will still be able to attend, however, health may not be able to attend if there is an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease at the school. Your local doctor can provide the necessary vaccines to complete your child's vaccinations.

Should you require another copy of the Immunisation History Statement, please contact the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 655 103.

For further information please contact the Immunisation Team at the Public Health Unit on 4221 6700.

Yours faithfully,

Director, Public Health Unit, ISLHD

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Information for participating households



Download the Second Hand Saturday app
Available on Google Play and the App Store

What do I need to do?

- Identify items that you wish to sell/give away in the garage sale. Consider what will change for those and label with a price. Remember to have some change ready.
- Identify a suitable and visible site within the property boundary such as the driveway or front lawn where items to be given away or sold are to be placed.
- Download and print the Garage Sale sign from our website, or make your own, and display it in your selected area and within your property boundary. If you do not have access to a printer, pick up a poster from your participating Council.
- On the morning of Second Hand Saturday, place items to be given away or sold in your chosen location within your property. Plan to be there to keep an eye on what is happening and to meet local shoppers.

When you pick up, please remove the sign and remove yourself/other goods to avoid fines. You are responsible for any items that have not been removed. Take them to your local waste management centre or charity shop, save them for another garage sale, or sell them through a shop, online classifieds or other. This year we are also giving everyone who signs up for the event a listing of their garage sale the following weekend on Sunday 23rd September as well. That will give shoppers double the choice to get around on both weekends!

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WOW!

Wheel/Walk at least Once per Week

