

Duranbah Public School

A quality education in a caring environment



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Term 4 Week 10

Monday 17th December

Principal's Report

As our school year comes to it's end there are so many things to reflect on and thank you messages to share. Without rehashing my address from our Presentation evening, our school is the place it is due to the input from many perspectives. Obviously our kids are unique, there is no other collection of different individuals that combine together so creatively and supportively as ours do. Clearly our Parent and Carer body are as enthusiastic about our school as I have ever seen.

As I mentioned, but wanted to touch on again are our P&C and our staff. We don't all see the hard work our P&C put into our school. From somewhat behind the scenes, they fundraise, organise, and find all sorts of ways to simply support our school and our kids. Kathy, Jacqui, & Karen drive this group, and they have the input from a number of parents to make these things happen. Cooking BBQ's, cutting Christmas trees, handing water to runners, building gardens, the list goes on and on. I want to thank everyone involved in this year's P&C, including those who attended meetings, and I'd like to encourage anyone who thinks they may be able to contribute to our school through the P&C to consider doing so in 2019.

As far as our staff are concerned, I can honestly say that each member of our staff are excellent at what they do. All roles are different (Office Admin, Classroom Teacher, Support Staff) and require different skill sets to fulfil the role, but each individual doing this does so in a highly effective and efficient manner. Like the P&C, we don't always understand the amount of work our staff do, from preparation to delivery to evaluation, but rest assured, as I said on Thursday evening, your kids are in good hands.

A special word on Ms Vicki Myler: 20 years at any work place is a long time. To do this, a person needs to be dedicated to the organisation, committed to making it as good as it can be, and have a genuine love for the people and community. We all know that Vicki has this, and we all know what an excellent educator she is. Thank you Vicki, for contributing so much to our school for so long!

Thanks to everyone involved.

Mark Your Calendar

- ◆ 17 December - Year 6 Celebration - Stand Up Paddle Boarding
- ◆ 18 December - Year 6 Guard of Honour and cake - 2.30pm - Parents Welcome
- ◆ 19 December - Hastings Point Excursion - 10am - 2.00pm - Last Day of Term 4 for all students
- ◆ 30 January - First Day for Years 1 - 6
- ◆ 31 January - First day for Kindergarten

Presentation Evening

As they say "OH what a night!" Fantastic awards, so many significant visitors, heaps of happy parents and families and our kids on show! Lovely food (thank you to everyone who was able to contribute), awesome musical items.

P&C Christmas trees

Well done and thank you to all the hard working tree cutters, order takers and tree sellers who were able to give their time for our P&C initiative last Friday.

"Duranbah's got talent"

Doesn't it ever! Last Thursday 14 various items showed us that this was definitely the case. Singing, dancing, drama, comedy (and that was just Ms Jones!). What a great afternoon, well done to everyone who was able to be brave enough to share their talents.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK CONGRATULATIONS



*Week 8 Award Winners
Ashley, Jake, Meeca, Felix*



*Week 9 Award Winners
Jude, Gabe, RJ, Audrey*



Office News

2020 Enrolments— Please advise the office if you have a child enrolling at this school in 2020, if you have not already done so.

Financial Statements of Account are attached to this Newsletter. It would be appreciated if all accounts could be finalised before the end of this school year, unless alternate payment arrangements have been organised.

Please note: All POP (Parent Online Payments) must be made by **6 pm Tuesday 18th December**, to enable us to finalise our banking for the year.

Hastings Point End of Year Picnic permission notes are to be returned with the payment of \$3, by Tuesday 18th December.

Surfing in 2019 - Notes are also attached for the Term 1 Surfing Program in 2019.



Library Books - Please return all library books to the school, by Monday 17th December.

Principal's Report Continued

Cricket Development Activities

On Wednesday December, our school hosted a visit from Jared Seiffert from Cricket Australia. He took our students through some fun cricket activities and games and spoke with them about being active and having fun.



Reports

All student reports were handed out on Tuesday. Thank you to all the staff who worked hard to ensure they were on time and accurate. As stated previously stated, these were updated formats and we welcome any feedback as to how they were received.

Music Expression of Interests

After the presentation evening items, there may be some new interest in either our guitar/ ukulele or drum/ percussion programs. It definitely isn't too late to indicate an interest in learning these instruments in 2019.



We wish everyone in our school community a wonderful Christmas break and a relaxing and safe holiday. If you are travelling over the break, please do so safely, and remember to enjoy each opportunity with friends and loved ones.

School resumes for students on Wednesday 30th January, for Year 1 – 6 students and Thursday 31st January for our new Kindergarten students.

Jason Ellem
Principal

Community Notices



TWEED SHIRE VACATION CARE

PROVIDING QUALITY CARE TO THE FAMILIES OF THE TWEED SHIRE SINCE 1984

**Dec/Jan
2018/2019**

Murwillumbah

Bookings Open
3rd December

Thursday 20th December to
Tuesday 29th January

Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. NSW DST
Bookings: 07 5523 3708
Email: admin@tweedshirevacationcare.com.au
Website: www.tweedshirevacationcare.com
Facebook/Instagram: Tweed Shire Vacation Care

Cost:

Full fee is \$60 per day.

CCS is available for eligible families.

****You could pay as little as \$12.50 per day per child for quality Vacation Care.**

Need to bring each day:

- Hat
- Spare clothes
- A packed healthy lunch and snacks- No nuts or nut products.
- Water bottle on excursion days
- Fruit to share for afternoon tea
- Suitable shoes for playing outdoors

Excursions:

Please sign the additional permission form, otherwise your child cannot go on the excursion.

Excursions depart at 9:30 a.m. (unless specified).

We will return by 3:00 p.m. (unless specified).

Please arrive at least half an hour before departure. Excursions are subject to change due to inclement weather. The extra charge for excursions are listed on the program. Please bring a water bottle. We provide sunscreen and sun-safe shirts.

Cancellations:

Cancellations require 24 hours' notice, otherwise the daily fee will be charged.

Booking Information:

Please phone Tweed office on 07 5523 3708 for bookings and/or changes to bookings.

Bookings can also be made via email.

An enrolment form must be completed for all new children and please advise of any changes to details.

Asthma/Medical Health Plans

If your child has asthma/medical condition please provide a Medical Plan from your doctor.

Medications:

All medication needs to be in the original packaging with your child's name printed on it. Please leave medication with an educator and complete a Medication Record form.

Payments:

Payments are to be made on a weekly basis and account finalised at the end of the Vacation Care period. Payments can be made via EFTPOS or by direct deposit.

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BECOME A HOST FAMILY IN 2019!



REQUEST A FREE INFO PACK / SMS 'HOST' to 0428 246 633



HOSTING AT A GLANCE:

- Hosting is voluntary
- You choose your student
- Students attend high school full time
- 24/7 support provided
- Host families come from all over the state
- Students come from all over the world and stay for a short term (8-10 weeks), a semester or a year.

HEAR FROM A HOST MUM

Hosting has been one of the most **rewarding and exciting experiences** for our family. Romane, our student, was definitely one of the most kind and pleasant people we have met and right from the start was a perfect fit for our family. Being able to share this experience has had a **positive effect on all of my young children.**
Host mum, Candice.

EVA (17) BELGIUM

Bonjour!

I am lucky to be part of a large family. With four siblings, there is never a quiet moment! I enjoy looking after the younger two and I spoil them often with homemade pastries. Since the age of five, I have been part of a scout group. Every year I participate with the scouts in trips. Thank you in advance for welcoming me into your family.

MORE PROFILES: WEP.ORG.AU/HOST



Richmond Tweed Regional Library



Summer Reading Club – Curious creatures...

Read books (or listen to audiobooks) and have the chance to win prizes! The Summer Reading Club runs from 1 December 2018 until 31 January 2019. Register at Tweed Heads, Kingscliff or Murwillumbah library.

Christmas cooking for kids

Have fun making some tasty Christmas treats. For children aged 7 and over. Places are limited, so bookings are essential. Murwillumbah library – Wednesday 5 December at 3.30pm – Please phone (02) 6670 2427. Tweed Heads library – Wednesday 19 December at 4pm – Please phone (07) 5569 3150. Kingscliff library – Thursday 20 December at 9.30am – Please phone (02) 6674 1607.



Christmas songs with Santa

Sing and dance with entertainer Chris Harvey and very special guest Santa! Murwillumbah library – Tuesday 4 December at 11am Kingscliff library – Wednesday 5 December at 11am Tweed Heads library – Monday 17 December at 11am

Get crafty

Join us to get arty and make some crafty creations. Tweed Heads library – Thursday 6 December, Thursday 13 December and Thursday 20 December at 3.30pm.

Christmas craft

Join us after school for Christmassy fun. Make your own noughts and crosses set and Christmas slime. For ages 8+. Bookings essential. Phone (02) 6670 2427. Murwillumbah library – Thursday 13 December at 3.30pm



Library Christmas closure

All library branches will be closing at 2pm on Monday 24 December 2018 and re-opening at 9am on Wednesday 2 January 2019.

Library eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines are available 24/7. Go to www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au for more information. After hours returns chutes are available at Kingscliff, Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads libraries.

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Get your children surfing, learning skills and safety in the surf plus having a heap of fun with us at Walkin' On Water Surf School. We have our nudie SurfGrom Programs, specifically designed for 5-12 year olds plus our normal Group and Private Lessons running at Greenmount Beach all through summer. We also have our special school holiday programs. It is not just for children, we have plenty of options for older children and adults.

For more Information, please contact us on 0418 780 311, email us at surf@walkinonwater.com or visit our website www.walkinonwater.com We would like to wish you and your families a fantastic, safe and fun filled Christmas, summer holidays and all the best for the new year."



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Central Coast
Local Health District

THE MORE YOU CONNECT, THE LESS YOU CONNECT
A reminder to Put People First, too

