

Duranbah Public School

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Term 4 Week 1 - Edition 16

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Principal's Report

Welcome back to all of our families for Term 4. This term is always packed with fun and exciting events as we get ready for the end of year, with reports, presentation night, swimming carnivals, end of year activities, transition events and all of the usual fun experiences at school.

Holiday Working Bee

A massive thank you to the 12 generous souls and Steven's Earthworks (0490 006011) who gave up the first half of their Sunday at the beginning of the holidays. A huge amount of progress was made in the construction of our chicken pen and again demonstrated how much progress can be made when we all work together. We hope to have this completed by the end of term.



Transition Days

We have 4 planned transition days as part of our overall program. On these days, our 2020 Kindergarten students will attend for 2 half days (Friday November 8 and 15) and 2 full days (Friday November 22 and 29) in preparation for their move to 'Big' school next year. As part of this program, our current students will form their new classes for these days, and get an idea about what their new classes and teachers will be like. This includes the opportunity to meet and work with new staff for 2020. Next year's 2/3 class will meet and work with Ms Kirk, who is joining us to teach this class in 2020. Next year's 4/5/6 students will work with Mr Ellem and Mrs Field to ask questions and get a better understanding of what life is like in this class. This program will be a wonderful opportunity for our students.



Mark Your Calendar

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| ◆ 22 October | Week 2 of Swimming 1.30-2.15 |
| ◆ 25 October | Cinderella Pantomime (K-6) |
| ◆ 29 October | Responsible Pet Incursion |
| ◆ 29 October | Week 3 of Swimming 1.30-2.15 |
| ◆ 30 October | Book Club Orders Due today |
| ◆ 1 November | STEM Challenge Day Y4/5/6 |
| ◆ 5 November | Week 4 Swimming 1.30-2.15 |
| ◆ 6 November | P & C Meeting 1.45pm |
| ◆ 12 December | Presentation Night |

Swimming Scheme

Term 4 sport is our swimming scheme, which began in earnest this week. Each Tuesday, our students travel by bus to the Kingscliff Pool to take part in groups, enjoying instruction from trained swimming coaches. We look forward to seeing how our students improve their skills ready for the summer season.

Staffing Updates

Our school welcomes Miss Alex Myler into the role of 'Green Machine' facilitator. Miss Myler brings with her a passion for the environment and has a host of plans for students to learn about waste management and responsible and productive use of waste. We are sure our students will benefit from their work with her. We also welcome Miss Amy Lonsdale to Duranbah PS as a Practicum Teacher in K/1M.

She will be working with our school for 6 weeks as her final teaching practicum before taking on a full-time teaching position in Queensland.

We say goodbye to Annie Pollard, who has worked with our students in the garden program for a number of years. We thank Annie for her efforts with the students and wish her well in her future endeavours.

2019 School Evaluation Survey

This evaluation was sent to all families towards the end of last term. Its purpose is to gather the perspectives and thoughts of our school community so that we can plan for improvement as we look toward 2020. Thank you to the majority of families who have completed and returned them. If families have not been able to complete this and return it, please return the attached forms to school. This will be the last opportunity for families to provide their feedback for 2019.

Continued Over

Science STEM Day

On Friday 1st November, our 4/5/6 class will get the opportunity to travel to Kingscliff HS for a day of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) challenges. They will work in small teams to complete tasks and work together to achieve challenges. They will travel by bus and we are sure they will have an excellent experience.

Outdoor Education

We are very pleased to have the opportunity in Term 4 to work with Tam Baruksopulo, who is a trained Outdoor Educator. She will be working with students in physical and teamwork challenges, to strengthen teamwork skills, creative thinking skills and provide the opportunity for students to work together, outside in our beautiful environment. She will have 4 sessions with students mid term and we really look forward to watching how our students enjoy this experience.

Thanks to the P & C for providing the sausages and bread for Wednesdays welcome back BBQ lunch and to everyone for such a positive start to the term.

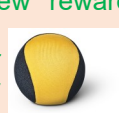
Jason Ellem
Principal

P & C News

NEXT MEETING WEEK 4
WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER AT 1.45 PM IN
THE GREEN ROOM

STUDENT BANKING - Student Banking is on **FRIDAY** mornings. A reminder that the commission from the Student Banking is a fund raiser for the P & C.

Term 4 Rewards Program—two new reward items from our Polar Savers range are available to redeem—Water Skimming Bounce Ball and Polar Pencils and Pencil Toppers.



To ensure that all School Bankers receive their rewards before the end of term, the last date we can order reward items is Thursday 5 December.

WEDNESDAY SPECIAL LUNCHES - Volunteers still required to cook and serve Wednesday Special Lunches for **4 and 11 December**.

Office News

THIS IS YOUR LAST PAPER NEWSLETTER!

We will be introducing the paperless Newsletter from Week 3, Term 4, when it will only be available on the Flexischools App and the School's Website.

All families are encouraged to upload the Flexischools App prior to Week 3. **Parents and carers will need to advise us if they require a paper version of the Newsletter from Week 3.**

If you are still having any difficulties accessing the Flexischools App, please either phone their Customer Service on 1300 361 769 or email support@flexischools.com.au.

FRIDAY SCHOOL invitations have been posted to the families of our Kindergarten students enrolling in 2020. Please advise the office if your child is participating.

UNIFORM

With the warmer weather upon us could you please ensure your child has a school hat to wear. Students are not allowed on the oval without a school hat. Also ensure all items are marked with the child's name.

EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES

STEM CHALLENGE DAY - Year 4/5/6

Friday 1st November, Kingscliff HS, 8.45-2.00pm. Permission note attached. Please return as soon as possible. There is no charge for this excursion.

SWIMMING LESSONS - All Students

Swimming lessons are being held on Tuesdays for 6 weeks. The cost is \$60 per child and payment is required as soon as possible.

CINDERELLA PANTOMIME - All Students

This Pantomime will be at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre on Friday 25 October. Travel will be by bus and the cost is \$5 per student. Please ensure all permission notes are returned

NAIDOC DAY

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK **CONGRATULATIONS**



Jimi, Keya, Zoe, Melina



**Responsible
Pet Ownership**

**Very soon
the Responsible Pet Education Program
is coming to visit you at your school!**



My pet dog will be coming to help teach you how to be safe around dogs and how to say hello to dog with their owners!



There will be lots of listening, role plays, singing and some dancing.



My dog may even meet you during the visit.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Puberty, Sexuality and Relationships:

A workshop for parents and carers of people with intellectual disability and autism spectrum disorders

Find out how to support your family member's personal development and sexuality in a positive way!



Come join the team at Family Planning NSW for an interactive workshop that will cover issues across the lifespan including:

- Disability and sexuality
- Preparing for puberty
- Decision making and safety
- Taking care of health and hygiene
- Supporting friendship and relationship development
- Supporting positive and safe sexual expression
- Tips for talking about sex and answering tricky questions

Parents, foster parents, relatives and other unpaid carers of people with intellectual disability and autism spectrum disorders of all ages are welcome.

Unfortunately we are unable to accept registrations from professionals for this event.

This forum is not suitable for children. We regret we are unable to provide respite/childcare.

Date:
Thursday 17th October 2019
Time:
Morning workshop: 10am – 12pm
Evening workshop: 6pm – 8pm

Venue:
Ballina Comfort Inn All Seasons,
301 River St, Ballina NSW

Cost:
Free.

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get online week
TRIVIA
at the library
#GETONLINEWEEK

FANTASTIC PRIZES!
Including a Samsung tablet and gift vouchers.

Goonellabah, Tweed Heads, Ballina, or Byron Bay Libraries
Thursday 17 October from 5pm

To celebrate Get Online Week, join us for a fun night of literary themed trivia, prizes, and more!

Come on your own, or make a team of four and pit your wits against other teams at Tweed Heads, Ballina, Byron Bay, and Lismore Libraries! We will be using iPads and tablets to battle against others LIVE!
Enjoy light refreshments, tea, and coffee, and be in with a chance to win an amazing lucky door prize - a Samsung Galaxy tablet!
Bookings are essential by phoning your local participating library branch.
Bring your own device or use one of ours. Support provided.

Registration from 5pm.
Trivia 5.30pm-6.30pm.

Book now!
Goonellabah Library 02 66251235
Tweed Heads Library 07 5569 3150
Ballina Library 02 6686 2831
Byron Bay Library 02 6685 8540

Richmond Tweed Regional Library
Connect. Discover. Escape.

Be Connected
Tweed Australian online

The Tweed River Agricultural Society presents...
The Murwillumbah Show

FRIDAY 1ST & SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2019

SATURDAY NIGHT: LIVE BAND - FIREWORKS - V8 UTE SHOW

LIVE BAND & RODEO FRIDAY NIGHT - OFFICIAL OPENING 2PM SAT

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PROGRAMMES & SCHEDULES GO TO:
WWW.MURWILLUMBAHSHOW.COM.AU

COOLOON'S 21 CELEBRATING YEARS

COOLOON COMMUNITY KIDS FEST

a FREE event for children and families

10AM - 2PM NSW TIME • SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2019

LIVE MUSIC BY LIL'PI • TRACKLESS TRAIN • KOORI KIDS • ARTS & CRAFTS • FAUNA FETCHER • BUNNINGS GARDEN WORKSHOP • ROCK CLIMBING • FACE PAINTING • HAIR COLOURING • JUMPING SLIDE • BALLOONS BEPPO THE CLOWN • DRUMMING • SOUND SYNERGY • HOOPLA CIRCUS • PONY RIDES AND MORE!

COOLOON.ORG.AU - 2 PARK ST, TWEED HEADS ADJ. TO RECREATION ST OVAL