

# Duranbah Public School

*A quality education in a caring environment*

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**Term 4 Week 5 - Edition 18**

**Friday 15 November 2019**

## Principal's Report

Half-way through our term! Wow doesn't time fly!

### Transition Days

We began the first of our 4 Transition days last week, with 13 new Kindergarten students excitedly joining us for 'Friday School' and the 2020 classes forming for half a day to get used to new requirements and environments. It was a huge success, with the students all enjoying the chance to feel their new classes and get excited about 2020.



### Music Program

As we continue to plan for 2020 at Duranbah PS, we can confirm that all three instruments will again be offered for students. This is an excellent program and our students are highly engaged in the lessons and working together to learn. The cost structure for 2020 will be slightly different however, with students charged \$70 per term instead of \$7 per week. We ask that families who owe from 2019 bring these payments up to date before considering involvement in the 2020 program.

Mr Mueller's drum program will take place on Mondays and Fridays until the end of 2019, as he takes up some exciting new challenges himself.

### Swimming Carnival

We are fast approaching the school's first swimming carnival in week 7. This should be a really fun day for our students, where they will put in practice all of the things they have learned through our swimming scheme, with lots of fun races, novelty events and of course the water slide. Parents are very welcome to spend the day with us and help out if they wish. The P&C will be hosting a BBQ lunch on the day, with information to follow soon.



### Outdoor Education

Tam is doing a wonderful job with our students in this program and the students are enjoying and responding brilliantly to the fun challenges and tasks she sets for the groups. There are 2 more sessions to go this year.



## Mark Your Calendar

- ◆ 15 November Friday School (half day)
- ◆ 19 November Week 6 Swimming Lessons (last week)
- ◆ 20 November Canteen
- ◆ 22 November Friday School Sushi
- ◆ 25 November School Swimming Carnival
- ◆ 26 November Year 5 Taster Day - KHS
- ◆ 27 November Canteen
- ◆ 29 November Friday School Sushi
- ◆ 3 December P&C Meeting 1.45 - 2.55 pm  
Year 6 Orientation Day
- ◆ 11 December Year 3 - 5 CAPA Matinee
- ◆ 12 December Presentation Night
- ◆ 16 December Year 6 End of Year Celebrations
- ◆ 18 December Last day of Term 4 for all students
- ◆ 29 January 2020 First Day Years 1 - 6 students
- ◆ 30 January 2020 First day Kindergarten students

### P&C meeting

The last meeting for the P&C will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Agenda items can be forwarded to either the school or to the P&C directly. Thank you to everybody who has been part of our school's P&C this year, we are very fortunate to have such a motivated and enthusiastic group of parents. We are hopeful that Mrs Anne Bowden will be able to join us for this meeting. Anne works as a consultant across many schools liaising with schools and P&C groups to refine and strengthen practices and give clarity to what and how P&C groups can maximise their support for their schools.

### Staffing updates

We say thank you to Ms Robyn Green who has been working voluntarily in our school for this year, as she leaves us to further her career. She has been a wonderful support for our students in her time with us and we wish her the very best in whatever she does.

Week 6 will also be the last week for Miss Lonsdale, who has been working closely with K1M on her last practicum. Clearly an energetic and capable new teacher, we thank her for her time with us and wish her well as she moves into what we know will be an excellent teaching career.

### School Reports

School reports are underway. They will be available week 10. A reminder that the school is required to provide 2 written reports each year and offer at least 1 face to face interview. At Duranbah, our policy is to offer this face to face interview to parents whenever they feel the need to discuss progress, as many times as required. Just contact the appropriate staff member.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Mr Jason Ellem  
Principal

**P & C News**  
**NEXT P&C MEETING**  
**WEEK 8 TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER**  
**1.45 PM - 2.55 PM**  
**IN THE GREEN ROOM**

**ANNUAL FUNDRAISING RAFFLE**

It's now time to coordinate gifts and vouchers for our annual raffle, which will be drawn at our Presentation Evening on Thursday 12 December.



During the last P&C meeting a suggestion was made where every family would donate a gift to the value of \$10. A great opportunity to pass on that bottle of bubbles or that picture frame that's still wrapped in plastic.

What this means is that major prize will be valued at over \$400!! The P&C will also canvas the local businesses and create a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize pack. If you work for or have a fabulous relationship with a local business then please feel free to ask for vouchers and gifts. To ensure we don't harass the same people, please post which business has been asked to donate onto our P&C Facebook page and all donations can go to the office. Kathy Rockwell will be setting up a gift registry page today.

**CHRISTMAS TREES**

Duranbah will be selling real Christmas trees again this year from 2.00 pm—3.30 pm on Thursday 5 and Friday 6 December at the school. The cost will be \$15 (cash) per tree. Please phone the school to book your tree on 02 66777221. We are looking for volunteers to help with the cutting and selling of these.



**SWIMMING CARNIVAL SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

Our Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 25 November at the Murwillumbah Pool, from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. We plan on running a sausage sizzle, where \$5 will get you a sausage sizzle, watermelon and a poppa. Please let me know if you can volunteer your time to assist.



Please either phone Kathy Rockwell on mobile 0405 521 966 or the school 02 6677 7221, if you would like to volunteer your time or have any queries.

Thank you.

**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.

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**  
**CONGRATULATIONS**



Week 4 Term 4

Kobi, Meece, Macey, Esha



Week 5 Term 4

Jake, Sachi, Mikayla, Zander



**Office News**

This is our school's second completely electronic Newsletter, as it is now only available on the Flexischools App and the School's Website.

You may also use the Flexischools App to provide advice to the school regarding student's absences and excursion permission notes and then pay using POP on the website. Do not use Flexischools to pay the school.

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](mailto:support@flexischools.com.au).

**EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL - All Students**

The whole school Swimming Carnival will be held at the Murwillumbah Swimming Pool on Monday 25 November. Transport is by bus. Permission notes with the payment of \$5.00 are to be returned to the school by Friday 15 November.

**Year 3 - 6 CAPA Matinee** at Kingscliff High School will be held on Wednesday 11 December. Please return permission notes by Friday 6 December.