

# Duranbah Public School

*A quality education in a caring environment*

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**Term 4 Week 3 - Edition 17**

**Friday 1 November 2019**

## Principal's Report

Anyone who has visited our school so far this term would have felt the thrum of energy and excitement throughout our beautiful school. Daily learning at our school takes many shapes, as you will read, and our students, our staff and our parents build upon this every day.

### 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 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 Miss Janelle Kirk (Miss K), 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.

### P&C meeting

Thanks to everyone who attended the P&C meeting on Wednesday. Meeting minutes are forwarded by Tania Longworth, the P&C secretary. If you are not on this email list, please contact the P&C.

### Staffing updates

We congratulate Mrs Badger and Mrs Field on being offered the two Temporary Engagement roles at our school for 2020. We look forward to their continued work with our students and their contributions to Duranbah PS.

### Outdoor Education

Our 2/3J students had a great time working with Tam today on physical and teamwork challenges. They really enjoyed the opportunity to problem solve and work together and of course to get outside for some learning. Next week 4/5/6 gets the opportunity to join this activity, along with 2/3J.

### 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 additional meetings if and when the need arises.

### 2019 School Evaluation Survey

Thank you to all of our parents who took the time to complete and return this survey. 66% of our parent community were able to do this and provide valuable feedback to the school which will be used in planning for our future.

## Mark Your Calendar

- ◆ 1 November STEM Challenge Day Y4/5/6 Newsletter Day
- ◆ 5 November Week 4 Swimming Lessons
- ◆ 6 November P & C Meeting 1.45pm Wednesday Canteen
- ◆ 8 November Friday School (half day) Sushi, Student Banking
- ◆ 12 November Week 5 Swimming Lessons
- ◆ 15 November Friday School (half day)
- ◆ 19 November Week 6 Swimming Lessons (last week)
- ◆ 22 November Friday School
- ◆ 25 November School Swimming Carnival
- ◆ 29 November Friday School
- ◆ 3 December P&C Meeting 1.45 - 2.55 pm
- ◆ 12 December Presentation Night

## Science STEM Day

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November our 4/5/6 class got the opportunity to travel to Kingscliff High School for a day of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) challenges. They worked together in small teams to complete tasks and achieve challenges. They had an excellent time and enjoyed a valuable experience.

## Science Unit

Our classes are all studying 'Living Things' in Science this term. This has brought some exciting hands-on learning activities including hatching chickens, discovering and recording living creatures within our school and the hatching and life cycles of insects. The students are loving being able to get their hands dirty as part of their learning. K/1 also enjoyed participating in the Responsible Pet ownership Program on Tuesday, where they got the chance to interact with some lovely animals and learn about the importance of respecting and caring for these animals.

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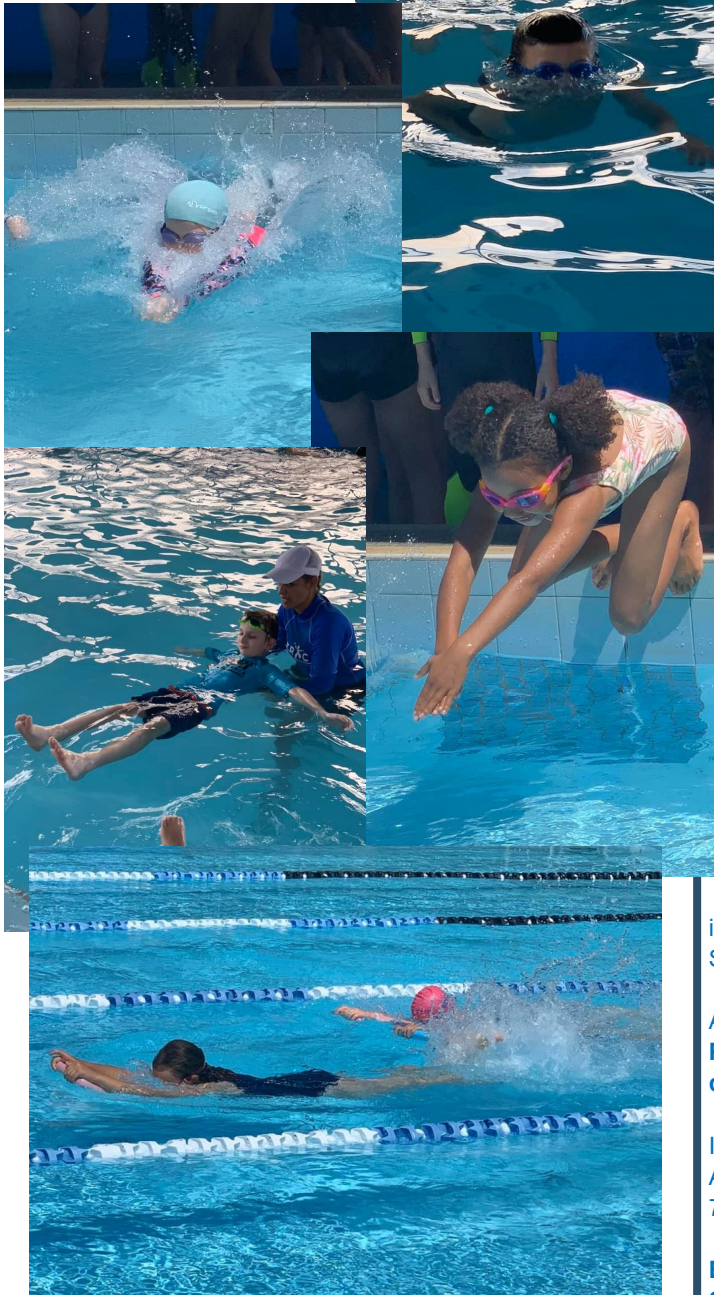
## **Principal's Report Continued**

### **Swimming Carnival**

Notes went home this week outlining 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.

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**

## **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK CONGRATULATIONS**



Week 2 Term 4

Jay, Dante, Mieki, Audrey



Week 3 Term 4

Lennox, Jeremy, Brooklynn, Zalia



## **Office News**

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

All families are encouraged to upload the Flexischools App. **Parents and carers were advised to let us know 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](mailto:support@flexischools.com.au).

### **EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **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.

#### **SWIMMING CARNIVAL** - All Students

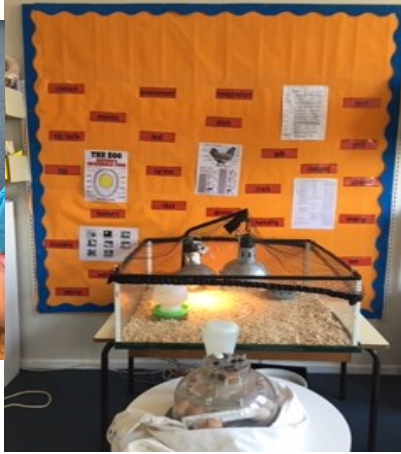
The whole school Swimming Carnival will be held at the Murwillumbah Swimming Pool on Monday 25 November. Transport is by bus. Permission notes with the payment of \$5.00 are to be returned to the school by Friday 15 November.



## CLUCKTASTIC SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

### THE CHICKENS HAVE ARRIVED!!

Four chickens along with fertilised eggs, in an incubator, were delivered to us this week. We have been watching the chickens hatch in awe. There was every emotion from complete silence to tears of joy. Come in to the K/1 classroom and visit our new residents.



### CHICKEN COOP

The working bee progressed with the chicken coop construction during the last school vacation, but it is still yet to be completed, so the chickens will temporarily reside in the small pen.



### RECYCLING/SUSTAINABILITY

Below are photos of the students involved in the Recycling/Sustainability Program.



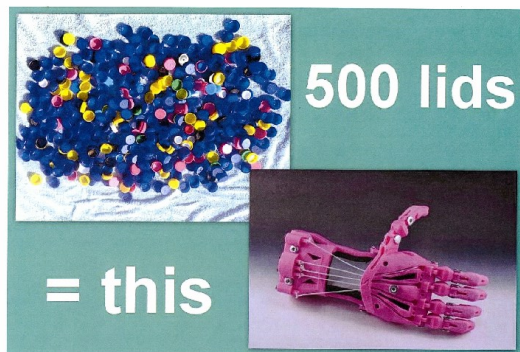


## LIDS FOR KIDS

### Project for Duranbah Public School

## SAVE YOUR PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS AND BREAD CLOSURE CLIPS TO MAKE PROSTHETIC LIMBS FOR CHILDREN

Drop lids off at the Duranbah Public School during school hours or phone the school office on 02 66777221



### Live Life Well@School program



November is Nude Food Month

## Time for Healthy Habits



Children who develop healthy habits from a young age are more likely to continue these habits into adulthood.

Do you have a child between the ages of 2-6 years and live in NSW?

Do you wonder if they are eating enough of the right foods, being active enough or getting enough sleep?

We are offering a **free** program to help parents give their young children the healthiest start to life.

You can participate in one of these programs: online modules, telephone support calls or printed information. All programs will provide practical information and tips that will help with healthy eating, physical activity, screen time and sleep.



For more information and to register please visit [www.timeforhealthyhabitsnsw.com/](http://www.timeforhealthyhabitsnsw.com/) or contact [time-healthyhabits@uow.edu.au](mailto:time-healthyhabits@uow.edu.au)

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