

Duranbah Public School

A quality education in a caring environment

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Principal's Report

The second last newsletter of the year- time flies so quickly when everyone is so engaged!

Presentation Evening

On Thursday 12th December, we will be hosting our annual school presentation evening here at school. Students will receive acknowledgements for their achievements this year, and we will enjoy a number of musical items, and announce the annual awards. Light finger food will be served from 5:30pm with the formal part of the evening commencing at 6pm. We plan to finalise all presentations around 7:30pm.

Transition Days

Today was the final day in our 2020 school transition program. It was a huge success, with the students all enjoying the chance to feel their new classes and get excited about 2020. Everyone is now excited to know what their groups are like for the next year and some of the new opportunities that they will have.

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.

Year 5 Taster Day & Yr6/7 Transition Days

On Tuesday, several of our Year 5 students travelled to Kingscliff High School for a taste of what High School will be like. They enjoyed participating in some lessons, meeting some teachers, and working with students from other 'feeder schools' that might be in their classes in 2021. This was a valuable starting point for their transition to High School.

Our Yr6 students have been attending various transition activities, depending on which school they will attend in 2020. This Tuesday, those who will be attending Kingscliff HS will attend their first transition day in preparation for 2020.

Duranbah's Got Talent

Yes it does! Students are busily practicing after we worked out who is doing what for this event. We will host this celebration activity on Wednesday in week 8, from 2.00pm at school. Everyone is invited to come along and enjoy seeing what our kids

Mark Your Calendar

- ◆ 3 December P&C Meeting 1.45 - 2.55 pm
Year 6 Orientation Day
- ◆ 4 December Duranbah's Got Talent
- ◆ 5/6 December P&C's Christmas Tree (2pm-3.30pm)
- ◆ 6 December Sushi Friday
- ◆ 11 December Year 3 - 5 CAPA Matinee
Volunteer's Afternoon Tea
Canteen (K/1/2 only)
P&C Raffle Tickets returned
- ◆ 12 December Presentation Night
- ◆ 13 December Newsletter (last for the year)
Sushi Friday

P&C meeting

The last meeting for the P&C will be held on Tuesday 3rd December. Agenda items can be forwarded to either the school or to the P&C direct. 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. Mrs Anne Bowden will be chairperson at this meeting, helping us to be as efficient in our organisation as possible. 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.

KHS CAPA Showcase

On Wednesday 11th December, our 3-6 students are invited to attend the Kingscliff HS Creative and Practical Arts Showcase at the high school. This promises to be a really enjoyable experience for our students.

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.

Outdoor Education

Tam did a wonderful job with our students in this program and the students enjoyed and responded brilliantly to the fun challenges and tasks she set for the groups. Amber ran today's sessions and will do the same program in term 1 next year.

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Principal's Report Continued

Swimming Carnival

What an amazing day this was! The first 'Duranbah Public School' swimming carnival simply ticked all the boxes! The kids had so much fun swimming in their modified events as well as some stroke events, and got a taste of what a swimming carnival looks like. We are sure everyone slept well on Monday night, as the kids swam lap after lap after lap - then had fun on the water slide! Not only that, but the parents showed everyone up, beating the staff and students in the 4 x 50m relay, which had such a dramatic finish. A huge thank you to Ms Myler, Mr Wildermuth and especially Mrs Badger for their excellent planning and organisation, making it such an outstanding day! Thanks also to the P&C for organising the lunchtime sausage sizzle, and of course Mr Blacklock for being our chef.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.
Mr Jason Ellem



Volunteers' Afternoon Tea

We will be providing an Afternoon Tea for our valuable volunteers at **2.15 pm on Wednesday 11 December**. If you have volunteered at our school in any way in 2019, you are invited to attend. Our volunteers assist us in many ways - student reading; student banking; transport to activities; canteen lunches; painting green room; construction of chicken coop; donating goods; P&C fundraisers; office assistance, etc. Please advise us if you plan to come for catering purposes.

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

Local businesses have been asked to donate towards this raffle. We are also looking for gifts to the value of \$10.00 from all families to be donated to the school as soon as possible. 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 the major prize will be valued at over \$400!!

A book of 10 raffle tickets will be sent home to all families on Friday and all unsold tickets, sold ticket stubs and money are to be returned to the school by Wednesday 11th December for drawing at the Presentation Evening on Thursday 12th December.

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 6677 7221. We are looking for volunteers to help with the cutting and selling of these.



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 fundraiser for the P & C.

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 6 Term 4

Zoe, Damon, Ramona, Isabella



Office News

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

This is our school's third 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. 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.

UNIFORMS

We have all sizes in the polo shirts and hoodies available at the moment, reminder to get your orders in for 2020.

HAT REMINDER

It is compulsory to wear a school hat, especially in this very hot weather, while playing or doing sport on the oval. Hats may be purchased from the office for \$15.00.

STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT

Financial Statements of Account for families were sent home last week. Please endeavour to finalise all outstanding amounts before the end of this year. Anyone experiencing financial difficulties may contact the school to organise a payment plan. We accept cash, cheque and Parent Online Payments (POP) payments, please do not use the Flexischools App for payments.

EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES

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

Year 6 - Orientation Day - 3 December at Kingscliff High School. Please return permission notes by Monday 2 December.

Year 6 - End of Year Celebrations on the Monday 16 December at Bounce, Burleigh Waters. Cost \$10.00. Evening meal at Kingscliff Beach Bowls Club, permission notes and payment to be returned by Friday 6 December.

Community News

All proceeds to Crabbes Creek Public School & Community Hall

CRABBES CREEK CHRISTMAS ART & CRAFT MARKET

Saturday 30
NOVEMBER
CRABBES CREEK SCHOOL
4-8PM

LIVE MUSIC BY KARUAH & CHRISTINA GEORGIOU

Artisan Gifts BOUNCING CASTLE
FACE PAINTING Santa's Grotto SCHOOL CHOIR
THE NOMADIC KITCHEN KIDS XMAS CRAFT CAROLS AT 6PM

JOIN THE CHALLENGE

SUMMER READING CLUB

A Roomful of Stories

December 2 2019 to January 31 2020

Richmond Tweed Regional Library
Connect. Discover. Escape.

You could win an iPad Mini!

Major prize sponsored by
Bolinda digital | Borrow Box.



2019 Monday SUPER 6'S Hockey



at
Tweed Hockey Centre, Murwillumbah, 4.30-5.30pm

- 6 a side school comp using side-boards until end of term
- Equipment, coaches and umpires supplied.
- Find 5 school-mates and you have a team.
- \$5 per player per game – COME AND TRY!!!

Register a team or individual www.tweedborderhockey.com
Or just turn up!!!

FREE DENTAL FOR ALL CHILDREN AGED UNDER 18

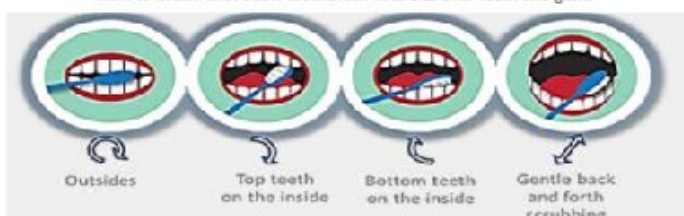
Available at NSW Health public dental clinics in Tweed Heads, Pottsville, Byron Bay, Ballina, Goonellabah (Lismore), Casino, Nimbin, Coraki, Yamba and Grafton

Call 1300 651 625 to book a visit for your child

Easy steps for a healthier mouth

- Brush teeth and gums twice a day with fluoride toothpaste
- Eat healthy foods and drink water instead of sugary drinks
- Visit a dental professional at least once a year

How to brush: Move soft toothbrush in circles over teeth and gums



Live Life Well @ School

R-E-D-U-C-E recreational screen time!

There is no app for this.....

More information and tips to switch off:
Search 'turn off the TV' at www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au

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Free hearing test for schoolchildren.



An estimated 1 in 10 school children suffer from hearing loss, which left undetected can lead to speech, learning and behavioural problems.

The Sound Scouts hearing check is a simple way to identify if a child has a hearing issue, including listening difficulties in noise. The test incorporates the science of a hearing test in a fun interactive game. Evidence based, accessible and delivering immediate results, it's the perfect screening solution.

The Sound Scouts App is now free to test all Australian school-aged children. Download it today.



Potential consequences of undetected hearing loss:

- Speech & language issues
- Difficulty reading
- Trouble in social situations
- Increased risk of academic failure
- Disruptive behaviour
- Depression

Signs of hearing loss in a child:

- Speaks louder than others
- Turns the TV up too loud
- Frequently say 'what' or 'huh'
- Has trouble pronouncing words
- Struggles at school
- Has trouble hearing in noisy places
- Loses focus in noisy places

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/ or contact time-healthyhabits@uow.edu.au

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