

Duranbah Public School

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Term 4 Week 5 - Edition 14

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Principal's Report

5 down, 5 to go! I've always thought that this time of year is special. Not just Christmas and holidays approaching, but the chance to celebrate and acknowledge achievements and get ready and excited for next year. Even though this has been a year like no other, recognising effort and achievements is one aspect of our school that won't change and we are eagerly planning, and getting ready.

School Presentation

By now everyone would be aware of the plans for this year's School Presentation. Whilst it isn't how we usually run our annual event, we all know that nothing this year has been as it usually is. I wish to thank again Brooke, Kate and Anita for helping us make this decision, and those who were able to send their ideas through.

I won't go through all of the details for this event, as they have already been shared, however I do wish to stress the importance of ensuring each family has notified the school as to how many from each family are attending so we can organise seats for them. No-one is allowed to stand for the event.

Remembrance Day

This week, our school was led through the Remembrance Day commemoration by our Year 6 Leaders. They did a great job teaching our students about its' significance and our students showed great respect throughout all the information and the protocols presented.

Book Week Activities

What an event! Today saw our school celebrate our annual Book Week Parade and celebration. The students loved dressing up as their favourite book character and really enjoyed the various activities. Thank you to Mrs Badger for all of her organisation around this special event.

Kindness Week

The SRC organised a week-long activity this week to participate in International Kindness Week. The students had a story shared with them by members of our SRC and had important conversations about what kindness is, its value and what it looks like. They spent time throughout the week acknowledging the people and gestures they identified as being kind for them. Thanks to Ms K for all her work around this.

NAIDOC Week

This week was the rescheduled NAIDOC week celebrations throughout all of Australia. While we were unable to schedule a specific set of activities for our school for this very important event, we acknowledged its' importance in our classroom discussions. More specific information supporting NAIDOC Day can be found at: naidoc.org.au

Mark Your Calendar

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| • 23 November | Swimming Carnival at Murwillumbah Pool (9.30 am - 2.00 pm) |
| • 24 November | P&C Meeting Tropical Fruit World Café (1.30pm - 2.30 pm) |
| • Week 7 | Duranbah's Got Talent Auditions |
| • 27 November | BookClub orders due |
| • Week 8 | Duranbah's Got Talent |
| • 1 & 8 December | Kindergarten Orientation (9.30 am - 2.00 pm) |
| • 4 & 11 December | Surfing (make up days) (1.30pm - 2.30 pm) |
| • 10 December | Presentation Night (to be confirmed) |
| • 16 December | Last day of Term 4 |

Magic Minds

This wonderful activity began this week, with Mrs Field and Miss Alex taking a group of students through some mindful and beneficial self-reflective activities in our peaceful back area of the school. We are planning for this activity to become a regular opportunity for the rest of this year with a view to embedding it into our school in 2021. Thank you to Mrs Field for her organisation of this opportunity for our students.

Year 4/5/6 Camp

This exciting opportunity is getting closer! Next week the 4/5/6 students will be staying at school Thursday night and enjoying a number of fun activities both Thursday and Friday. Can't wait!

November at D'Bah

A number of dodgy facial fashions are currently being created throughout our community raising awareness and funds for a very good cause: Men's Mental Health. Have a look on the P&C Facebook site each weekend for updates and see how these seriously questionable growths are going.

Driveway Update

Anyone who drove through our school this week would have noticed the updated driveway. It's tops! Now we hope for the rest to be done soon.

Warm Regards,

Mr Jason Ellem

Principal

Student Award Winners

Term 4 Week 4

Zander, Lenny, Lennox, Meece,
Neave



Term 4 Week 5

Brayden, Macey, Indira, Melina,
Audrey



Duranbah students celebrated Kindness Week in style

Our SRC Leaders introduced and lead this initiative based around the theme "Have you filled a bucket today?".

We almost did... our kindness won't stop now!



P & C News

NEXT P & C MEETING

The next P & C Association Meeting will be held in Week 7 **Tuesday 24 November** at 1.30 pm at Tropical Fruit World, inside their café. Everyone is welcome.

Please contact Brooke Udale (P & C President) or the school office if you'd like to add anything to the Agenda or pass on your apology.

Office News

YEARS 4/5/6 CAMP

This week a Permission/Medical Note for the Year 4/5/6 Camp was sent home and the cost will be \$110 per student.

Presentation Night is being held on Wednesday 9th December at Kingscliff High School. Please return all permission notes with number of seats needed by Friday 20th November.

CBCA Book Week
CURIOUS CREATURES,
WILD MINDS

October 17-23 2020



Duranbah Book Week

Look at all our awesome costumes!



NEW ONLINE ENROLMENT SYSTEM

We are excited to announce that the new NSW Department of Education Online Enrolment System was rolled out on Monday, 26 October 2020.

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into **local** schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's [going to a public school site](#).

Further information about online enrolment can be found on our website [here](#).



NEW
EDITION
AVAILABLE
NOW

DIGITAL CHILD SAFETY HANDBOOK

We are pleased to advise that a new edition of this valuable safety resource is now available online with updated safety content.

We urge all parents and carers to download this latest edition and discuss the safety content with your children.

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