

Duranbah Public School

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Term 2 Week 9 - Edition 7

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Principal's Report

As we come to the end of what has been easily the most unusual term of schooling in Australia, (a ten week period that involved 4 different guidelines for school operations!) I feel we've all learned a few things. I also reckon we all deserve a well-earned break.

Our students deserve a huge pat on the back for the way they've dealt with all the changes in their lives. Learning from school, then home, then a combination of both, then a wary return to school, was a massive challenge for them, but I'm really proud of how well they did it. I'm sure their parents and carers are too!

As I have also stated before, at school we were all so very impressed with how our parents moved into the unplanned, untrained and not always desired role of parent/teacher. When our students returned, it was obvious to us that our students were well supported at home over the previous 9 weeks of learning. The flexibility and perspective that our parents and carers maintained at home, served our students really well, not just academically but more importantly for their mental and whole wellbeing.

Also as I have stated before, I'm sure I am joined by our parents and carers in the admiration and appreciation of our school staff during this unusual and challenging time. With their own families and situations to negotiate, they consistently kept the learning and wellbeing of all of our students at the centre of their focus. Programming, providing feedback, actively seeking the resources our school needed, supporting the pastoral-care needs of our students and their families, physically delivering packages and learning tools and always being open minded and proactive. We are very fortunate to have the staff we have at our school!

Of course we are all not completely finished with the Covid-19 journey and there are several very important things we all need to do to maintain the positive trajectory we are enjoying. However the end of the term is a good time to reflect upon our recent journey and I hope everyone is able to have some quality time over the term break. No need to follow a learning schedule this time, just enjoy each other and each chance to relax.

Mark Your Calendar

This Calendar could change at any time, please keep checking Flexischools App and P&C Facebook Page for Updates

- Friday 3 July End of Term 2
- Monday 20 July Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 21 July All students return for Term 3

Term 3 Guidelines

In Term 3, we are essentially returning to usual operations. Parents will be able to stop and park to drop off (although our drop-off/pick-up protocols have worked really well!), and the usual routines such as parent lunches, scripture and Friday sport will resume. DEC guidelines and protocols which provide greater details around our return in Term 3 will be forwarded to homes when they are shared with us.

Staffing Update

A very big congratulations to Ms Lynette Kirk on her well-deserved permanent appointment to our school. This became official this week and we are very excited for her and congratulate her on this achievement.

As we covered at last year's School Presentation night, Mrs Lorraine Flint has now officially retired. This was made official this week. The Merit Selection process to fill the School Administration Manager role is underway and we look forward to welcoming the successful person to our school permanently.

In Term 3 we will welcome 3 new regular volunteers to our school. I will outline the details of these volunteers early next term, however these people will be able to assist our school to provide important one-to-one support for many of our students on a regular basis.

Principal's Report continued...

Student Reports

Our teachers have been working very hard over the last few weeks to create Semester One student reports. These will take a modified form, reflecting the unusual teaching and learning conditions of this semester, and will be sent home toward the middle of next week. Following the sharing of these, parents are welcome to make contact with their child's teacher to discuss progress, concerns and achievements early next term.

P&C Annual General Meeting

Our school is very fortunate to have a vibrant and energetic P&C group. The purpose of this group essentially is to support the school and the students through fundraising and relevant school events. Next Wednesday 1st July is the scheduled date for the school's P&C AGM. This will be held at Farm & Co starting at 9am. All Executive positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer and secretary) will be declared vacant and this

year's Executive Committee will be elected. If there is more than one nomination for a position, a vote will occur via a secret ballot. If you are interested in a position, or would like to ask anything concerning these, feel free to contact either Kathy Rockwell or myself. We look forward to a very positive remainder of the year in conjunction with our school P&C, with all the potential activities and ideas possible to support our kids. Following the AGM there will be a very quick discussion and decision surrounding the purchase of a reading program for our students.

As I said earlier, if I don't get the chance to speak with you before the break, I hope everyone gets the chance to relax and enjoy some time with the important people in their lives.

Regards

Mr Jason Ellem

Principal



Week 8

Riley, Gabe, Isla, Hugo



Award Winners

Reading Award

Hunter, Liam, Riley



Week 9

Otto, Isabella, Meeca, Audrey, Austin



Like kids at Christmas!

Grateful thanks to Maryann and all at Boardwalk Books Kingscliff.

Maryann has just donated 3 cartons of picture books for our school library. These books were kindly given to Maryann by local author Nette Hilton (so we picked up a couple of Nette's books too).

Did I mention how excited we are?!!



The **MORE** that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you
Learn, the more places
you'll **GO**.

Dr. Seuss



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