

Duranbah Public School

A quality education in a caring environment

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Week 3 Term 4 - Edition 16

Friday 22 October 2021

Principal's Report

Well, we blinked and here we are at the end of Week 3! Lots of things are happening for our students here at school, both in the classroom and outside of it.

Book Week

What a day we had last Friday. Wizards, Dr Suess characters, animals from stories and people from outer space! Our students had such a great time celebrating as their favourite characters from their books with the theme: 'Old worlds, New worlds, Other worlds'.

They paraded in the morning, then collected 'story stones' which directed them in a following piece of writing. Later they read to the chickens, engaged in some artwork and all in all had a terrific time being creative and celebrating their love of literature.

A big thank you to Mrs Badger for all her planning and preparation in providing such a rich opportunity for our students.



School Improvements

We have had lots of work done recently to increase our water saving capacity, thanks to Anthony Kershaw and our successful Sustainability Grant. A new tank was placed between two of our buildings at the back of the school, new irrigation was established around our new fruit trees and extra water collection was created. Along with this, another new tank is in the process of being established for general school use, which is great news for our water usage throughout the year.

Level 3 Restrictions

Just a quick reminder that we remain within Level 3 restrictions at school. The details around what these include can be found:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/inside-the-department/covid-19/advice-for-school-based-staff/level-3-schools>

Unfortunately this means that parents aren't permitted on-site at present. If parents need to discuss anything with staff, they can do so by contacting Kerry in the office to arrange this.

This is a frustrating time for us all, and we do appreciate everyone's patience and understanding in this.

Mark Your Calendar

- 26 October P&C AGM Meeting (Zoom)
- 29 October Bandanna Day
- 18 November Kindergarten Orientation and Yrs 1-6 Transition — 9.30-12.30
- 25 November Kindergarten Orientation and Yrs 1-6 Transition — 9.30-12.30
- 2 December Kindergarten Orientation and Yrs 1-6 Transition — 9.30-12.30
- 3 December Public Speaking
- 14 or 15 December Presentation Night (TBA)
- 17 December Last day of Term 4

P&C

On Tuesday 26th October, our P&C will be hosting it's Annual General Meeting. This will be via Zoom at 1:45pm.

As per the usual processes for an AGM, all positions are declared vacant, and anyone who is part of our school and community can nominate (or be nominated) for the positions of: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

As this meeting is to be done via Zoom, we are asking that anyone interested in being elected to these positions notify the school by Monday 25th October. These nominations can be sent to:

duanbah-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

The plan is that during the meeting, attendees can forward their votes using this address as well, so that Kerry and I can fulfil the role of 'Returning Officer' together and share the results during the meeting.

The link for the meeting is: <https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/66198875347?pwd=akkwVG9NNE96cWlQSkV2SGY1bm5jdz09>

Alternatively you can use:

Meeting ID: 661 9887 5347

Pass: 212672

We have hopefully sorted out the connection issues we have had in the past, so you will simply have to use a registered Zoom account to connect.

Once the new Executive is known, the main task will be to work together on the 2021 School Presentation.

Principals Report continued...

2021 Staffing

We have a couple of staffing changes for the remainder of 2021.

Mrs Field will be taking personal leave from Week 6 until the end of Term 4. Her role in Team Teaching our 4/5/6 class will be assumed by Mrs Kathy Wildermuth, who has a vast amount of experience teaching and supporting student learning.

Mr Bousfield will be ending his time at Duranbah also from the start of Week 6. Miss Annie Moody will fulfil the piano/ keyboard as well as guitar tutoring role until the end of this year.

Mrs Kathy Wildermuth will also be working closely with Ms Humes this term to support students and families to provide advice in services, programs and best practice for students with additional needs. We are very excited to be able to offer this extra support and further assist families and students.

Dance

Our fabulous dance program continued this week. Students had a hoot joining into the fun stretching, movement and musical activities led by Ms Cassie. An extra opportunity was offered for those who wish to be part of a 'Dance Group', and we look forward to enjoying their item at our school presentation.

Fundraising Bike Ride

Spare a thought for the 8 hardy souls who will be riding 100km (Kingscliff > Ocean Shores and return) to raise funds for our school tomorrow (Saturday). This group will set out from the Bowling Club at Kingscliff at 6am and will return by 1pm. A huge thank you to Greg Blacklock who has (again) been able to organise this event in such a complex time. Greg has done this for the last several years, with the result of his efforts including our new fruit trees as well as readers for our students. Details on how our community can contribute to this event are on our School and Community Facebook page.

4/5/6 Camp

In order to provide the best experience on offer, and with a timely period for family costs, we have locked in a day at Camp Goodenough for our senior class. This will provide a day of camp activities, without being an overnight excursion. Details will follow in the next week.

Hopefully everyone has a great weekend.

Jason Ellem

Principal

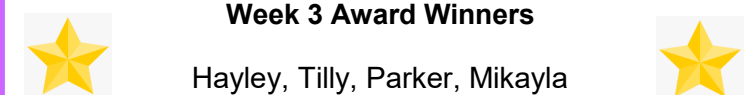
Week 2 Award Winners

Meeca, Jeremy, Lenny, Riley



Week 3 Award Winners

Hayley, Tilly, Parker, Mikayla



Our school SRC (School Representative Council) is supporting Bandanna Day this year. Buy a bandanna and help young Aussies stand up to Cancer. Purchase your own bandanna from the school office for \$5.00, and wear it to school with pride on Friday 29 October 2021. Let people see that you are supporting young people impacted by cancer.



Alice Band

Fashionable and functional. The Alice Band is for those looking to make a sleek and stylish fashion statement.

1. First, take your bandanna and fold in half diagonally to form a triangle.
2. Starting from the point, fold backwards by 4cm as many times as necessary until you meet the opposite side.
3. You should now have a long, thick strip.
4. Centre the bandanna at the base of your hairline and lift both ends upwards, passing behind your ears. Tie the ends in a single knot on top of your head.



Wristband

By wrapping them around your wrists you can turn them into the ultimate style accessory that adds colour and flair to your cuffs.

1. First, take your bandanna and fold in half diagonally to form a triangle.
2. Starting from the long side, fold back by 6cm as many times as necessary until you meet the opposite point.
3. You should now have a long, thick strip.
4. Next, wrap the bandanna around your wrist and tie.

**WAYS TO
STYLE YOUR
BANDANNA**

Office News

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION AND YEAR 1 – 6 TRANSITION

Invitations have been sent home to the families of Kindergarten and the new Year 1 -6 students, who are enrolling into Duranbah Public School in 2022, to attend Kindergarten Orientation and the Years 1 – 6 Transition Programs on:

Thursday 18 November 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Thursday 25 November 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Thursday 2 December 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Please contact the school to confirm your child's attendance.

NEW SCHOOL VISITOR CHECK-IN

The Department of Education, in partnership with Service NSW, has developed a digital solution that will simplify the sign-in experience for visitors, parents, contractors and school staff and provide a streamlined, accurate and secure visitor record system for schools. This system has now gone Live and will support NSW Health contact tracing procedures and support school sign in procedures.

Our School will have a QR Code displayed in the reception area, or we can enter your details into a webform for those people without mobile devices, for the purpose of checking in and out of the school. We have discovered we need to have the **latest Service NSW App** installed on our phones.

Additional information is available on this link: [School Visitor Check-in for parent & carers - YouTube](#)

SUSHI

Please have Sushi orders into the office by Thursday of each week, each piece is still only \$2.00.

LOST PROPERTY

We have lots of lost property at the school at the moment. Please ask your child to check the lost property box which is now situated on the veranda between K/1 and 2/3 classrooms or phone us and someone will check for you.

BEEP! PERFORMANCE

Our Kindergarten and Years 1, 2 and 3 students were to attend the BEEP! Performance at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre which was to be held on 16 November. It has now been postponed due to the COVID-19 restrictions, to 3 May 2022. Payments for this activity will be carried over to 2022.



Scrunchie

The best bandannas for the scrunchie style are the premium range bandannas.

1. First, take your bandanna and fold in half diagonally to form a triangle.
2. Starting from the long side, fold back by 6cm as many times as necessary until you meet the opposite side.
3. You should now have a long, thick strip.
4. Tie this around your ponytail as many times as you like to get your desired look.



Classic

This is the no fuss approach. It's simple and effective and gets the job done.

1. First, take your bandanna and fold in half diagonally to form a triangle.
2. Put the long edge of the bandanna to your forehead, placing it as high or low as you like.
3. Smooth the body of the triangle back over your head, with the point falling by the nape of your neck.
4. Next simply bring the ends of the bandanna to the back of the head, overlapping the triangle tip and tie in a single knot.



Headband

Always trendy, always hip, forever cool. It's the choice of Wimbledon champions and thousands of Aussies this Bandanna Day.

- First, take your bandanna and fold in half diagonally to form a triangle.
1. Starting from the long side, fold back by 6cm as many times as necessary until you meet the opposite side.
 2. You should now have a long, thick strip.
 3. Centre the headband on your forehead and tie the ends behind your head in a single knot.



Necktie

Whether you're perfectly stylish, or want to channel your inner cowboy, the necktie is a rebellious classic.

1. First, take your bandanna and fold in half diagonally to form a triangle.
2. Starting from the long side, fold backwards by 3cm twice towards the point.
3. Wrap around your neck and tie in a single knot at the back.

BANDANNA DAY

Buy a bandanna and help young Aussies stand up to cancer

Friday 29 October
bandannaday.org.au
#bandannaday

canteen

Have a look at what we made with recycled materials..
Junk Puppets!



We designed
Old Worlds,
New Worlds
or Other
Worlds with
our art...



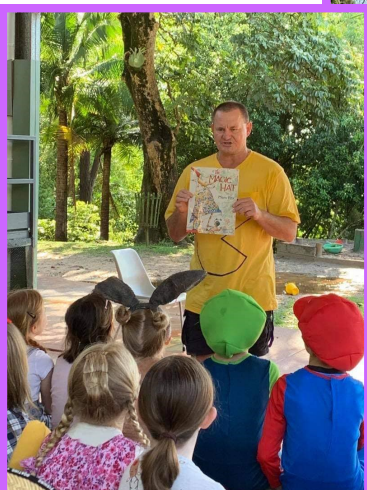
We created
characters from "Old
Worlds, New Worlds,
Other Worlds"...



We pretended to be
giants, wizards and
elves...



We read
beautiful
books to
ourselves
and the
chickens in
the garden...





School Travel for 2022

2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to transportnsw.info. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel
Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback





High Performing Students Team

Placement in selective high schools for Year 7 entry in **2023** Information for applicants

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 in 2023?

You must apply online at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>



Key Dates

Application website opens:
19 October 2021

Application website closes:
17 November 2021
You must apply before this date.

Test centre and test authority advice released:
24 February 2022

Selective High School placement test:
10 March 2022

Placement outcome expected to be released:
8 July 2022

There may be changes to the procedures in this document.

Check the website at education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc regularly for updates throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the website for information before you contact the Team.

After applying, you will be able to log into your application dashboard to change details and send and receive messages.

The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team. It is referred to as 'the Team' in this document.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education
Email: shs-oc@nsw.edu.au
Telephone: 1300 880 367
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/>

Your child could make a difference to regional communities by applying for the 2022 Regional Youth Taskforce

The Regional NSW Youth Taskforce is a Ministerial advisory group that advises the Minister for Regional Youth on issues that affect young people living in regional NSW. The Taskforce provides young people from all corners of rural and regional NSW with a unique opportunity to meet with government and inform decision making that will have flow-on benefits for their peers, communities and hometowns.

The Taskforce is comprised of 18 diverse members, aged 12-24, with two members representing each of NSW's nine regions. The Taskforce will meet four times throughout the year either online or in person. Travel costs and accommodation will be covered for Regional Youth Taskforce members travelling across NSW for meetings.

The Taskforce is an initiative by the Deputy Premier and Office for Regional Youth, headed by the State's first-ever Minister for Regional Youth, the Hon. Bronnie Taylor. The Office for Regional Youth is responsible for delivering a broad range of strategic programs to address regional youth issues and ensure young people have every opportunity to live, work and thrive in regional NSW.

If you believe your child would be a great fit and could make a difference to your community, you should encourage them to apply. Being part of the 2022 Regional Youth Taskforce connects young people and will engage your child on issues such as entering the workforce, mental health and public transport in the regions. The Taskforce will provide them with the ability to influence important decisions the Government makes on these topics and many more.

Applications are open now and close at midnight Sunday 21 November 2021 and young people aged 12-24 from regional areas are eligible to apply. The third Taskforce from January 2022 until 31 December 2022.

To find out more or apply, visit

nsw.gov.au/RegionalYouthTaskforce



Les Peterkin Portrait Prize 2021

Congratulations to
Marley, Billy, Mikayla,
Harper and Jimi!