

# Duranbah Public School

A quality education in a caring environment

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## Week 9 Term 4 - Edition 19

Friday 3 December 2021

### Principal's Report

Two weeks to go folks. What a ride it has been!

#### Transition

This week our school completed it's School Transition Program. Our new Kindergarten students mixed and mingled, as did all of our students that are going into their 2022 classes. It was great for everyone to get a feel for their new groups and also for new parents to get a feel for the school. Thanks to Ms Myler for putting together the Kindergarten Orientation Program, and thank you to all our staff for making it a purposeful experience all round.

#### Reports

Teaching staff are busily preparing student reports for Semester 2. These will be ready for sharing at the end of Week 10.

#### School Presentation

Our school presentation has been set for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. It will be held at school in the morning starting at 10am. Families have been asked to forward the number of attendees for each family for our Covid Safety Plan.

#### Year 3/4/5/6 'Camp' Day

Today, most of our Year 3/4/5/6 students attended a day 'camp' at Camp Goodenough. They climbed, they built, they laughed, they played. They had a really fun time and will sleep very well tonight.

Hopefully everyone has a great weekend.

Jason Ellem

Principal

### Office News

#### Expressions of Interest - Year 4/5/6 Norfolk Island Excursion 2022

Forms went out last week to Year 4/5/6 for Expressions of Interest for a major excursion to Norfolk Island in Term 4 2022. Please return these forms to the office by the 16th December.

**JUST A REMINDER...** to please bring in your wrapped and labelled Santa Gift, valued at less than \$10, to school by Friday 10 December.

### Mark Your Calendar

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| • 9 December      | Duranbah's Got Talent                                    |
| • 14 December     | Presentation Day   |
| • 15 December     | Christmas Tree Order Pickup<br>2-3pm                     |
| • 16 December     | Beach Picnic Day Hastings<br>Point<br>Last day of Term 4 |
| • 1 February 2022 | Years 1-6 First Day of Term 1                            |
| • 2 February 2022 | Kindergarten First Day of<br>Term 1                      |

### TEACHER STRIKE - TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER

The NSW Teachers' Federation is taking industrial action including a 24 hour strike on Tuesday 7 December, 2021.

Please find attached a letter from the NSW Department of Education containing further information regarding the industrial action. This will be a school day for students.

**Please advise the school by Monday 6 December if your child will be attending on the day to allow for supervision planning.**

### P&C News

#### P&C ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The P&C Association will be running our Annual Christmas Raffle to be drawn at our Presentation Day on Tuesday 7 December. This will be an online raffle. Please drop any prizes, i.e. gift/service vouchers, into the office as soon as possible.

Families are asked to reach out to family and friends, who have businesses that they would like to promote, to offer a service or voucher as a prize. An example would be pest control, yoga pass, carpet cleaning, blind cleaning, car detailing, etc.

#### CHRISTMAS TREES

Duranbah Public School will be selling Christmas Trees for \$20 each on Wednesday 15th December from 2pm till 3pm.

Please call the school on 02 6677 7221 to book one as they sell out fast. Due to Covid restrictions this is a click and collect deal. Cash only accepted.





**Week 8 Award Winners**  
Bhumi, Lenny, Jaden, Issy

**Week 9 Award Winners**  
Marley, Hayden, Leilani, Harper



**Congratulations!**







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3 December 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers

## TEACHERS' STRIKE

The department is currently negotiating a new Award with the Teachers Federation with the help of the Industrial Relations Commission. The Industrial Relations Commission is the official place where pay negotiations take place in NSW.

The Industrial Relations Commission has ruled any industrial action by the NSW Teachers Federation is illegal while negotiations are underway, and the department is urging them to call off any industrial action including the proposed 24-hour strike on Tuesday 7 December.

As a result of the strike our school will be providing minimal supervision of students on Tuesday 7 December. This means the cohort arrangements that have been in place this term will not be in operation. However, our school will still operate in a COVID-safe manner in accordance with NSW Health guidelines.

We are doing all we can to resolve this dispute with the Federation.

The current Teachers' Award expires on 31 December 2021. Rather than wait for the outcome of an arbitration decision by the Industrial Relations Commission in May next year, the department intends to offer a 2.5% salary increase for teachers and related employees as soon as the current Award expires, ensuring our staff don't miss out. This is the maximum amount allowed per annum under the Industrial Relations Act.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this disruption, especially given the challenges we have all faced this year. We will keep you updated on further developments as they come to hand.

Yours sincerely

Jason Ellem

Principal