

# Duranbah Public School

A quality education in a caring environment

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## Week 7 Term 2 - Edition 9

Friday 10 June 2022

### Principal's Report

With only three weeks to go, it seems crazy to think how much we have fit into this term, and also how much there is left to do in the final three weeks.

#### Soccer

Last Friday 14 of our students participated in the Small Schools PSSA Soccer Knock Out at Byron Bay. They played two games on the day, against Goonengerry PS and also Broadwater PS. We were very proud of both their efforts on the day and also their sportsmanship and the spirit in which they played. They tried hard, were very respectful opponents for their opposition and really represented our school and it's community with dignity. Well done to these students and a big thank you to Ms Schumacher and Ms Kirk for their organisation and Mr Blacklock for transporting many of them on the bus.

#### Reports

Parents can expect student reports in week 10 of this term. These will cover all Key Learning Areas, as well as learning attitudes and school participation.

#### Parent Teacher Interviews

Parents and Carers will be offered the opportunity to formally sit and discuss their child's Semester 1 progress at the beginning of term 3. Appointment requests will be forwarded home and families will be able to prioritise preferred times.

#### NAIDOC Week

In Week 10 of this term our school will celebrate NAIDOC week with several activities. We will hold a special assembly where we will invite parents and carers to join us for morning tea. As well as this, we hope to host a visit from the Kingscliff HS Yuli program who will coordinate some fun activities at school. Our 2/3 students will also have the opportunity to attend the Indigenous Games Day at Kingscliff HS.

#### Music Trivia Night

Put Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July aside for what has become a really great fun night for our school community. To be held at the bowling club in Kingscliff, we will again have a great night of music trivia and activities. Get your teams organised, your costumes set and come along for a top night. Bookings for teams of 6 to 8, can be made at our office at school.

### Small School's Athletics Carnival

Our students have been busily learning and practicing the skills of athletics this term and will have the opportunity to put these into practice on June 21 and 22 at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival. Further details will follow, however this is usually a very fun event, held at Walter Peate Oval in Kingscliff.

### The People's Pantry

We are very excited to be part of a new initiative involving a partnership between our school and an emerging business in our school community. Our school is the host of this new enterprise, providing staff and support to 'The People's Pantry'. This initiative connects local producers to local consumers, and in the process builds school funds for an identified school activity ie new play equipment.

Parents and Carers can support this project by joining the 'People's Pantry- Casuarina' and taking advantage of the produce on offer. Orders are to be picked up from Casuarina Hockey Club, each Tuesday from 3pm-5pm. To connect with 'The People's Pantry' simply find: <https://thepeoplespantry.com.au/pantries/4>

Hopefully everyone has an enjoyable weekend.  
Jason  
Principal



#### **Mark Your Calendar**

1 June	Gymnastics commencing (for 5 weeks)
15 June	Bookclub closes
19 June	1st Aid Course @ Duranbah PS
20 June	Spelling Bee
21 June	1/2 Day Athletics Carnival (Field Events)
22 June	Full Day Athletics Carnival (Track Events)
24 June	Yrs 4/5/6 STEM Day KHS
30 June	Yrs 2/3 Indigenous Games
Week 10	Naidoc Week
1 July	Last Day Term 2
19 July	First Day Term 3
Sept	FNC Dance at Twin Towns (TBC)

## Sustainability

### HENS

We welcome 10 new hens to our school. We now have fresh eggs for sale daily from our hens \$3.50 for 6 eggs. Please phone the school to have your order for eggs sent home with your child or call into the office.



## Office News

### SCHOOL MOBILE NUMBER

We now have a school mobile phone 0474 375 542. Please program this number into your phone, to accept calls and texts from us when we are on excursions and for calls from the Counsellor and staff, etc. Please still use the school land-line number 02 6677 7221 for all general communication with the school.

### HATS

Please check the name on the hat your child brings home. We have lots of missing hats at the moment, including the office spare hats. It is important your child has their hat, due to the "no hat, no outside play" sun safe policy, these hats allow them to participate in all school outdoor activities.

**BOOK CLUB** Please have all Book Club Orders into the office by Wednesday 15 June.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS** will be delivered in Week 8.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT

Updated Financial Statement of Account will be sent home next week. We have included Term 3 and 4 Music Fees on Statements of Account, for those parents who would like to pay these fees in advance, using the Flood Hardship Funds.

Please advise the school if you would like to use your Flood Hardship Funds to pay for your account. The Flood Hardship Funds cannot be used to pay for the Voluntary General School Contribution.

### COMMUNICATION

Duranbah Public School uses Flexischools to publish our newsletters, provide alerts to upcoming events and parent/carers can use the App to submit absences. Please do not use this App for payments to the school. Go to <https://flexischools.com.au/parents> for information regarding setting up your Flexischools Account. For any support enquiries, please [click here](#) to visit our contact form (<https://lanternpay.force.com/flexischools/s/schools-and-suppliers-contact>)



#### 1. Register

Open the Flexischools App and click 'Like to register?' or [click here](#) to register on our website.

Submit your email address to create an account.

Go to your inbox and open the registration email from Flexischools. Click on the link provided and follow the registration process, creating a password and completing your personal details.

#### 2. Log in to your Flexischools account and enter your child's details

Once your account is set up, log into the Flexischools App or [click here](#) to log in to our website.

If you are using the app, select the 'Profile' icon on the navigation bar. Under 'Students', click 'Add new'. Enter your child's name, school, year level, and class.

Click 'submit'.



Office News

**EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

**ATHLETICS**

We will be participating in the Small School Athletics Carnival on 21 and 22 June. Information regarding this activity and permission notes will be sent home soon. Tuesday 21 June will be Field Events (for selected students only), Wednesday 22 June will be Track and other events and all students are required to participate.

**NAIDOC WEEK - Week 10 Term 2**

Indigenous Games at Kingscliff High School for Year 2 and 3 students only. Permission and information notes will be sent home next week.

**STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

The NSW Department of Education requirements for student absences both Whole Days and Part Days are as follows:

**WHOLE DAY ABSENCES** must be in writing (e.g. note from parent/caregiver, email or use Flexischools). Phone calls will be taken, but must be followed by a note.

**PART DAY ABSENCES** - Late or slept in are no longer justified reasons for being late to school. They will be recorded as Explained but Unjustified. Any students who arrive late, after 9.00 am, **must either have a note or be accompanied by a parent** and be signed in at the office.

**LEAVE FOR MORE THAN TWO DAYS** - Any student who is away for more than two days without explanation can receive a phone call from the school.

**LEAVE FOR 7 DAYS OR LONGER** - Student absences **MUST** be explained within 7 days. Upon your child's return to school, please send in a note or use *Flexischools* to notify us of the reason for the absence. A Medical Certificate must be supplied for all medical absences (i.e. sick days) over 2 days.

**LEAVE TO TRAVEL** - If families are planning on taking their children travelling or just on a holiday, which is longer than 5 days, they must complete Extended Leave Application – Travel prior to the travel. This form is to be approved by the Principal and a copy taken with you on your travels.



**EVERY DAY COUNTS...**

**A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...**

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*Give your child every chance to succeed...*

**Every day counts!**



4/5/6 STEM

Our first STEM challenge was to build a catapult. It involved us brainstorming, designing, building, testing and improving our models. Congratulations! Great teamwork and very creative designs.



Sustainability

In sustainability news this fortnight, we were all happy to see the sun! Since our hard-working seniors helped to establish five garden beds kindly donated by Bunnings at the start of term, we've hardly had the opportunity to check on their progress with all the rain. But, heading out there last week, we were thrilled to see them thriving with budding produce planted by all the students. We're growing carrots, spinach, spring onions, beetroots and more. Hopefully soon we will have some vegies for sale! With the rain easing, we were also finally able to welcome 10 new chickens to our school. They have settled in nicely and are happily laying eggs, which are, of course, for sale from the office. The children are thrilled and excited to cuddle our new additions. The hens, on the other hand, may take a while to get used to all the cuddles on offer!





**THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY**  
**CASUARINA**  
thepeoplespantry.com.au

**Click-and-collect shopping that supports local producers & Duranbah Public School**

Shop online Wednesday from 3 pm to Sunday 10 pm

**Pick up Tuesday 3 - 5 pm**  
**Casuarina Hockey Club**

**Gymnastics FUN**

So much fun is being had during our weekly Gymnastic lesson. Its been so nice to see all the kids get involved.



**Awards**

**Week 6 - Matilda S, Mikayla U, Issy R, Harper M & Zander F**



**Week 7 - Damon B, Riley D, Banjo M, Hunter B, Matilda S, & Kyah F**



### PASSION PROJECTS BEGIN IN TERM 3

Can you volunteer one hour of your time on a Friday for 6 weeks? We are looking for family and community members to share their personal interests and to work actively with our students to further develop their skills and interests. The Passion Projects will run on Weeks 2, 3, 4, 6,7 and 8 of Term 3.

Our students have indicated that they would like to further develop their knowledge and skills in the following areas:

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|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Animal care</i>   | <i>Gymnastics</i>             |
| <i>Art/craft</i>     | <i>Modelling / deportment</i> |
| <i>Bush survival</i> | <i>Photography</i>            |
| <i>Dancing</i>       | <i>Science</i>                |
| <i>Cooking</i>       |                               |

If you have a personal interest that isn't listed that you would like to share with our students, please let us know. All volunteers are to be fully vaccinated for Covid-19.

Also if you would like to come along and help please let us know.

#### IMPORTANT DETAILS

Starting 29 July at 12:00pm.

Email: [Breanna.Schumacher1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Breanna.Schumacher1@det.nsw.edu.au)

Phone: 02 677 7221

Breanna Schumacher (Teacher)

Teacher

Our school is teaming up with Wonder Recycling Rewards to help reduce soft plastic waste in our environment.

By collecting and recycling our soft plastic waste at school, we can protect our environment, oceans and wildlife – and earn new sports equipment for our school!

**PLUS, every registered school will go into the draw to WIN a REPLAS Exercise Circuit made from recycled soft plastic!**

**We are calling on all students, parents and teachers to get collecting!**



There's 3 simple steps to helping our school keep soft plastic waste out of the environment and earning new sports equipment for our kids to enjoy!



To help get you started, here's a list of items you can and can't collect to recycle

YES PLEASE	NO THANKS
Wonder bread bags (and all other bread bags too)	Plastic bottles Plastic containers Glass Paper Cardboard Tin cans Food waste

#### HARDSHIP FUNDING

##### FOR FLOOD EFFECTED FAMILIES

The Minister for Education and Early Learning announced that \$500 Education Hardship Fund will be made available for every NSW public school student in the 7 identified local government area (LGAs) affected by the recent floods in the Northern Rivers region.

The funds will be transferred to schools over the coming weeks and are to be expended by the end of 2023. Parents and carers can nominate to use funds for:

- \* excursions, camps and incursions
- \* school-organised formals
- \* competition fees
- \* subject fees
- \* uniforms including: school uniforms (from school-run or P&C uniform shops), end of school year jerseys, senior shirt
- \* calculators
- \* in-school tutoring such as music tutors
- \* sport participation including weekly sport or carnivals
- \* school photos
- \* family costs incurred with involvement in school theatre or musical performances
- \* ongoing weekly co-curricular programs such as dance or gymnastics programs.

Please contact the school to advise how you would like to use your \$500. These funds cannot be given as cash payments to families.



#### Eat healthy foods

cook healthy meals for the family to enjoy together



#### Limit screen time

turn off the TV and phones away at meal times



#### Keep positive

have a positive attitude about making healthier choices



#### Get active

make opportunities to get moving as a family