

Duranbah Public School

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Principal's Report

Week 3 Term 1 - Tuesday 7th February, 2023 -Edition 1

Welcome back for 2023 to all of our returning families and a big warm welcome to our new ones. It was great to connect with all of our students and families last week and hear about all the wonderful things that happened over the break.

Welcome Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us on Friday for our 'Welcome Brekky'. We all really enjoyed being able to share a chat over a cuppa and some yummy food.

Surfing

Our school sport in term 1 is surfing, which starts Friday 10th February. As usual a bus will transport all students to the Kingscliff breakwall and parents can join us in the surf before bringing their kids home.

Staffing

We welcome a couple of new staff to our school in 2023. Mrs Sharon Barbour is our new School Psychologist who is at our school each Thursday morning. Families who wish to access this service can simply get a referral from the office. Mrs Melinda Lengyel joins us in the role of Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction for at least Term 1. She will continue the fine work of Mrs Eadsforth, to ensure our staff and our learning programs are current and best-practice.

New Bus Pick-up

In an exciting addition, Cheryl and J&B buses have organised an extra pickup and dropoff spot that may help many of our families and in the process, ease some of the congestion in our school, particularly in the afternoons. The new spot is at the Shoebridge Transport carpark (beside the 'fruit-ute'), which is on the corner of Cudgen Rd and Plantation Rd. Pick-up in the mornings will be at approx. 8:15 am and in the afternoon, the pick-ups will be at approx. 2:50 pm.

Students will require a bus pass (see attached information), however J&B will allow transport immediately, before the passes have arrived. As always, please ensure your child is aware of all travel arrangements.

I'd encourage any families who are able to utilise this option to consider this, as it will have a number of positives, including reducing the travel required by families.

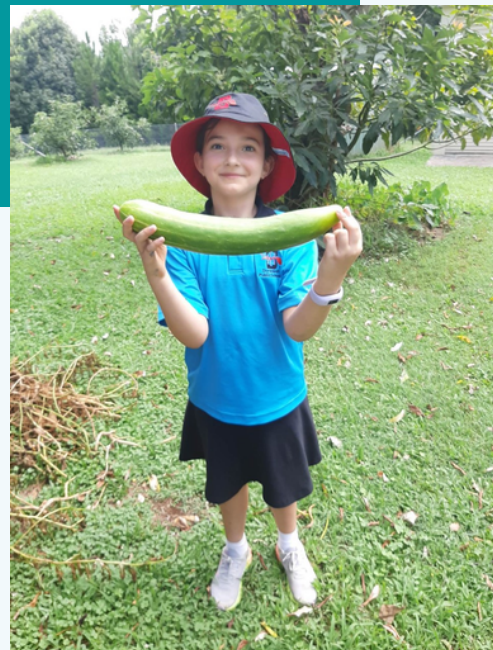
Music Lessons

Music lessons begin in earnest this week. Both Mr Eizenberg and Mr Smith provided free 'tasters' last week to all students who felt they might like to try an instrument. Students who would like to learn an instrument can simply ask for a permission note at the front office. Unless told otherwise, we will simply schedule all 2022 students into the same lessons. Lessons are \$90 per student, per instrument, per term

Jason Ellem
Principal



Our first week back and straight into our backyard! The kids couldn't wait to see the chickens and give them a cuddle! I'm not sure who was more excited- the kids to see the chooks or the chooks to see the kids (with scraps)! We were lucky enough to find in our garden some cherry tomatoes, beans, an apple and many cucumbers- one of which was GIANT and we called it the snozcumber from the BFG which the class shared and enjoyed. We are planning to start fresh with some of our garden beds over the coming weeks so watch this space as we have fun 'learning as we grow'. Also we would like to thank you for supporting our produce stalls, the kids really love selling what they have grown and take pride in earning the money for the school to buy our garden new plants to grow.



The families of the 4/5/6 Kids are excited to begin fundraising for the Norfolk Island Camp in October this year. We are aiming to raise as much money as possible between now and departure date to either cover all or some of the approximately \$1700 per student costs.

Activities underway are:

- Chocolate box drive. Families will be selling chocolates to help fundraise.
- Weekly raffle at Chinderah Tavern. This activity kicked off late last year and already we've raised a few hundred dollars. Every week we need 2 volunteers to head to the Tavern, sell some raffle tickets and watch the dollars roll in.
- Friday lunch. For Term 1, the kids will be offered a tasty lunch for a small fee (e.g. toasties or hotdog - to replace sushi or Tropical Fruit World) and the money will go towards Norfolk Island. Lunches will be prepared by the fundraising team.

Other ideas in the works include a colour run, and our annual Music Trivia.

Look out for regular fundraising team meetings which will be promoted in the usual ways, and the private Facebook Group "Norfolk Is. Fundraisers" -

www.facebook.com/groups/569053818364826

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). 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.
- Any student who is away for more than two days without explanation can receive a phone call from the school.
- 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.

P&C News

NEXT MEETING

Week 4 Thursday 16 February from 2.45 - 4.00 pm in Duranbah Public School Library. Everyone welcome.

Contact us with Agenda items and apologies.

WEDNESDAY CANTEEN LUNCHES

- COOKS NEEDED

- ORDER AND PAY VIA FLEXISCHOOLS

This year the P&C will be coordinating the Wednesday school lunches. No money will be handed into the office as this is all to be done via Flexi Schools. I understand this may not suit everyone, but these lunches are a great way for children to try new foods and it's also our biggest fundraiser for the P&C.

Please download and jump on the Flexi School app and you'll be able to order/pay for the weekly lunch. This app provides you with all the newsletters, excursion information and has an area for you to add student absences. A quick "how to" is here

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ndCTB_AF1IRAXgIMmBVrQER-Vc2CPOsH_uGglu9BIA/edit?usp=sharing

Below is the Term 1 schedule. Please add your name and the meal you would like to make. The document will save and remain linked to this - all you need to do is add your details and you don't need a Google account (or to be signed in if you have one).

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hNrdJRzW0jRuzZ4VdTYid3ry--5BHxEd/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=100871085780460686436&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Thank you
Kathy and Caroline

Office News

NEWSLETTER

Our fortnightly School Newsletter is being modernised and it will be published on Tuesdays this term. This Newsletter is printed and then published on our School Website, on our School and Community Facebook Page and on the Flexischool App.

COVID-19 PROCEDURES 2023

While the community continues to transition towards living with COVID-19, NSW Health advise that the unpredictable nature of the virus will continue to present a health risk to the community, with new waves of transmission expected in 2023.

In line with the health advice and community settings, the department will continue implementing baseline COVID-smart measures in schools throughout Term 1. These include:

- Reminding students, staff and families to stay home if unwell and test for COVID-19 if showing any symptoms
- Boosted day cleaning of high touch areas in our schools
- Strongly encouraging masks to be worn by all students, staff and visitors, particularly when indoors or outdoors when physical distancing is difficult to maintain.
- Requiring masks for staff and volunteers who interact with students at greater risk of serious illness if they were to contract
- COVID-19 - including in SSPs, support units and some mainstream settings
- Strongly encouraging up-to-date vaccinations for our staff and students, including COVID-19 booster shots for anyone eligible
- Maintaining natural ventilation with windows and doors open whenever possible, including when cooling/heating systems are in use
- Continuing to provide RATs and other hygiene products to schools through EdBuy, free of charge.

SURFING (All students)

Our Surfing Program now begins next Friday 10 February, each Friday for 6 weeks, concluding on 17 March, 2023. The permission note was sent home with students who are the eldest in the family. Please complete the permission slip to advise us of your child/ren's transport requirements and return it to us, with payment, by Wednesday 8 February. The online in2Surf Participant Indemnity Declaration also needs to be completed for each child. All year levels are required to participate.

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STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT

Family Statements of Financial Account will be sent home next week. These statements contain the cost of school fees, music and surfing programs. Payment may be made using any of the following methods: Cash, EFTPOS, POP, Flood Hardship Funds (if available) or NSW Service Back to School Vouchers. Prompt payment will be appreciated.

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2023

NSW Public Education support this Charity each year. They ask that our families donate \$2.00 for a chance to win a \$4000 Gift Voucher.

Step 1: Fill in the attached donation envelope with your name, address, telephone number and name of school

Step 2: insert a donation of an least \$2.00 into the envelope and seal it

Step 3: Return the envelope to school office by the end of Term 1, 2023.

Step 4: The raffle will be drawn on Friday 26th May, 2023 at 12.00 pm at Stewart House.

BOOK CLUB

The current Book Club catalogues (Issue 1) are being sent home this week. Please place all orders online if possible. All orders are delivered to the school and distributed by us. Each purchase by our families attracts reward points, which our school uses to purchase award books for our students for the schools Presentation Ceremony at the end of the year.

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION TO STUDENTS

When a medical practitioner has prescribed medication that must be administered during the school day, parents/carers must:

- notify the school
- provide up to date information as required
- supply the medication and any 'consumables' necessary for its administration in a timely way.

Parents/carers of children who require prescribed medication to be administered at school must complete a written request. All medication must be in it's original container and labelled with the student's name, dosage, name of medication. Students must not carry medications unless there is a written agreement between the school and the student's parents/carers.

Non-prescribed medications:

Schools generally don't administer medication that hasn't been requested for an individual student's specific condition. In some cases the medical practitioner may not write a prescription for such medication because it may be available over the counter'. NSW Health advises that 'over the counter' medication may still be harmful and that schools should follow the same procedures for non-prescribed medications as for prescribed medications.

BUSES

Families who would like the option of their children catching the bus from the Cudgen Road and Plantation Road intersection, will need to simply attain a bus pass (no cost) and can travel from tomorrow before the pass even arrives. Just let the school know.

If you have difficulty selecting J & B Buses for your area, just contact the school and we'll send a manual form home to complete and return to school, which can then be entered by the Bus Company staff.

How to apply for a bus pass for the first time:

Step 1

Once you have enrolled your child at the new school, apply online by giving your home address and telling us which bus company the student needs to travel with between home and school. You can apply online at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/home#/howToApply

Step 2

The school then confirms to us that your details are correct.

Step 3

We will then work on your application. You will get an email confirming if the student is approved for free travel. If so, we will tell your local bus company who may send a school travel pass (if needed) to your school or, in some cases, the bus company will contact you directly about travel arrangements.

A parent or guardian must apply for students aged 15 years and under. Students who are 16 years and over must apply for themselves.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

The Department of Education require that all volunteers who are parents or close relatives of a child at the school at which they are volunteering complete a Working With Children Check Declaration (available from the school office) and provide 100 points of identification as stated on the Service NSW website. Parents and close relatives of a child do not need a WWCC clearance number. If you come into the school to volunteer or help with day to day reading, canteen help, driving you need to apply.



Receive school notifications, including Absences, Newsletters, Notes & Events and order lunches with Flexischools.

Only use the ordering and payments sections for ordering lunches and P&C Payments. Please do not use this Flexischools for any other school payments, as the funds will go to the P&C account NOT the school account.

1. Download the Flexischools App

Note: for iPhone : notifications.



2. Add your School and Group

Click on the search icon, enter your school name, select your school and year group, or groups relevant to you.

3. Login/Register

Click the 'Order now' button located in the bottom right-hand corner of the app, this will open a log in screen.

- **Already a Flexischools user** - Enter your details and login.
- **New Flexischools user** - Click 'Register', enter your email address and follow the instructions in the email to set up your account. Once your account is set up, add new student; search for our school, enter student details and select their class.

PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS (POP)

Did you know that you can make payments to your child's school online?

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to your school's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?

- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Creative and Practical Arts
- Sales to Students
- Other

How?

Log onto School site at

www.duranbah-p.schools.nsw.gov.au.

Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.



Did you know?

Our bodies are more than 60% water

Our body uses water to help us create energy, digest food and regulate our body temperature. When we feel thirsty, our bodies are usually already dehydrated.

How much water should kids drink each day?



Top tips to drink more water:

- Remind your child to sip regularly on water throughout the day.
- Role model by drinking water with your child.
- Put water on the table at mealtimes.
- Keep cold water in the fridge to refill drink bottles.



Nutrition Snippet

CHOCOLATE AND COCONUT BLISS BALLS

Ingredients (makes 12)
Time to make: 10 mins

- 1 cup instant oats
- 12 pitted dates, chopped
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 2 tbsp cocoa
- 2 tbsp honey
- ¼ cup raisins

Method

- Place all ingredients except 2 tablespoons of the shredded coconut in a food processor and process until smooth.
- Roll into balls and then roll each ball in the remaining coconut.
- Place on a lined tray in the fridge for 1 hour to set.
- Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 2 weeks or freeze for up to 2 months.

For this recipe and more visit: healthylunchbox.com.au

Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Registrations now open for 2023

REGISTER ONLINE/APP USING NETBALL CONNECT, FOLLOW THE CHEAT SHEET
SIGN-ON DAY AT TWEED NETBALL, ARKINSTALL PARK SAT FEB 11, 8:30-11:30
ROUND 1 MARCH 18
CONTACT US ON FACEBOOK OR EMAIL CUDGENNETBALLREGISTRAR@OUTLOOK.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION

Sign up for term one 2023

Learn to Swim will resume on Monday 30 January 2023 for a 9 week term!

Morning and afternoon timeslots are available at all 3 of our facilities at Murwillumbah, Kingscliff and South Tweed.

Cost is \$144 for the term (\$16 per class). Classes run for 30 minutes. Goggles and caps are compulsory.

Active Kids and First Lap vouchers accepted.

Find out more about [Learn to Swim](#) or book your free assessment via the [online enquiry form](#) and one of our team will be in touch to arrange a time.



Recipe

Pizza Muffins

Pizza muffins make a great snack! If your kids help make them, they are more likely to eat them from their lunchbox.

Ingredients

- ½ English muffin per pizza
- Tomato paste
- Grated cheese



Topping ideas: herbs, capsicum, mushrooms, tomato, onion, pineapple, ham, chicken

Method

Spread the base with tomato paste.
Top with any of the toppings – making sure to add lots of vegetables!
Sprinkle with cheese and herbs.
Place under grill for 5 mins OR bake for 5 mins in a moderate oven.
Pizza muffins store well in the freezer.



Let's Look at Lunches

JOIN NOW!

Packing lunchboxes can be a challenge. Let's Look at Lunches has launched a free, 6 week e-newsletter series that provides ideas, recipes and tips to make packing lunchboxes easy!

Subscribe via the QR code or link below:



healthupnorth.info/lookatlunches



Active Kids

VOUCHERS

3 out of 4 children in NSW don't meet the physical activity guidelines of at least 60 minutes each day.

Active Kids Vouchers provide \$100 towards sport and active recreation costs for children.

Apply for vouchers via the Service NSW website or app.

Vouchers can be used for a range of activities including:

- team sports
- swimming
- dance
- surfing
- martial arts
- gymnastics
- tennis
- skateboarding



Pearson Assessment Services (PAS) is seeking expressions of interest from currently employed, recently retired, casually employed, graduate teachers and student teachers in their final year of study to participate in the marking of student responses for the 2023 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessment.

We have a number of casual employment positions available for those with teaching experience in literacy. This is a great opportunity for teachers to gain professional development experience in marking a national literacy assessment with the application of a formal rubric to assess writing scripts of students in NSW and ACT.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
W3	Feb 6	Feb 7	Feb 8	Feb 9	Feb 10 Surfing
W4	Feb 13	Feb 14	Feb 15	Feb 16 P&C Meeting 2:45-4pm (LIBRARY) Kindergarten best start	Feb 17 Surfing 1.00- 2:30
W5	Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 22	Feb 23	Feb 24 Surfing
W6	Feb 27	Feb 28	March 1	March 2	March 3 Surfing
W7	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10 Surfing
W8	March 13	March 14	March 15 NAPLAN	March 16	March 17 Surfing
W9	March 20	March 21 Harmony Day	March 22	March 23	March 24
W10	March 27	March 28	March 29	March 31	March 31
W11	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7 Last day of term