

Duranbah Public School

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Principal's Report

We're into week 5 and the school is clearly in full swing.

New Bus Pick-up time

The new pick-up areas are working really well with lots of new families making use of being able to drop off and pick up their kids at Plantation road and also at the Kingscliff Tennis courts.

We have also decided to send the first bus children to the awaiting early bus at 2:40pm in order to further alleviate afternoon congestion. This too has also provided relief for the busy afternoon pickups. If you see the bus at the school at around 2:40pm, it would help if you paused further up the driveway to allow it to leave.

Thanks for everyone's understanding in this.

P&C Meeting

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our P&C meeting last Thursday. There was lots of productive discussion and idea and minutes are available.

Music Trivia Night

Our annual 'Music Trivia Night' is set for Friday 31st March at the Kingscliff Bowling Club. Tables of 6 or 8 can now be booked at the office at \$15pp. Heaps of fun.

Thanks to everyone, have a good week.

Jason Ellem

Principal



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Norfolk Island Fundraising Update

The families of the 4/5/6 students 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 are selling chocolates to help fundraise. Contact the school if you would like to sell chocolates.
- 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 lunches, the kids will be offered a tasty meat pie or vegetarian sausage roll for \$5.00 (to replace Sushi or Tropical Fruit World) and the money will go towards Norfolk Island. Lunches will be prepared by the fundraising team.
- Car Wash will be held on Wednesday 8 March between 12.00 and 2.30 pm at the school - \$15.00 per car

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

P&C News

Thank you to all those that attended the P&C meeting last Thursday. The minutes will be made available on the FB page in the next few days. The agenda covered days/times for this year's meetings. The meetings need to be suitable for the P&C committee, teaching staff and to parents who would like to attend. We agreed the next meeting will be in week 7 and will be an evening meeting. The date, venue and time will be posted soon. Term 2 and 3 meetings will be 2:45pm Thursday of week 3 and the evening meeting will be in week 7. Term 4 is busy for students, teachers and parents and we have decided to have one meeting in week 3.

We decided to change the cut off time for ordering Wednesday's lunch, it will now be midday on Tuesday. Please note that a \$40 reimbursement is available for our Wednesday lunch chefs. Miss Kerry can pay you until we have our online bank account up and running.

The committee discussed creating a P&C levy, I will discuss this further with Jason and will vote on this at the next meeting.

If anyone needs assistance with Flexischools lunch ordering please reach out. kathyroc77@gmail.com.

Thank You

Kathy

Sustainability

This past fortnight has been one of planning and getting jobs done. We have been busy making lists of plants and things we need ready for Autumn. Hopefully this coming fortnight we will be able to remove everything from our garden beds and prepare the soil for our new planting.

Our delicious Duranbah cucumbers are almost all finished growing so if you spot us out near the office selling- get in quick to avoid missing out!

Our happy hens have been very cheeky lately and have decided to lay their eggs under bushes for the kids to have egg hunts. The children have a great time finding and then conducting the float/sink test on each egg to ensure they are fresh and ready to sell.

Lastly we are hoping to refresh our 2 scarecrows so if anyone has any old newspapers, stockings, pillow slips, clothes or hats please bring them in to Ms Stewart, Thank you.



Office News

SCHOOL VISITOR CHECK-IN

All visitors, parents, contractors and school staff are to check-in and out at the school office. Our School has a computer device on the Reception Counter and a QR Code displayed on the reception area windows, for the purpose of checking in and out of the school.

SCHOOL TIMES

Bell times are as follows:

9.00 am Starting time

11.00 – 11.45 am First Break

1.15 – 1.45 pm Second Break

2.45 pm Finishing time

Please ensure students are dropped off at school after 8.30 am, as there is no staff supervision prior to this time.

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2023

NSW Public Education's Charity of Choice for almost 90 years, Stewart House has supported children from across NSW and ACT public schools who are going through

tough times and are in need of a break. In more recent times, this has included many children from families who have been adversely affected by prolonged drought and economic hardship.

Children attend Stewart House free of charge and they rely almost entirely on charitable donations to run their 12 day program, designed to develop the students physical, social and emotional wellbeing.

Once again this year we are supporting the Stewart House donation drive. Each family can donate \$2.00 for a chance to win a \$4000 family holiday.



STEP 1 – Envelopes were sent home with the last Newsletter. Fill in your name, address, telephone number and school name.

STEP 2 - Insert a donation of at least \$2 into the envelope and seal it.

STEP 3 - Return the envelope to your school office by end of Term 1, 2023

STEP 4 – The raffle will be drawn on Friday 26 May, 2023 at 12.00 pm at Stewart House.



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2023 SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our School Photo Day will be Wednesday 8 March for all students and staff. The photos will be taken on our school premises. Please ensure your child wears their School Uniform (Polo Shirt) on this day, not the Sports Uniform. Please complete your photo order forms, one per family, and return to the school by Friday 3 March, 2022.

Payment is to be made directly to the Photographer, Enigma Vision (EV Photo) by including cash with your order (which we will pass onto the Photographer) or completing the Credit Card section on the order form or by Direct Deposit. Please return completed order forms to school, but do not pay the school.

The Photo Order forms were sent home last week.

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

The office has a variety of second hand uniforms for purchase for \$5.00 each. Contact the office for sizes.

NAPLAN

If you are choosing to withdraw your child from the NAPLAN tests, please sign the paperwork available from the front office, by this Thursday 23rd February.

DEFIBRILLATOR

Our school has a life saving Defibrillator, which was donated to our school community by the Kingscliff Lions Club. It is situated on the veranda of the school toilet block, housed in a white weather proof cabinet, which is accessible by all community members at all times.



Award Winners

Week 3: Hanalei, Elyssa, Parker, Riley



Week 4: Quinn, Amelie, Bonnie, Gabe, Bentley



Week 5: Novia, Thea, Ryan, Isla



Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management in Schools

In accordance with the policy of the Department, peanuts, tree nuts and nut products will be excluded from school activities. This does not include foods labelled "may contain traces of nuts".

If food is being provided from home for any activities please ensure that peanuts, tree nuts and nut products are not used as ingredients.



If you live a long way from public transport and need to drive a student to a public transport pick up point or to school, you may be able to get financial assistance.

The School Drive Subsidy provides eligible parents and guardians twice-yearly payments to help cover some of the expenses of getting children to school.

To find out if you're eligible, and to apply online, visit transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

Can't get online?

Ask about the School Drive Subsidy at your school, or call **131 500**.

FRESH HEN EGGS

We have fresh chicken eggs available each day. The cost is \$3.50 or \$3.00 with the return of an egg carton. Please order through the school office.





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POSITION VACANT

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.

For information regarding NAPLAN Marking, please refer to:
www.pearsonra.com.au/naplanmarking/homepage.html

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



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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 School Photos Car Wash	March 9 P&C Meeting	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 Trivia Night	March 31
W11	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7 Last day of term Return Stewart House Donations

