

# Duranbah Public School

*A quality education in a caring environment*

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Week 1 Term 4 - Friday 13 October 2023

## Principal's Report

A big welcome back to everyone for what will be a fantastic term of learning and experiences for our students and families.

This term will see so many activities for everyone including the intensive swimming program, Norfolk Island excursion, K-3 excursion to Tropical Fruit World, Theatre shows, school presentations and Public Speaking Finals just to name a few.

### TWEED HOCKEY SUMMER COMPETITION

The Yrs 3-6 Summer 5's competition begins next Wednesday at Murwillumbah Hockey Centre. Our school has a team entered and it's not too late for families to register students to be part of our team. Simply do so on the Tweed Hockey Website.

### FNC PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Following our school finals at the end of last term, Amelite, Riley and Mikayla attended the Far North Coast Public Speaking Finals at Uki on Wednesday.

They did our school very proud with their excellent effort and courage in presenting to such a large audience at the next level of representation. They did exceptionally well, among strong competition. From all reports their speeches were even better than the ones delivered at our school finals.

Thanks to Miss Sophie who helped them prepare for this experience and along with Mrs Stewart, attended on the day to support.

Have a wonderful weekend

Jason Ellem  
Principal

## FNC PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2023

# WELL DONE!



## Office News

### ONLINE ENROLMENT INTO ETHICS AND SCRIPTURE

Online enrolment into Ethics and Scripture is now available for new and existing enrolments, through the School Website

<https://ehub.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/update-student-details/>.

Parents can submit their SRE/SEE preference anytime, using this online form. All enrolment processes are being digitised, but the paper based preferences are still available for the school to enter manually at this stage.

### FLOOD HARDSHIP FUNDS

Reminder all Flood Hardship Funds are to be used by the end of this year or the funds will be taken back by the department. Reminder from Monday 4 September, we have used your existing Flood Hardship Funds to pay any outstanding charges, unless you advised us otherwise. Please note only the school can credit these funds to an activity in School Bytes, due to the rules associated with the usage of these funds. Families can apply any other type of credit to their own account.

### HARD COPY (PAPER) OF NEWSLETTER

With the transition to School Bytes all communication is gradually moving to the online platform.

**From the beginning of Term 4 2023 we will no longer be sending out hardcopies of newsletters to students.**

Please let us know if you still need to receive a hard copy of the Newsletter and contact the office if you require any assistance installing or using the new platform, we are more than happy to help. Congratulations to so many of our parents and carers who are already using School Bytes.

### FRIDAY SUSHI

Sushi Fridays will be commencing next Friday 20th October. The cost is \$2.50 each (cash only) and orders need to be into the office by Thursday mornings. The Menu can be found under the Documents tab on the School Bytes Parent App.

### SCHOOL BYTES SMS REMINDERS

We are now sending out SMS reminders each day for unexplained absences. Please ensure you provide an explanation through School Bytes, under the Attendance tab.

## ACTIVITIES, EXCURSIONS, INCURSIONS

### YEARS 4/5/6

#### NORFOLK ISLAND EXCURSION PAYMENTS

Those permission/medical forms are due back at school please. Also ensure the payments towards the Norfolk Island Camp, which were listed on the last Statement of Account sent home, are completed. Contact the school if you are having any difficulty with these payments. Please also ensure you have organised the Insurance for your child. You may need to phone Joyce or Glen at Burnt Pine Travel on 1800 501 128 for an up to date quotation. An update with further information has been emailed home this week. A bus will now be available to and from the Brisbane Airport. Parents will be asked if they would like an interview to discuss their child's needs prior to the excursion, etc.

### ALL YEAR LEVELS

#### MURWILLUMBAH THEATRE PERFORMANCE – PUSS IN THONGS

The performance of HICCUP for all year levels and is on at the Murwillumbah Theatre Auditorium on Friday 20th October. Transport is to and from the venue by bus. Please give permission and pay in School Bytes.

#### SWIMMING LESSONS – TERM 4

We are running an Intensive Swimming Program this year in Weeks 6 and 7 of Term 4. The dates for the lessons are:

Week 6

13, 14, 15 & 16 November

Week 7

20, 21, 22 & 23 November

The venue will be the Murwillumbah Pool this year and the students will be travelling to and from the venue by bus. Please provide permission and pay in School Bytes.

#### TRANSITION FOR ALL YEAR LEVELS AND KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION FOR 2024

The Kindergarten Orientation (for all new Kindergarten students in 2024) and the transition days for all current K – 5 students will be held at school in Weeks 2 and 3 next term. The dates are Thursday 19 October and Thursday 26 October from 9.30 am until 2.30pm.





# Parent App

**Available now!**

Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the image below.



## Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news



## SCHOOL NEWS ON PARENT APP

Check the School News tab regularly to stay up to date with what is happening at Duranbah PS. Notifications will also show in the top right corner on the bell.

## DOCUMENTS ON PARENT APP

The app also provides access to important school forms and documents that have been uploaded, such as Extended Leave forms and school policies. This feature makes it easy for parents to review and sign important documents without having to physically go to the school.

## Sustainability

First week back and lots of change to see with so many lovely signs of spring around us!

We have found 3 caterpillars on our lime tree and are hoping to follow them until they become beautiful butterflies. Our chicks have returned a lot bigger and are getting used to their new home near the big red hens. We are still not 100% sure on who are hens and who are roosters yet but fingers crossed for 11 hens.

We have planted some new flower seeds and have been busy caring for our garden beds which have gifted us many strawberries, beans and tomatoes this week. Our fruit trees are growing nicely, the apple tree has approximately 40 apples on it (a big improvement from the 3 last year!) Looking forward to a fruitful Term 4!



## Community Notices

Save water  
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### SAVE WATER TO DELAY RESTRICTIONS

Following the El Nino declaration by the Bureau of Meteorology and less than average rainfall now forecast for the Northern Rivers, Tweed Shire Council is urging everyone in the Tweed to save water to prolong the shire's water supply.

Without significant rain, the Tweed is heading into water restrictions.

Council is asking everyone who lives, works and plays in the Tweed to unite and save water now.

Level 1 water restrictions for most of the Tweed will be triggered when the Clarrie Hall Dam level drops to 85% full. If each of us is using less than 160 litres of water a day when water restrictions are introduced, we delay the need to impose harsh restrictions during extended dry periods.

Some great water-saving tips for families include cleaning hard outdoor surfaces with a broom not a hose, mulching your garden, keeping your showers to 4 minutes, doing full loads of washing and fixing your water leaks indoors and out.

Go to [tweed.nsw.gov.au/water-savings-restrictions](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/water-savings-restrictions) for more tips.

In 2020, Council banned water carting from Tyalgum and Uki. Whenever water restrictions are triggered, Council bans water carting from elsewhere in the Tweed to other local government areas.

Council is currently completing planning works for the proposed raising of Clarrie Hall Dam to increase the volume of water that can be stored, securing our water supply in the face of climate change and population growth.



## Community Notices



### Call out for artists, poets, bands, rappers & dancers

headspace Tweed Heads is hosting an exhibition at Kirra Hill Community and Cultural Centre Art Gallery in December and would love to share your work. We're also looking for performers for the opening night! Register your interest and find out more here: [communityengagement@headspace-tweed.org.au](mailto:communityengagement@headspace-tweed.org.au)



Cooloon Children's Centre

# COMMUNITY KIDS FEST!

**Saturday, 21st October**

2 Park Street,  
Tweed Heads  
(adj. to Recreation St Oval)

10:00 am -  
2.00 pm  
NSW TIME

- TRACKLESS TRAIN
- INFLATABLE BALL FUN
- DRUMMING- SOUND SYNERGY
- FARM ANIMALS
- WILD RANGERS
- PONY RIDES
- FACE PAINTING &
- HAIR COLOURING
- CRYSTAL DIG
- KOORI KIDS
- SILENT DISCO
- RENATA- MUSIC FOR KIDS
- ARTS AND CRAFTS

**A FREE event!**  
All families with young children welcome  
Raffles & BBQ available all day.

## School Calendar Term 4 2023

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
W2	Oct 16	Oct 17	Oct 18	Oct 19 Kindergarten Orientation 9.30-2.30pm Transition Day Years K-5	Oct 20 Puss in Thongs - Murwillumbah Theatre Years K-6
W3	Oct 23	Oct 24	Oct 25 P&C Meeting 2.30-3.30pm @ school	Oct 26 School Disco 5.30-7pm Kindergarten Orientation 9.30-2.30pm Transition Day Years K-5	Oct 27
W4	Oct 30	Oct 31 Norfolk Island Camp 4/5/6	Nov 1 Norfolk Island Camp 4/5/6	Nov 2 Norfolk Island Camp 4/5/6	Nov 3 Norfolk Island Camp 4/5/6

# P&C NEWS

## P&C MEETING

Next P&C meeting will be held at the school WK3 on Wednesday the 25th October at 2.30pm till 3.30pm.

Please email any topics you would like raised at this meeting to [durationbahpandc@gmail.com](mailto:durationbahpandc@gmail.com).

\*Unfortunately for us, our amazing Treasurer Matt will be stepping down from this position and we are looking for another that would like to join our team of dedicated parents. If you would like to be considered, please email us for our WK3 meeting where we decide our new team member.

## P&C MEMBERSHIP

### BECOME A VOTING P & C MEMBER FOR \$1

The P&C needs paid members so that when we vote on decisions we meet the constitution's requirements.

We encourage all parents to become a paid member, that way you can vote on matters arising that affect your children.

It's only \$1 and gives you voting rights for the year.

Please transfer \$1 to the P&C's bank account

NAB

BSB: 08 2679

Account: 18813499

Please include your name and children's name as reference.

\*Monies are a donation to the P&C and are not refunded

\*Attending teachers can be paid members, as long as they meet criteria of having their kids enrolled as student at the school or are living within the school's catchment area.

\*Teachers without a child at school and not in the catchment can't be paid member

\*Membership goes from the date of payment and ends at the next AGM in August 2024



## 2023 100KM BIKE RIDE FUNDRAISER

The 2023 100 km bike ride fundraiser for the school P&C is set for Saturday October 14th.

Steve Austen, Simon Craig, Krystal Barnsley, Bernie Haugh & Greg Blacklock are confirmed starters for Duranbah Public School. We Also have 2 riders representing Kingscliff Public School P&C.

Entry is \$100 and sponsorship can be arranged from family, friends or employers at a per/KM rate.

This is the rides 9th year and I'd like to invite any new parents at the school this year to join us on what is always a great day out exploring this wonderful valley that we live in. Please give me a call if you're interested 0416 562 277.

\$100 reg + all donations can go direct to P&C NAB account, bsb:082679, a/c:18813499.

Please be in touch this week! 0416562277. Remember! Spare tube and back flasher!!!! (& helmet).

## TERM 4 WEDNESDAY LUNCHES

So the Winner is....

NACHOS!!!



This will start from WK2 until WK9, as there will be a free bbq WK10 Wednesday 13th December.

We are asking that the full amount of \$32 per student (8weeks) be made through the Flexischools app by no later than Sunday 22nd October, no orders after this date will be accepted.

If you would like to volunteer a Wednesday to cook a lovely lunch for our kids, please add your name to the list provided on our Facebook page or email us on [durationbahpandc@gmail.com](mailto:durationbahpandc@gmail.com).





# DURANBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL



## DISCO

WHEN - OCTOBER 26TH  
WHERE - DURANBAH SCHOOL  
TIME - 5.30PM TILL 7PM

COST - \$10 PER CHILD

RSVP & PAYMENT BY 23RD OCT  
DRINKS AND PARTY FOOD PROVIDED  
STUDENTS & SIBLINGS ONLY



NAME : \_\_\_\_\_

SONG CHOICE : \_\_\_\_\_