

Duranbah Public School

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Week 2 Term 3 - Friday 28 July 2023 - Edition 11

Principal's Report

Welcome back everyone to Term 3. Hopefully everyone was able to have a relaxing time over the break and is ready for a busy term of learning and enjoyment.

TERM 3 SPORT

This term we are enjoying tennis for sport each Thursday. Shannyn Prichard from Kingscliff Tennis will conduct fun games and tennis challenges for our students here at school.

Nathan Eglington (former Olympian) will also be conducting a short hockey clinic at school in Weeks 3 and 4, which will lead into an opportunity for our Year 3-6 students to participate in a hockey gala day later this term.

We have entered an 8 person team into the Todd Woodbridge Cup later this term. This is a modified tennis gala day in Murwillumbah for Stage 2 students. Our whole school will participate in the Tweed Community of Small Schools Annual Ball Games Day at Fingal Head PS at the end of Term 3.

AUSLAN

We welcome back Mrs Kathy Wildermuth to continue her Auslan program with our students. These are run each Friday for each class including a session for our Auslan Choir who will perform at our end of year Presentation.

PREMIERS SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to our successful finalists for the upcoming Premiers Spelling Bee. Our Stage 2 winning finalist was Ollie Field with Eleanor Hilder coming second. In Stage 3, Ramona Blacklock was our winning finalist and Jasmine Austen was second. The Regional Final will be held on the 15 August, with these winners representing us in the online finals

SCRIPTURE AND ETHICS

In Term 3 we have been provided with an extra Scripture teacher, meaning that all students are organised into either of these two programs every week.

P&C MEETING

Our annual P&C AGM is taking place on Thursday August 3, where all positions are declared vacant and executive positions are filled. Our President, Kathy and our Treasurer Matt are both stepping back from their positions this year. If you feel you might be interested in helping our school in one of these positions, feel free to speak with me here at school or contact Kathy for more details.

PASSION PROJECTS

These began today and were simply a great deal of fun! Aerodynamics, Art and Craft, Cooking, African Drumming etc etc; the list of opportunities was excellent. Thank you to Ms Schumacher for putting these together for our students.

DURANBAH CAR BOOT SALE

On the last Saturday of the holidays our fundraising group hosted a great Car Boot sale here at school. It was a real success and they had lots of visiting buyers and sellers here on the day. Thanks to Nat and Naomi for driving this initiative.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Jason Ellem

Principal

Congratulations
TO OUR AWARD WINNERS



Week 3

Zahli, Mikayla, Summer, Elyssa, Lenny, Raphael, Matilda, Lenny, Jeremy

Office News

ACTIVITIES, EXCURSIONS, INCURSIONS

HICCUP – Kindy, Years 1 – 3

Murwillumbah Theatre Company is pleased to announce that Windmill Theatre Company is back again with its production Hiccup by Jude Henshall and Ellen Steele ON Tuesday 5 September, 2023 commencing commencing at 10.30 am at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre Auditorium.

Hiccup is a hilarious rocking musical extravaganza about working together, finding friendship and how to, once and for all, stop the hiccups. The production features gorgeous native Australian animals as characters.

The information/permission notes have been emailed to parents and carers in School Bytes. Permission and payment will be able to be entered directly into School Bytes after next Tuesday 1st August.



BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Please return all book club orders to the office by Friday 4 August. A quick reminder that any rewards collected are used to purchase award books for the End of Year Presentation.

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. All current, past or future absences can be entered in your School Bytes Portal.
- Part Day Absences - Late or slept in are no not 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.
- Student absences MUST be explained within 7 days.

- Any student who is away for more than two days without explanation can receive a phone call or email from the school.
- Student absences for longer than 5 days to travel, must have approval from the Principal, through submitting an Application for Extended Leave – Travel, prior to the travel dates. These forms will be available on the School Bytes Portal.

Upon your child's return to school, please send in a note or use School Bytes 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.

Book Week 2023



It's time to start thinking about your costumes for our Book Week Parade!

This year the theme is 'Read, Grow, Inspire'. Continuing on from last year, we will have a writing competition open to all students. This year, children can compose a narrative or non fiction written piece. The winners will be announced at the Book Parade. Parents are welcome to watch the Book Parade, enjoy some morning tea, then join in on the days' activities.

Office News

SCHOOL BYTES PAYMENTS

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to an upgraded School Bytes finance system on 1 August 2023!

In preparation for the transition to a simplified finance system for both you and the school, we will be required to implement a short payment lockout period where we will not be able to receive any payments.

What this means for you

- No payments can be made online from 9am, Tuesday 25 July 2023.
- Last day to make cash, cheque or EFTPOS payments will be at 1pm on Wednesday 26 July 2023.
- We will advise you when payments can resume closer to the above date
- Any existing payment links that have been sent to you previously in emails can still be used after the transition and will automatically redirect to the new system
- After the transition, a School Bytes portal will be available for you to register and begin using (Link: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>)
- All previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes finance system and portal
- Moving forward, when making a payment online, you will be redirected to a Service NSW page to complete an online payment. This is the new payment platform for online as directed by the NSW Department of Education.
- Payments made online will display as OSCHOOLSONLINE 0000 PARRAMATTA AUS on your bank statements moving forward.

What is the School Bytes portal

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque, money order and EFTPOS.

NSW Department of Education



NSW Education Parent App

Never miss an important school update or event.

The NSW Education Parent App makes it easier than ever to stay up-to-date with the latest information from your child's school. Get instant access to school communication from your mobile phone, with the ability to tailor content to your needs.



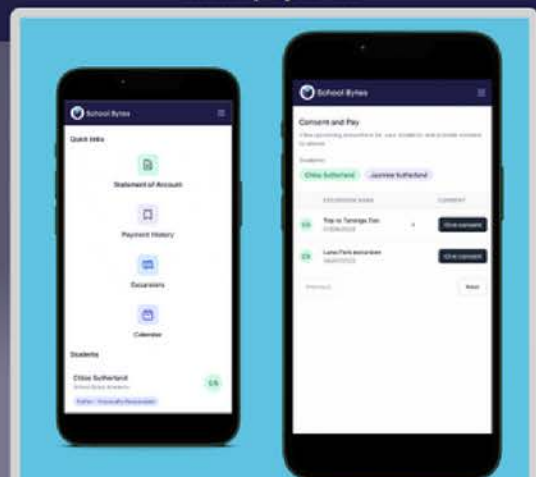
Download the NSW Education Parent App

education.nsw.gov.au



AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments



The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund



School Bytes

AVAILABLE DURING

TERM 3

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>



Sustainability

This fortnight in Sustainability we have been busy with our normal jobs but the chickens decided to be extra sneaky and lay their eggs under certain bushes!

We found 2 in their nesting boxes, another 2 found under one bush and 11 found under another!

We have now added 4 pretend nest eggs in their boxes to see if this encourages them to lay in there. The kids in 2/3 performed the float/sink test on the found eggs and the results were that they were all good.



Our garden produce is coming along nicely with lettuce, spring onions and the odd cherry tomato/bean/snow pea/strawberry ready to pick.

K1 were able to harvest our lettuce and we sold out in the one afternoon!



P&C NEWS

AGM DATE CHANGE

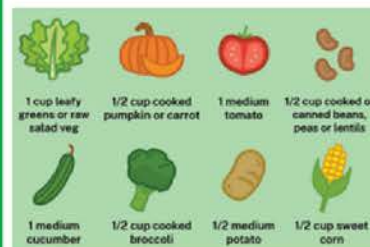
The annual P&C Annual General Meeting is taking place on Thursday August 3 in the school library. At the AGM all positions are declared vacant and executive positions are filled.

If you feel you might be interested in helping our school in one of these positions, feel free to speak with Jason at school or contact Kathy for more details.

What is a Serve?

Vegies

Did you know that less than 5% of people eat enough vegetables each day? Check out this guide to see what different serves of vegies look like.



How many serves should you aim for?
Children under 3 years: 2-3 serves.
Children 4-8 years: 4-5 serves.
People 9 years and over: 5 serves.



Physical activity, learning and concentration

Did you know?



Physical activity can improve your child's learning and memory

High intensity activity may improve test results



Children concentrate on tasks better straight after physical activity



Community Notices

Richmond Tweed Regional Library
Connect. Discover. Escape.

www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au

27 July 2023

READ GROW Inspire

Celebrate Book Week with your public library!

Each year Richmond Tweed Regional Library and the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) bring children together with books to celebrate Children's Book Week. During this time, libraries, schools, authors, booksellers, illustrators, and children celebrate Australian children's literature.

This year's CBCA Book Week begins on **Saturday 19 August** and the theme is **Read, Grow, Inspire**. To celebrate, we're delighted to welcome schools, preschools, and childcare centres to investigate, dream, and open their eyes to everything their local library has to offer. Join us for a fun **Visit the Library Experience**—giving children a firsthand look at the library. There'll be activities, displays, a presentation, a library tour, and of course—the Children's Book Week award-winning books!

Alstonville Library	02 8628 5527 or email alstonville@rtrl.nsw.gov.au
Ballina Library	02 6688 2831 or email ballina@rtrl.nsw.gov.au
Brunswick Heads Library	02 6685 1816 or email brunswick@rtrl.nsw.gov.au
Byron Bay Library	02 6685 8540 or email byron@rtrl.nsw.gov.au
Goonellabah Library	02 6625 1235 or email goonellabah@rtrl.nsw.gov.au
Lennox Head Library	02 6687 6398 or email lennox@rtrl.nsw.gov.au
Lismore Library	02 6621 2464 or email lismore@rtrl.nsw.gov.au
Mullumbimby Library	02 6684 2992 or email mullumbimby@rtrl.nsw.gov.au
Tweed Heads Library	07 5536 3672 or email tweed@rtrl.nsw.gov.au

Library tours and visits are available all year round. For more information contact our Community Engagement team on 02 6625 5100 or email communityengagement@rtrl.nsw.gov.au

A Windmill Theatre Company Production in association with the Murwillumbah Theatre Company Inc presents...

HICCUP!

BY JUDE HENSHALL AND ELLEN STEELE



September 5th 2023 - 5.30 pm
Murwillumbah Civic Centre
Tickets: \$10 adults / children
Recommended ages 4 - 8 years
Duration - 45 minutes
Enquiries: 0498 831 575

Tickets available at the door or online @ www.murwillumbahtheatrecompany.com.au

WINDMILL THEATRE CO

Windmill Theatre Co is supported by the Government of South Australia and the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts, its arts funding and advisory body.

2023
BYRON
WRITERS
FESTIVAL

WILD IMAGINATION

KIDS BIG DAY OUT

A fun-filled day of presentations and workshops for kids aged 5-12 years

Sunday 13 August, Bangalow Showground



1 ADULT & 1 CHILD FOR \$40 - BOOK NOW

Details and bookings via byronwritersfestival.com/kbdo



COME & TRY



**BOYS AND GIRLS OF
ANY AGE
AND SKILL LEVEL!**

Registration Days
Sundays August 6, 13, 20, 27
9.30 - 11.00am

Arkinstall Park,
off Kirkwood Road, Tweed South

*Why not give Baseball
a try this season?*

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0438781593

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Wingspan Sports
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Community Notices



Image: Rous River in 1928 from Kynnumboon, with Hugh and Max Barnby. Photographer: A. Barnby.
Image courtesy of Beverley Fairley.

Community Tree Planting Day at Kynnumboon

Join us for a fabulous community day planting rainforest trees and shrubs to support the growth and sustainability of our region's unique flora, fauna and people.

In-between planting you can take a guided walk through remnant riparian rainforest, explore the Museum on Wheels' Kynnumboon exhibition, hear stories about the little animals who visit the forest, grab a snack, enjoy the view, and much more.

Saturday 5 August, 9am - 2pm
63 Numinbah Road, Kynnumboon
Free. All ages.

www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/council.news-updates/latest-news/media-releases/1419343-the-tweeds-largest-community-tree-planting-and-nature-care-event

— Your Health Link —

National Photographic Competition

HEALTHY LIFE HEALTHY YOU

Competition
opens
**19 August
2023**

SAVE THE DATE

The Mid North Coast Local Health District will open its 2023 Your Health Link National Photographic Competition on World Photography Day 19 August, 2023.

Primary and high school students are encouraged to get ready to grab their mobile phones, tablet or trusty camera and capture images that promote 'Healthy Life Healthy You' for a chance to win a range of great prizes.

Schools are also the big winners with prizes supporting healthy school canteen programs.

For further information contact:
Tiffany Ball
National Competition Manager
MNCLHD-YourHealthLink@health.nsw.gov.au

www.yourhealthlinkphotocomp.com.au

Mid North Coast
Local Health District

School Calendar Term 3 2023

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
W3	July 31	Aug 1 School Bytes Payments goes Live	Aug 2	Aug 3 P&C AGM Meeting - 2pm	Aug 4
W4	Aug 7	Aug 8	Aug 9	Aug 10	Aug 11
W5	Aug 14	Aug 15 Premiers Spelling Bee - Regional Final	Aug 16	Aug 17	Aug 18
W6	Aug 21	Aug 22	Aug 23 Book Week Parade, Activities & Parents Morning Tea	Aug 24	Aug 25 Small Schools Hockey



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EMERGENCY PLANNING AND ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE UPCOMING BUSHFIRE SEASON

Dear Parents,

I am writing to advise you that our school is in a bushfire prone area and is identified as Category 2 on the NSW Department of Education's bushfire risk register.

As a community user of our facilities, it is important that you know what to do in an emergency and have a plan in place. This is a requirement of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*.

During the school term, when the NSW Rural Fire Service declares a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating for Tweed LGA, the NSW Department of Education's policy requires the school to temporarily cease operations for the following day. This means the school will be non-operational on these days. The school will inform the school community after 4 pm if there is a change to the operational status of the school for the following day.

In addition, schools may be made non-operational due to changing higher risk conditions and advice from Emergency Services and the State Emergency Operations Centre.

We recommend that you download the [Parent App](#) and select to monitor advice from our school which will push notifications to you advising that the school is non-operational. We also recommend that you stay up to date with bushfire and grassfire activity by using the [Hazards Near Me](#) app (set a watch zone for your school area), and by monitoring local media. You can also review fire activity and alert levels on the [RFS](#) website.

It is important that you undertake appropriate planning and monitor bushfire conditions during the bushfire season and be ready to act when required.

The NSW Rural Fire Service website provides a range of useful information at: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au.

Further information can be found at the NSW Department of Education's School Safety website: education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety

Yours sincerely

Jason Ellem