

Duranbah Public School

A quality education in a caring environment

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Week 3 Term 4 - Friday 27 October 2023

Principal's Report

We knew the term was off to a flying start, and so we find ourselves already facing the start of week 4!

WHOOPING COUGH

We currently have confirmed cases of Whooping Cough (Pertussis) in our school. If your child is unimmunised, you may consider keeping your child at home for a period of five days to protect your child and stop the spread of the disease. Please advise the school if you choose to take this course of action and we will enter approved leave for your child.

Parents of students attending next week's Norfolk Island Excursion are asked to closely monitor your child for symptoms. Feel free to contact the school for further information if required.

NORFOLK ISLAND EXCURSION

As you read this you can be assured there are 22 very excited students busily packing and checking that everything is ready for their major excursion to Norfolk Island next week.

The crew is meeting at 7am Tuesday morning and will be returning to school at approximately 8:30pm on Saturday evening. They will have an amazing experience that they will remember for their whole lives. Our school community will be able to stay tuned to their adventures each day as we publish interviews and photos.

We can't wait to see and hear their stories!

CURRUMBIN WILDLIFE EXCURSION

Next Tuesday, our years K-3 will be enjoying a wonderful excursion to the Currumbin Wildlife Centre. They will be leaving school at 9:30am by bus and will return by 3pm. Those students who travel home on the first bus usually will need to have alternate travel organised for that day.

STAFFING

Miss Alyssa Stavar joins our school for the next 4 weeks on her final practicum. She will work mostly with the 4/5/6 class, but will also be spending some time in the other two classes during her experience.

During our excursion to Norfolk Island, Ms Myler will be relieving Principal.

SCHOOL DISCO

Unfortunately due to Whooping Cough being present in the school, the School Disco has been postponed until Week 6 this term. Further information will be provided in the coming weeks, including times and a date.

P&C MEETING

Thank you to those who were able to attend our school P&C meeting at school on Wednesday. The minutes will be made available to everyone interested.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Jason Ellem
Principal

Congratulations
TO OUR AWARD WINNERS



Week 2

Jaden, Jasmine, Isabella, India, Tarlow, Banjo



Week 3

India, Jem, Thomas, Kalea, Mia, Otto, Taya, Sonny, Riley



KINDY ORIENTATION

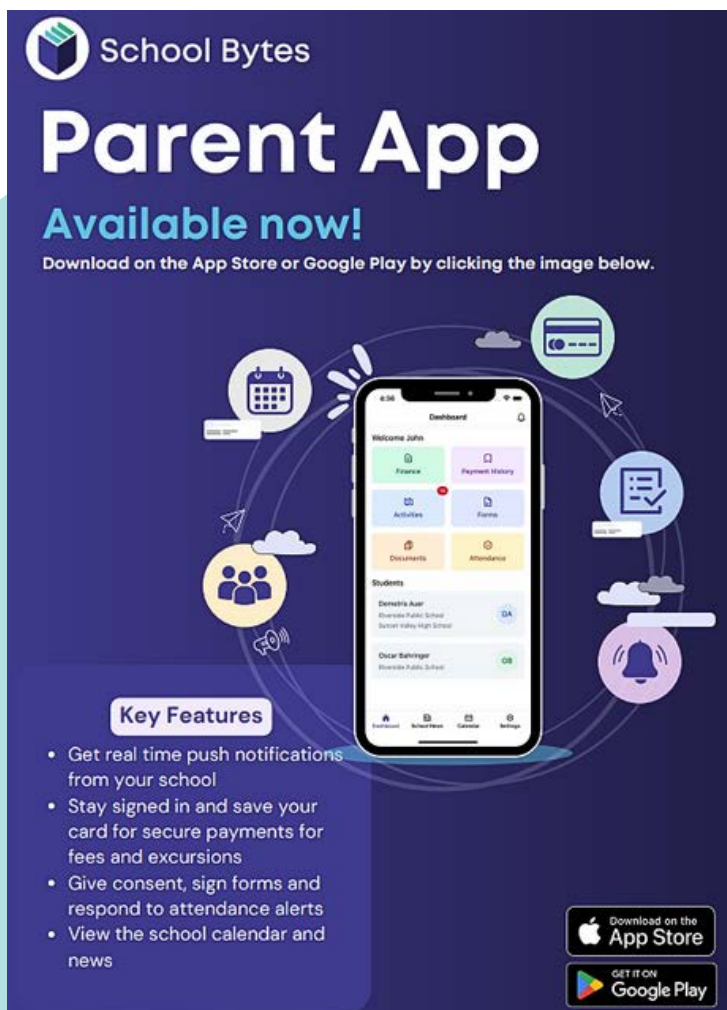


TRANSITION DAY

Office News

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.



School Bytes

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

The graphic shows a central smartphone displaying the app's interface with tabs for Finance, Payment History, Activities, Forms, Documents, and Attendance. Surrounding the phone are icons representing these features: a calendar, a credit card, a document, a group of people, and a bell for notifications. At the bottom right, there are buttons for 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play'.

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.

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.

FRIDAY SUSHI

Sushi Fridays are back! 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.

SCHOOL BYTES PARENT APP is now available to download from the App Store and Google Play store. If you download this app we can SMS messages to you rather than using email.

ACTIVITIES, EXCURSIONS, INCURSIONS

K-3

CURRUMBIN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY EXCURSION

On Tuesday 31 October Years K-3 will be having a fun day out at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. Students will be travelling to and from the venue by bus, which will leave at 9.30am NSW time and will return at 3pm NSW time.



Alternative pickup arrangements will need to be made for any students who usually catch the 1st early bus.

Students will need a packed lunch, water bottle, full school uniform and enclosed shoes. Cost is \$20 and payments and permission can be given through School Bytes.

ALL YEAR LEVELS

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.

Sustainability

This past fortnight we have spent time noticing the growth in all our plants.

The apples and peaches are close to picking and the little fig tree has many small figs forming which is exciting as the bush was getting attacked recently by small grubs so we used our school made white oil and it seemed to do the trick.

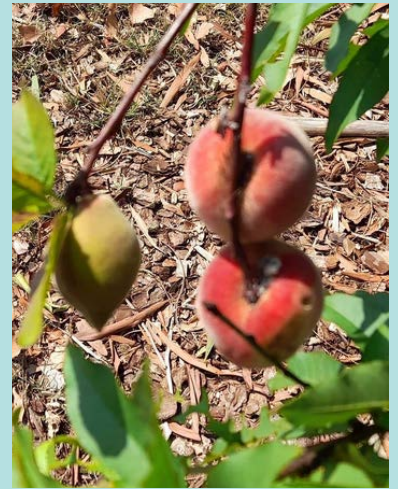


Our hens are happy and have been enjoying their Wednesday afternoon nacho left overs.

The smaller chicks are currently living at my house as 4 of them got a bad chicken disease with 2 making a full recovery and 2 sadly not making it, so we have 9 chicks all up now.

They will be returning to our school hopefully soon.

Our flowers are starting to pop up around the greenhouse spreading colourful joy as they bloom and remind us it is spring



Thank You to everyone who has donated a shoebox full of gifts. We have received 21 boxes which is amazing! These will be sent off soon to children all over the world!



Community Notices



Department of Education Webinar - Applying for Selective High School

Wednesday 1st of November, 7:00-8:00pm AEDT

Is your child in Year 5? Is your child curious? Do they love learning and enjoy a challenge? Learn more about selective high schools and apply today.

We are excited to bring you essential information from the Department of Education regarding an upcoming webinar designed exclusively for parents of children in Year 5. This webinar aims to provide valuable insights into the application process for a placement at a selective high school for year 7's in 2025.

Being a part of selective high schools allows for a learning environment designed especially for academically gifted and high-potential students. Subjects are taught at the pace and complexity just for them.

Being in a classroom with other talented learners supports your child's academic and social development.

Parents or carers of students in Year 5 need to apply by 20 November 2023 for placement at selective high school for Year 7 in 2025.

Parents and carers are invited to attend the webinar to learn more about selective high schools, the application and placement process. The webinar will cover:

Benefits of selective high school
Types of selective high schools: fully selective, partially selective, online
Explaining the placement process
The Equity Placement Model
Submitting the online application
Reasonable adjustments for disability

Preparing for the test, including:

What to Expect:
practice test papers
test centres

What if something goes wrong on test day?
Ensuring Fair Access, we are committed to fairness and inclusivity. The Equity Placement Model reserves up to 20% of selective high school places for students from diverse backgrounds, including those from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, students from rural and remote locations, and students with disabilities.



Journeys to School, Parent Online Workshop

Friday, November 17, 2023, 10:00am-12:15 pm AEDT

ADD YOUR VOICE | Transport for NSW is conducting this workshop to understand the diverse perspectives of parents and carers regarding school drop-off and pick-up.

The workshop explores many parents' and carers' reasons for travel choices to and from school. To ensure a diverse representation, we invite you to self-nominate to share your perspectives and give your feedback.

The workshop will be interactive and allow for discussion on safety on streets, capabilities for children and parents to ride a bike, social influences and even the emergence of technology such as e-scooters and e-bikes!

The NSW government is dedicated to making school journeys convenient, efficient, and safe for students, teachers, parents, and communities.

The workshop will be held online via a Microsoft Teams video link on Friday 17 November.

If you are interested in attending, please fill out the application form via the link below and Transport for NSW will be in touch if you are selected to participate.

Register now @
https://www.pandc.org.au/journeys_to_school_registration/?_zs=QEnlm&_zl=dtAj2

If you have any questions, please email
parentvoice@pandc.org.au



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2023 Murwillumbah Show
3 & 4 November

Get your online tickets now

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www.murwillumbahshow.com



All Pavilion Entries are FREE!!!

- Cooking
- Craftwork
- Fermentation
- Fine Arts
- Fruit & Vege
- Home Brewing
- Honey
- Horticulture
- Needlework
- Photography
- Preserves

Enter via our website
www.murwillumbahshow.com.au




School Calendar Term 4 2023

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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
W5	Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8	Nov 9	Nov 10
W6	Nov 13 School Swimming K-6 @ Murwillumbah	Nov 14 School Swimming K-6 @ Murwillumbah	Nov 15 School Swimming K-6 @ Murwillumbah	Nov 16 School Swimming K-6 @ Murwillumbah	Nov 17
W7	Nov 20 School Swimming K-6 @ Murwillumbah	Nov 21 School Swimming K-6 @ Murwillumbah	Nov 22 School Swimming K-6 @ Murwillumbah	Nov 23 School Swimming K-6 @ Murwillumbah	Nov 24

P&C NEWS

P & C MEETING

Duranbah P&C would like to welcome its newest team member Kate Johns, who will be taking over the roll as treasurer from Matt Camps. A special thanks to Matt for all his hard work and effort over the past years.

The latest P&C minutes from Wednesday's meeting will be uploaded to the files section of our Facebook page. Please feel free to read and contact us should you have any questions.

Next P&C Meeting to be held on Wednesday 22nd November from 2.30pm - 3.30pm at the school library. Everyone is welcome to join as we look forward to sharing fund raising opportunities to support our children. Apologies or Agenda items can be emailed to duranbahpandc@gmail.co

TERM 4 WEDNESDAY LUNCHES

Regarding our Nachos lunches....So far so good, and you know how we know.... Bowls are returning empty with big smiles across their faces saying "thank you very much I really enjoyed it".

Our lovely secretary Caroline has completed a step by step recipe for both meat and veg option and if you would like to use this as a quantity guideline, there are copies in the office or it can be emailed to you on request.

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 duranbahpandc@gmail.com

DISCO

With our school's recent whooping cough infection, the decision was made to postpone the disco until later this term W6 - 16th November. All the same fun activities and food will still occur. We understand that many of our students are disappointed, however we need to ensure we make responsible decisions for the sake of our students and our community.

BECOME A VOTING MEMBER FOR \$1

The ball is rolling and we currently stand at 14 members so far, just remember that only \$1 gives you a right to vote on upcoming subjects that help pave the way decisions are made on how we fundraise for our children.

You can transfer \$1 to the P&C's bank account and don't forget to include your name and children's name as reference.

Duranbah P&C
BSB: 082-679
Account: 18813499

END OF YEAR PRESENTATION NIGHT RAFFLE

We will be running an online major raffle and traditional ticket Hamper raffle at the end of year presentation which is fast approaching. There are a number ways you can get involved.

1. Ask a local business or contact if they can donate a gift for our major on-line raffle. We have a donation request letter you can use to introduce yourself. Please liaise with Jo Anderson our Co-Vice President for more details.
2. Donate a Christmas item for our gift hampers which we will raffle off on the night. Anything in the Christmas spirit works from drinks, food or holiday related. 1 item per family can be left in the office voluntarily, every bit counts.
3. Volunteers to help coordinate the Christmas hampers. Looking for a couple of parents that would like to help with the collection and making of the hampers... and possibly sell tickets on the night aswell?. Caroline and Naomi are available to chat more about what is required.

BIKE RIDE SUCCESS

Congratulations and thank you to all of our wonderful cyclists, who rode a whopping 100km in this beautiful part of the world to fundraise for our school and students. You are all incredible and we appreciate your efforts.

Total amount raised for having a fun day was \$850!!!

Thank you for organising this Mr Greg Blacklock