

Duranbah Public School

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Week 4 Term 3 - Friday 11 August 2023 - Edition 11

Principal's Report

Well it's the end of Week 4 and of course our school and students are in top gear again! It's so wonderful to see and hear how their efforts are resulting in progress, but also the confidence that increases with success.

P&C MEETING

Thank you to those who were able to attend the school P&C AGM and meeting last week, and also to those who provided their apologies.

The new Executive committee is:

President - Naomi Wilson

Vice President - Greg Blacklock & Jo Anderson

Secretary - Caroline Bailey

Treasurer - Matt Camps

We wish to thank our outgoing President Kathy Rockwell for the time, effort and drive that she has provided our school P&C over the number of years she has led our group.

We welcome Naomi as President and look forward to working with her as P&C leader. Information will be shared concerning organisation moving forward for Fathers Day activities, School Presentation and also meeting schedules.

BOOK WEEK

Wednesday Week 6 is our annual Book Week celebration. Please see the attached information around this event and be sure to join us in celebrating this excellent experience for our students.

A big thanks to Ms Humes for all her work and organisation in preparation for this event.

STORY DOGS

Our school is very pleased to be able to share the news that we have been able to secure this excellent program for our students. This activity targets younger students who would benefit from the opportunity to build their reading fluency by reading to 'Rusty' the beautiful Blue Heeler. We are hoping for the program to start Week 5.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Last Thursday, 7 of our athletes participated in the District Athletics Carnival at Kingscliff. It was wonderful to see how they did their best in the various events, including our 11yr Boys Relay. A big congratulations to Jeremy Davids who was successful in qualifying for the next level of representation at the Far North Coast Carnival in both 11yrs Shotput and also 11yrs Discus.

Thanks to Mr Blacklock who managed this team throughout the day.

PREMIERS SPELLING BEE

Next Tuesday, the Regional Finals for the Spelling Bee will take place at school, online. The classes will get to see and support our two participants, Ramona and Ollie as they do their best at the next level.

Thank you to Ms K for organising this activity for our students.

PASSION PROJECTS

This week was the last of the three week cycle for our first Passion Projects set. There was so much variety on offer for our students, who enjoyed such activities as drumming, cooking, cake decorating, aeronautics, art and craft, jewellery making, and touch footy.

We take a week's break from these in Week 5, before starting a new three week set. If you think you might like to share a passion of yours with a small group of eager learners on Friday afternoon from 1:30pm-2:30pm just get in touch with someone at school.

A big thanks to Ms Schumacher for facilitating this wonderful experience for our students.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Jason Ellem
Principal

Office News

MURWILLUMBAH THEATRE PERFORMANCE -HICCUP

The performance of HICCUP for the Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 3 is on at the Murwillumbah Theatre Auditorium on Tuesday 5 September. Transport is by bus. Please give permission in School Bytes and enter payments (School Bytes, POP, EFTPOS or Cash) by Friday 1 September.

KINGSCLIFF LIBRARY VISIT

An information/permission note has been sent home this week for the whole school visit to the Kingscliff Library, as part of Book Week. Transport will be to and from the venue by bus, at the subsidised cost of \$5.00 per child. Please accept the permission note and make the payment in School Bytes by Friday 18 August.

PIKELET TUESDAYS

Send \$1.00 to school with your child on Tuesdays for two pikelets with jam and cream. A yummy treat with funds going towards our Sustainability program. A big thanks to Rhelma for cooking and organising this!

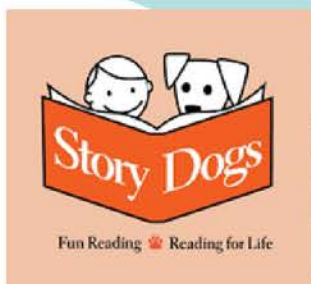


Sushi Fridays will be returning in Term 4. More information will follow towards the end of this term.

STORY DOGS

Story Dogs is an amazing program where trained volunteers and their dogs assist children to develop their reading skills. When children read to a Story Dog, they relax, try harder and have fun. This program is commencing at our school in Term 3, 2023. We warmly welcome Shaz and Rusty to our team at Duranbah Public School!

The children who are participating in this program have received an information/permission note.



For more information email info@storydogs.org.au or visit their website at www.storydogs.org.au

NORFOLK ISLAND REMINDER

Please return the permission and medical notes to the office as soon as possible.

The first payment is due Friday 11 August (Week 4). Payments can be made through School Bytes or in the office with cash and Eftpos (POP is also available).

The second payment is due 1 September (Week 7) and the third payment is due 22 September (Week 10).

A reminder to also ensure you have purchased Travel Insurance. This can be purchased through Burnt Pine Travel (information can be re-shared if needed) or families can make alternate insurance arrangements.

SCHOOL BYTES UPDATE

School Bytes Parent Portal payment credits will normally be able to be applied to payments by parents, but the Flood Fund credits need to be applied by the school, due to the guidelines around the usage of these funds. Please let the school office know if you want to use the flood funds, which must be used by the end of this year.

Congratulations TO OUR AWARD WINNERS



Week 3

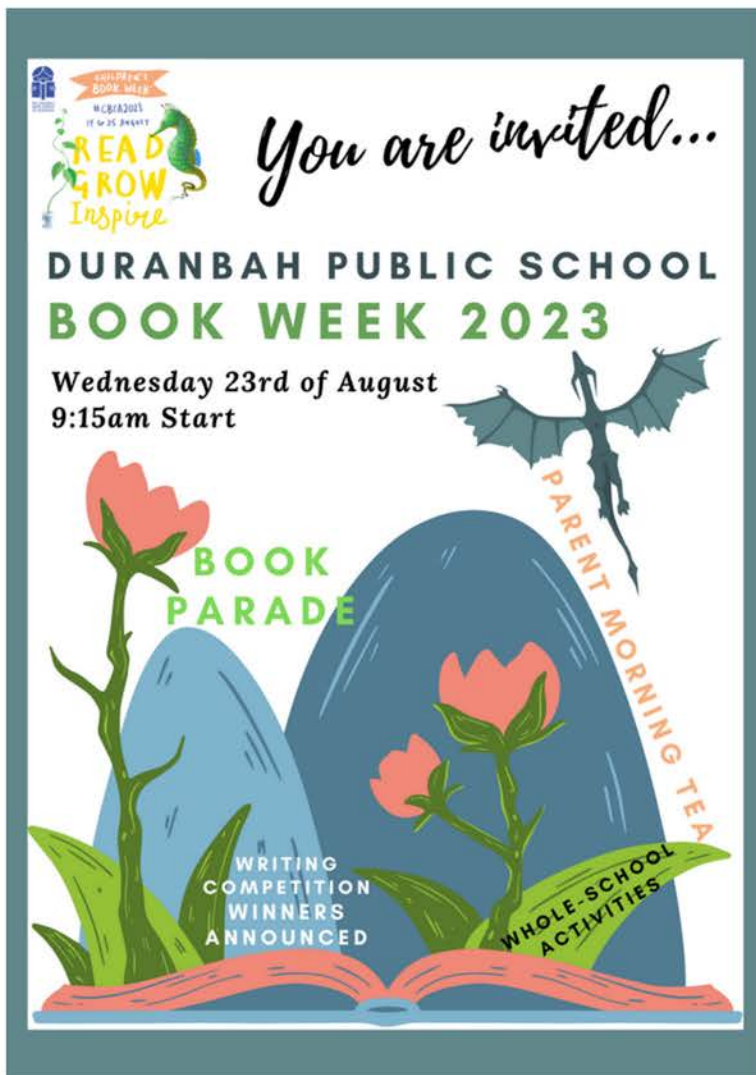
Jeremy, Darcy, Harper, Thea, Aislin, Hanalei, Hunter, Ollie



Week 4

Tarlow, Hayden, Liam, Lenny, Jem, Isla, Taya

Library News



Book Parade & Celebration

You are warmly welcomed to come along and be a part of our 2023 Book Week Celebration on **Wednesday August 23rd**.

The day kicks off at **9:15am** with our students' **Book Parade**. Students are asked to **dress up** and bring their chosen book along on the day (contact Miss H if this is not possible).

Our **writing competition winners** will be announced and will read a short excerpt from their winning entry. The competition is open to all students and entries are due no later than Friday 18th August. This year students could choose between writing a fiction or non-fiction text and had no word limits.

Following this, a special **Parents, Carers and School Community morning tea** will be provided by the school.

Parents are welcome to stay longer and join in a variety of book-based activities.

Parent/Carer Book Swap

Library Excursion

On **Thursday 24th August** students will be visiting Kinscliff Library.

Students will travel by bus in their class groups and take part in some fun and engaging activities.

Please ensure your child's **permission note** and **\$5** are returned and paid by Friday 18 August.

Golden Tickets

Have you heard the news? **Golden Tickets** have been discovered amongst the books in our library! Miss Humes wonders who will find the next one? A flurry of reading has followed the find. Watch this space...

Returning Books

K1 & 23 Library Day is on Friday, 4/5/6 Thursday. Please remind children to **return their books** as other students are waiting patiently to read them!

Parents and Carers are invited to:

BOOK SWAP DRINK & DINE

Thursday, August 24th

Time: 6pm

Duranbah PS LIBRARY

Bring a book to swap

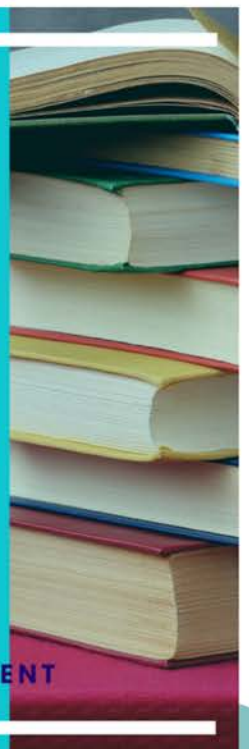
(The more books you bring the more you take home!)

BYO Drinks

Food provided



**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT
THIS IS A GROWN UP ONLY EVENT**



Norfolk Island Excursion

CHANGE OF DATE!

Norfolk Fundraiser 5km Student Walkathon

New date: Sunday 27 August (Week 6)

So far there's only been 5 RSVP's so we thought we all need some more time to RSVP and rally up sponsors!

Come and join us for a bit of fun, feed and with fast feet.

BBQ will be served on the day. Please RSVP with numbers by Friday 18 August.

The countdown is on! We have currently raised 29% of our goal of \$2000. Every dollar counts!

There are two ways to sign up and raise funds from sponsors:

- 1) Use this link <https://go.rallyup.com/duranbahps> to share far and wide. You can even set up a personal page for your child in the 'Participant Centre' to share with family and friends.
- 2) Paper copy for sponsorships paid by cash or via bank transfer will need to be handed into the office. Forms can be found on Facebook or contact the office.

The more, the merrier! It will be a fun day!!

See you there!

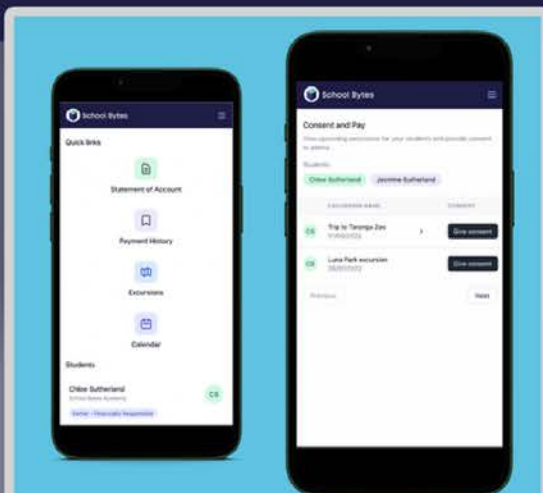
Friday Pie Day will continue for the rest of Term 3, with meat pies and Vege sausage rolls available for \$5. Please bring cash to the office by Thursday afternoons. All money raised goes towards the Norfolk Island Excursion for Years 4/5/6.



Head down to the Chinderah Tavern every Thursday night to buy a ticket in the **Norfolk Island Raffle** and help raise funds for the 4/5/6 excursion.

AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school offers a 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



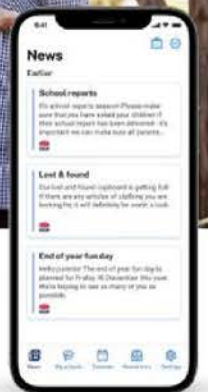
Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>



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.

Features

- School newsletters, latest news and upcoming events
- Personalise your school feed by year group e.g. Year 1 and Year 6
- Push notifications and instant alerts - know immediately if there's a change to the school's operational status
- Advanced security and privacy



Download the NSW Education Parent App

Sustainability

In sustainability this fortnight we have all been very busy.

Our gardens have been weeded, watered and new herb plants put in with Mrs Stewart who now joins us for sustainability- lucky us as she is a garden guru!

We have added paper and cardboard to our worm farms and the worms are so happy with the extra carbon, wriggling everywhere inside.

The chickens have had their usual cuddles and care, and some nice new straw added to lay on in their nesting boxes (hopefully this is more appealing than laying eggs under the trees). We even had time to make our own little watercress egg heads which should hopefully be ready to nibble next week.



HOCKEY CLINIC WITH NATHAN EGLINGTON



LID COLLECTION POINT

DID YOU KNOW... PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS END UP IN LANDFILL, EVEN IF YOU POP THEM IN THE RIGHT BIN?

We are collecting them to make cool new stuff!



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE ONE BOTTLE TOP AT A TIME!



1 COLLECT TOPS



2 CLEAN WELL



3 SORT COLOURS & DROP TO US



CHECK INSIDE THE LID FOR THE RECYCLE CODES **WE CAN ACCEPT**



Please **MAKE SURE THEY ARE CLEAN!**

DROP OFF AT RECYCLED MATS
Unit 2 or 4 / 42 Machinery Drive,
Tweed Heads South, NSW 2486



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DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2023



P&C NEWS

Father's & Carer's Day Stall

Friday 1st September

Celebrating all things that make our loved ones special to us.

Gifts range in price from \$5, \$7 & \$10 with a great selection to choose from. All children will be able to purchase a gift with the option of more once everyone has had their turn.

All money raised helps the P&C provide fun activities and adventures for our children.

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 30 August at 1.45pm in the school library.

School Calendar Term 3 2023

| | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|----|--------|--|--|--|---|
| W5 | Aug 14 | Aug 15 Premiers Spelling Bee - Regional Final | Aug 16 | Aug 17 | Aug 18 PSSA Athletics |
| | Aug 21 | Aug 22 | Aug 23 Book Week Parade, Activities & Parents Morning Tea | Aug 24 Kingscliff Library Excursion Parent Book Swap, Drink & Dine Event 6pm | Aug 25 Small Schools Hockey Gala Day |
| W6 | Aug 28 | Aug 29 | Aug 30 P&C Meeting 1.45pm @ School Library | Aug 31 | Sep 1 Fathers Day Stall |
| | Sep 4 | Sep 5 Murwillumbah Theatre - Hiccup Performance Yrs K-3 | Sep 6 | Sep 7 | Sep 8 |
| W7 | | | | | |
| W8 | | | | | |