

Duranbah Public School

A quality education in a caring environment

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Week 5 Term 4 - Friday 10 November 2023

Principal's Report

We are now officially halfway through Term 4, as well as 7/8 or 87.5% through the year! The focus now turns to end of year events such as reports, Presentation Day and of course preparation for 2024.

NORFOLK ISLAND EXCURSION

Well, it was everything we had hoped for and more! I'm sure everyone has had a look at the school Facebook site and perhaps followed the adventure day to day. In amongst the whole excitement and experience, it was clear that:

- We should be very proud of our students. Time and time again we had feedback as to how respectful, well mannered and articulate they were. They supported each other, helped where they could and generally made the whole thing easier with their positivity.

- We have great staff at our school. Supportive, caring and fun, what more could you ask for?

Thank you to the whole community for supporting this fantastic initiative.

CURRUMBIN WILDLIFE EXCURSION

Last Tuesday our K-3 students enjoyed a really fun and interesting excursion to Currumbin Wildlife

SCHOOL DISCO

We are looking forward to our postponed school disco on Thursday 16th November. More details to follow, but it will have basically the same organisation as the planned event.

SWIMMING SCHEME

Our school swimming scheme is planned for weeks 6 and 7. Students will be transported to and from the Murwillumbah pool each day Monday to Thursday. They will be required to have their swimmers, towels and goggles (if preferred).

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Over the last two weeks a few members of our school community have fallen sick with Covid, Hand Foot and Mouth and Whooping Cough. Just a reminder if your child is sick or displaying symptoms, keep them home until they are well. Please inform the school if your child is away due to these illnesses as we have an obligation to report cases to NSW Health.

Hopefully everyone has a great weekend and keeps well.

Jason Ellem
Principal

✧ ✧ ✧ *Congratulations* ✧ ✧ ✧
TO OUR AWARD WINNERS



Week 4

Eleanor, Miren, Summer, Isla, Len, Rapha, Harper Rose, Tilly, Matilda



Week 5

Bowie, Tarlow, Jem, Van, Jeremy, Grace, Marley

Office News

ACTIVITIES, EXCURSIONS, INCURSIONS

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.

YEARS 5-6

YEAR 5 TASTER DAY

All Year 5 students are invited to attend a taster day at Kingscliff High School on Tuesday 21 November. There is no cost and transport to and from the school is by bus. The day will run from 9.30am - 2.15pm. Please give permission in School Bytes.

YEAR 6 TO 7 ORIENTATION DAY - KINGSCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL

On Tuesday 28 November all Year 6 students are invited to attend the KHS Orientation Day from 9.30am - 2.15pm. Full uniform is required and there is no cost. Transport to and from the venue will be by bus. Please give permission in School Bytes.

HEADSPACE WORKSHOP

Year 6 students will be participating in a High School transition workshop by Headspace on Thursday 30 November. It will be run in school therefore there is no cost or permission notes required.

PRESENTATION EVENING

This years Presentation Day will be held at the school on Thursday 14 December. There will be a raffle on the day (see below in P&C News section) and a BBQ, both run by the P&C. Food is served from 5pm, with the Presentation commencing at 6pm sharp. There will even be a visit from Santa.

More information will follow closer to the date.

DURANBAH'S GOT TALENT

On Wednesday 6 December Duranbah will hold its annual Talent show. Keep an eye on School Bytes in the next week or two for more information.

HASTINGS POINT PICNIC

The end of year Hasting Point Picnic will be held on the last day of term Friday 15 December. The P&C will provide a BBQ picnic. More information to follow.



School Bytes

Parent App

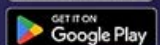
Available now!

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



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.

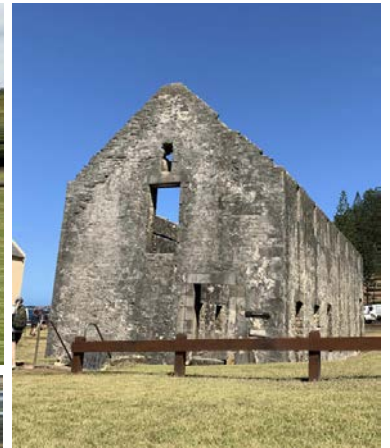
SCHOOL NEWS ON PARENT APP

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.

NORFOLK ISLAND 2023



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Sustainability

This fortnight in sustainability we have been doing a lot of maintenance. Watering, weeding and harvesting.



The kids helped out our fruit trees by removing the weeds growing around their bases, being rewarded in tomatoes, cucumbers and apples for their efforts.

We also looked at a snake skin together and joined all its broken pieces together to reveal the huge size.

Our hens are getting ready to move on to their new farm and the little chicks we hatched returning very soon to enjoy their new big pen home- exciting!



CURRUMBIN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY



Community Notices



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?

saverplus

Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:


- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old


*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible


Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

 NSW/Act - Saver Plus Team

 SaverPlusNSWACT@thesmithfamily.com.au

 1300 610 355

DELIVERED BY



Find out more at saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

School Calendar Term 4 2023

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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 P&C Disco	Nov 17
W7	Nov 20 School Swimming K-6 @ Murwillumbah	Nov 21 School Swimming K-6 @ Murwillumbah Year 5 Taster Day @ KHS	Nov 22 School Swimming K-6 @ Murwillumbah P&C Meeting 2.30- 3.30pm @ school	Nov 23 School Swimming K-6 @ Murwillumbah	Nov 24
W8	Nov 27	Nov 28 Year 6 Orientation Day @ KHS	Nov 29	Nov 30 Headspace Workshop Year 6	Dec 1
W9	Dec 4	Dec 5	Dec 6 Duranbah's Got Talent	Dec 7	Dec 8
W10	Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14 Presentation Evening	Dec 15 Hastings Point Picnic

P&C NEWS

The **Wednesday Lunches** continue to be a yummy success!

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to cook and serve the delicious nachos for the kids.

P & C MEETING

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.com

BECOME A VOTING MEMBER FOR \$1

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



**DURANBAH
PUBLIC
SCHOOL**

DISCO

WHEN- THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER
WHERE- DURANBAH SCHOOL
TIME - 5.30PM TILL 7PM
COST - \$10 PER CHILD

DRINKS AND PARTY FOOD PROVIDED
STUDENTS & SIBLINGS ONLY

PARENTS WELCOME TO STAY
AND JOIN IN ON THE FUN



CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLES

THE DURANBAH P&C ARE ASKING OUR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO DONATE 1 ITEM PER FAMILY TOWARDS OUR PRESENTATION EVENING CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLES, THIS CAN BE EITHER NONPERISHABLE FOOD, DRINKS OR A SMALL GIFT.

THESE DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE ANY TIME BEFORE THE 8TH DECEMBER.

RAFFLE TICKETS AND INFO WILL BE SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD NEXT WEEK. WE ASK THAT ALL MONIES AND TICKETS SOLD OR NOT BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BY THE 8TH DECEMBER.

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON THE NIGHT OF THE PRESENTATION EVENING RIGHT UP UNTIL WE DRAW THE WINNERS.



**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

COVID smart measures for schools

Information for families

We know that being together in the classroom is the best thing for our students' learning, growth and welfare. This term we will continue to implement several measures to allow us to prioritise both the wellbeing of our students and a consistent and productive learning environment.

Stay home if unwell

- If your child is unwell, you must keep them at home. If they are displaying COVID-19 symptoms, they should take a COVID-19 test (PCR or RAT) and follow the advice from the NSW Government on [managing COVID-19 safely at home](#).
- Your child should only return to school when they are symptom free.

Vaccinations

- Vaccinations for COVID-19 and other viral illnesses are one of the best ways of protecting yourself, your family and the community. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to give your immune system a helping hand against many illnesses.
- All eligible students and staff are strongly encouraged to keep up to date with their vaccinations to protect their health.
- All staff working in schools for specific purposes (SSPs) are required to be double vaccinated against COVID-19 or hold a valid medical contraindication.

Rapid antigen testing

- Rapid antigen tests (RATs) should be used if your child is displaying COVID-19 symptoms.
- Students who test positive to COVID-19 are encouraged to notify their school and register their positive test results with [Service NSW](#) to have access to timely advice and support from NSW Health.
- Schools will maintain a reserve stock of rapid antigen tests onsite for surveillance testing purposes in the event of an outbreak.

Hygiene and cleaning

- Students are encouraged to regularly wash their hands with soap and water and to use personal protective equipment as required.
- Boosted day cleaning of schools will focus on high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas.

Ventilation

- Fresh air is the most effective form of ventilation to minimise the risk of transmission.
- During the warmer months, cooling will be used in conjunction with ventilation methods to balance thermal comfort.
- All learning spaces in public schools have been checked to ensure appropriate levels of ventilation and air purifiers have been provided where needed.
- Using outdoor spaces will continue to be encouraged where possible.



Masks

- Mask-wearing is strongly encouraged where possible for all students, staff and visitors, particularly indoors and/or when physical distancing is not possible, and if they have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Mask-wearing continues to be required at all times for staff, volunteers and other workers who support our students who are at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19, whether they be in schools for specific purposes, support units or mainstream classrooms.

Visitors

- Visitors can attend school sites regardless of their vaccination status.
- Visitors who are engaging directly with students in certain higher-risk settings for school operations and curriculum delivery and allied health partners for the wellbeing of students, may be required to wear masks.

Activities

- Health and safety risk assessments will be integrated into planning activities, including excursions and overnight camps.
- Parents and carers will be made aware of the risk of exposure and will need to give permission for certain activities.

Responding to local situations

- Schools will work with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing case management team to respond appropriately to local situations, including outbreaks of viral illness.
- In some cases, schools may temporarily introduce additional measures for a limited time to help stop the chain of infection, including requiring mask-wearing, postponing or limiting non-essential activities and directing certain groups to learn remotely.

Learning remotely

- Schools continue to have access to digital, guided and printed learning resources to support students who need to learn remotely.

Telephone Interpreter Service

If you need further information please call your school principal. If you need an interpreter to assist you with your enquiry please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call, and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring school operations continue while prioritising the safety and wellbeing of students and school staff.