

Duranbah Public School

A quality education in a caring environment

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Week 6 Term 3 - Friday 25 August 2023

Principal's Report

What a week! In fact what a fortnight! We expect only two things of our students at Duranbah:

1. Give everything your very best effort and,
2. Have fun doing it.

I'm sure we could all agree that we have seen these two in spades over the last two weeks.

BOOK WEEK

This week was Book Week across NSW and Australia and our school celebrated in style. Wednesday saw our annual Book Week parade with staff and students coming dressed as their favourite book character. Staff had a theme of 'Roald Dahl' and looked simply outstanding! Students came dressed in such variety, including 'Thing 1 and Thing 2', 'Rapunzel', 'Bob Dylan' (yes there IS a book called 'Bob Dylan') and many many more.

The students then did a rotation of activities surrounding the Roald Dahl theme, including making a 'Marvellous Medicine', catching dreams, creating witch faces and throwing Miss Trunchbull's noodles. It was so great to share this experience with the many family and community members who were able to make time to join us.

On Thursday we were all able to jump on a bus and travel to the Kingscliff Library to learn and explore all that this wonderful place has to offer. The students really enjoyed the whole experience.

Thursday evening saw a happy group of school adults meet for a 'Book Swap' in our library. It was a really pleasant way to swap good reads and have a catch up.

A big thanks to staff who were committed to making it such a fun time and of course Ms Humes who orchestrated and led the week's events.

PASSION PROJECTS

The new rounds of Passion Projects begin next week, for the 1st and 8th September (only two weeks). It's not too late to let Ms Schumacher know if you'd like to lead a group. It's fun and rewarding as well.

P&C MEETING

School families are invited to attend the next P&C meeting on Wednesday 30th August at Tropical Fruit World from 1:15pm. The main agenda items will include:

- organising Fathers Day activities
- voluntary school levy
- school lunches Term 4
- school disco Term 4
- discussing the End of Year Presentation.

Apologies, ideas and agenda items can go to Caroline, Naomi (Naomi.wilson26@hotmail.com) or Kerry at school.

SMALL SCHOOLS HOCKEY GALA DAY

Today (Friday) 30 of our 2-6 students travelled to Murwillumbah to learn and participate in a Hockey Skills and Gala day coordinated by Hockey Tweed. They had so much fun learning and playing among the students of the other small schools. This follows a development program at school over the last two weeks with former Olympian and Hockeyroo, Nathan Eglinton.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING SCHEME

Our school is booked into an Intensive swimming scheme at Murwillumbah Pools in Weeks 6 and 7 of Term 4. These will take place Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday for two weeks, with a bus taking the students to and from the pool.

This is different to previous years due to the Kingscliff Pool being unable to cater for our school numbers. Students will simply return to school each afternoon after the lessons to be picked up as normal.

Cost for students will include bus travel and will be subsidised by 'Sport in School' and also 'Learn to Swim' funding. Final costs will be shared when they are available.

Principal's Report continued..

FNC ATHLETICS

A big congratulations to Jeremy Davids who competed at the FNC Athletics last week. He came 5th in Discus (3.5m behind the winning throw) and 5th in Shotput (1.5m behind the winning throw). We know he did his very best and we are really proud of him.

STAFFING

Last week we farewelled Mr Peter Greig, who has been voluntarily working at our school over the past two years as a General Assistant. You would have seen him tidying up our grounds, moving furniture, trimming the lawns and lots of other unseen jobs that make our school a better place.

Peter has joined his family in Far North QLD and we thank him for all his efforts and work at our school. The students presented him with hand-written cards of thanks as well as some small gifts on an assembly last week.

If anyone knows of someone who would like to give a couple of hours each week to our school like Peter did, they would be very welcome to contact me here at school to discuss this.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Jason Ellem
Principal

✧ ✧ Congratulations ✧ ✧ TO OUR AWARD WINNERS



Week 5

Tilly, Donte', Amelite, Isla, Taya, Tarlow, Rapha, Aislin



Week 6

Gabe, Ramona, Mikayla, Mia, Isla, Hunter, Taya,
Bentley, Sonny, Lenny

Office News

2024 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Reminder to parents of Kindergarten students enrolling in 2024 to go online and submit their children's enrolment applications as soon as possible, to secure their places at our school.

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. From Monday 4 September, we will use your existing Flood Hardship Funds to pay any outstanding charges, unless you advise 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.

ORDERS OF LISA TIFFEN'S BOOKS – From Book Week

Those who missed out on purchasing one of the renowned Author Lisa Tiffen's books can still obtain a copy. Please just let Miss Humes know which title you would like to purchase and she will place and order for us.

HARD COPY (PAPER) OF NEWSLETTER

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

Library News

This week we celebrated our Duranbah PS Book Week.

We launched our Story Dogs Program, visited Kingscliff Library, hosted a Parent Book Swap event and had a HUGE school community day on Wednesday with our Book Week Parade, Visiting Author, Writing Competition Winners, Golden Ticket prizes revealed, School Morning Tea and range of book inspired activities.

The pure joy on the faces of students, families and staff said it all. My sincerest thank you to all those who helped make this week what it was. Especially to you, our wonderful parents and carers for taking the time to join with us and celebrate – together we foster a love of learning that is unparalleled.

Miss Humes



BOOK WEEK 2023



Sustainability

This fortnight in sustainability has been a fun one.

We have started the incubator with 20 eggs from Mrs Stewart's farm, so hopefully we will have some new school pets in a few weeks and fingers crossed these new additions will be hens!

With some used eggs we have turned the egg shells into cress egg heads so the students have enjoyed watching their egg heads grow some hair.

Our worms have been very happy with their scraps, dried out crushed egg shells and cardboard from students and have been giving us lots of worm juice to use on our gardens.

Our garden beds are producing lots of beans and snow peas at the moment which the students have been enjoying as a little crunchy reward for all their work. On our walks out the back the students have spotted many of the fruit trees having flowers or small fruits on them which is very exciting as spring is in the air!



P&C NEWS

The next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday 30 August at Tropical Fruit World from 1:15pm.

DADS SCORE BIG THIS FATHERS DAY

FRIDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2023

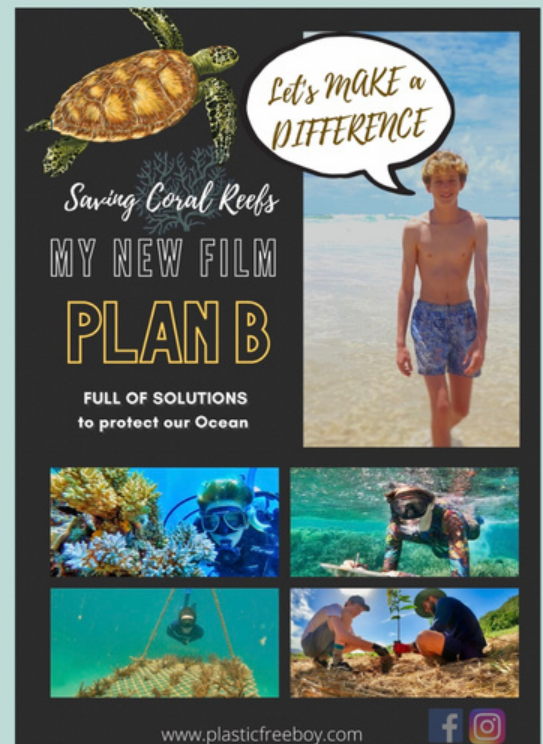
Our annual Father's Day stall will be set up in the library with amazing gifts that range in price from \$5, \$7 & \$10 (cash only event).

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.

Community Notices



I AM AT THE DOORSTEP OF THE BIGGEST LIVING ORGANISM ON THIS PLANET.

WE CAN HELP PROTECT THE NEXT GENERATION OF BABY CORALS BEING BORN, LET'S WORK TOGETHER ON THIS!



Upcoming P&C Federation webinar

for parents and carers



Talking to Kids about Online Boundaries and Consent

Wednesday, 30 August 2023, 7:30-8:05 pm AEST

The P&C Federation is pleased to partner with the eSafety Commission to host the *Talking to Kids about Online Boundaries and Consent* webinar for our parents and carers.

This 30-minute webinar is designed for parents and carers of primary school students.

It will cover:

- Why the consent conversation is so important to have with primary school aged children
- Easy ways to explain online boundaries and consent
- Opportunities to discuss and model consent through discussions, scenarios and practising helpful phrases for saying 'no'

Speaker

- **Greg Gebhart**, Senior Trainer, eSafety Commissioner

This webinar will be facilitated by Liga Hegner, Board Member, P&C Federation NSW.

Registration

This webinar is presented via the eSafety Commissioner's platform. It will not be recorded for viewing later. However, there are a range of resources and links to other webinars for parents on the eSafety website.

Please note that when you click on this registration link you will be taken to the website of the eSafety Commissioner. The information you provide to eSafety at registration will be used by the P&C Federation NSW to communicate with you regarding this event and other services.

REGISTER NOW

We encourage you to promote the webinar to other parents and carers, and through your local school communities.

P&C Federation Team



https://www.pandc.org.au/talking-to-kids-about-online-boundaries-and-consent/?_zs=QEnlm&_zl=lsBf2

Community Notices



NIPPERS 2023/24

REGISTRATIONS OPEN ONLINE
FRIDAY 1ST SEPT AT SLS.COM.AU/JOIN
POOL PROFICIENCY at Kingscliff Pool

SIGN ON HELP at the Surf Club

Saturday 9th September 10am-12pm

Saturday 16th September 10am-12pm



Scan me!



— Your Health Link —

National Photographic Competition

HEALTHY LIFE HEALTHY YOU

FREE TO ENTER

NSW Mid North Coast Local Health District

www.yourhealthlinkphotocomp.com.au

Primary and high school students are encouraged to grab their trusty camera or mobile phones/tablets to 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 that support healthy canteen programs.

Competition closes 8 October 2023

Competition Partners



School Calendar Term 3 2023

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
W7	Aug 28	Aug 29	Aug 30 P&C Meeting 1.15pm @ Tropical Fruit World	Aug 31	Sep 1 Fathers Day Stall
W8	Sep 4	Sep 5 Murwillumbah Theatre - Hiccup Performance Yrs K-3	Sep 6	Sep 7	Sep 8
W9	Sep 11	Sep 12	Sep 13 Todd Woodbridge Tennis Challenge - Murwillumbah	Sep 14	Sep 15 Small Schools Ball Games - Fingal PS
W10	Sep 18	Sep 19	Sep 20 MAD Day (Music, Art, Drama)	Sep 21	Sep 22