

Duranbah Public School

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Week 7 Term 4 - Friday 24 November 2023

Principal's Report

3 weeks of school left in 2023! 3 weeks! So much to reflect upon and celebrate for our students and our school this year. Certainly a few important events to occur as well.

SCHOOL DISCO

Oh what a night! Dancing, laughing, great food! And the kids had a good time too! Thank you to Naomi, DJ Azza, the P&C executives who helped put this activity together and of course the parents who joined us. A top night!

YEAR 6 MENTOR PROGRAM

Each year our school offers our Year 6 students the chance to have a try at something they feel might be something that they pursue in life. This may be either as a job or simply a passion. Currently our Year 6 group are exploring a range of activities including ICT hardware, photography, teaching and fishing. They are really enjoying the new experiences and we are grateful for the assistance we are receiving from our school community to put this together.

SWIMMING SCHEME

Our school swimming scheme finished this week. After two weeks of swimming 4 days per week, it was evident that our student's swimming improved a lot, it was pretty tiring for them, and they enjoyed the experience.

STAFFING

As we look to round up 2023, we also plan for 2024. Staffing wise we are aware of a couple of changes for next year. These include saying farewell to Mrs Stewart in her role as SLSO and also Miss Sophie, also in the role of SLSO. We are very grateful for their contributions to our school and our students during their time with us and we are sure to see them in some way in the future.

During Week 9, Ms Myler will relieve as Principal as I take some necessary leave to repair a broken down knee!

Hopefully everyone has a great weekend,

Jason Ellem
Principal

✦ ✦ ✦ Congratulations TO OUR AWARD WINNERS ✦ ✦ ✦



Week 6

Isla, Kai, Taya, Elyssa, Summer, Otto



Week 7

Tilly, Thomas, Byron, Bowie, Zahli, Leilani

Office News

STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT were sent out last week to all families by School Bytes email. Please pay these Accounts as soon as possible to allow us finalise our budget for this year. Payment may be made through School Bytes, POP or in person with cash or EFTPOS.

FRIDAY SUSHI continues on Fridays. The cost is \$2.50 each (cash only) and orders need to be into the office by Thursday 3.00pm.

SWIMMING LESSONS – TERM 4

Swimming Lessons have now finished for the year and the Swimming Carnival was removed from the calendar earlier in the year, due to the Murwillumbah large pool and slide being unavailable.

PRESENTATION EVENING

This years' Presentation Day will be held at the school on Thursday 14 December. There will be a raffle on the night (see below in P&C News section), entertainment and a BBQ 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.

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 from 10am to 2pm. Transport is by private vehicle and parents are able to take their children directly to Hastings Point and stay and join the fun. Students whose parents are unable to drive their child/ren to Hastings Point will be transported in other cars.

Children are to bring food for recess and the P&C will be providing a free BBQ lunch and drink. Please give permission in the School Bytes app.

YEARS 5-6 ACTIVITIES

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.

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 if you would like your child to attend.



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

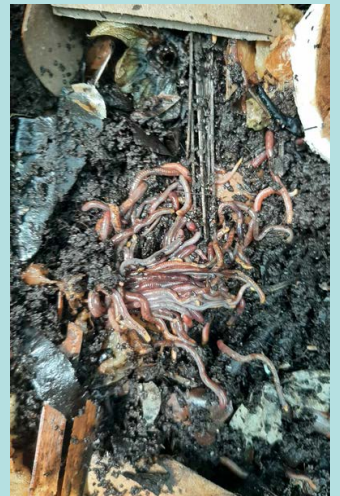
Check the School News tab regularly to stay up to date with what is happening at Duranbah PS. Notifications will also show in the top right corner on the bell.

Sustainability

This past fortnight the kids have not had sustainability classes due to swimming lessons however some of the kids have offered to come for the odd jobs during break times which has been wonderful.

The garden is doing well with many cucumbers, apples and herbs ready to eat, with lettuce and carrots busy growing.

We snuck the 9 new chickens into school last night to settle into their new home, the kids will be very excited when lessons start back next week for chicken cuddles I am sure.



P&C NEWS

WEEK 7
TERM 4 2023

PRESENTATION EVENING

The Duranbah P&C will be providing a sausage sizzle and drinks on the evening before the formalities start.

Sausages (meat or vegetarian) with onion and sauce \$3.00

Juice poppers \$1.00

Bottles of water \$2.00

The Naughty and Nice bakery stand will be back this year with all the tasty treats for the family to enjoy on the night or to take home.

Treats will be starting from \$2.00.

We will have the Duranbah P&C Major Online Raffle drawn as well as the Christmas Hamper Raffles. Tickets will be sold on the night right up until we draw the winners.

Food and drinks will not be prepaid so please bring cash on the evening, we will also have card facilities as well.

If you would like to volunteer on the evening, please let Caroline or Naomi know either via email or phone.

END OF TERM BBQ'S

There will be no end of term BBQ lunch on Wednesday 13th December Week 10. Please ensure you pack your child lunch.

The P&C will now be providing a Free BBQ and drinks on the last day of school at Hastings Point instead.

DURANBAH DISCO

What a night! What a success!

From all the feedback we have received from students, parents and staff... I would say this is one event that will be marked on future calendars months in advance. Thanks to all that helped make this night a truly memorable one for our children.

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**

P & C MEETING

Next P&C Meeting to be held on Friday Week 3 of Term 1 2024. Stay tuned for time and location.

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



School Calendar Term 4 2023

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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 Year 6 Graduation Dinner	Dec 8
W10	Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14 Presentation Evening 5pm- 7.30pm	Dec 15 Hastings Point Picnic

Community Notices



Orientation Day Tweed River High School

WHEN: Tuesday 28th November 2023

WHERE: Tweed River High School

TIME: 8.35am - 2.00pm

WHO: Year 6 students – all day
(Sports & Entertainment Centre) SEC

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:

8.35am – 10.00am Formal Introductions, Information Session.

Purchase uniforms, calculators, Visual Art diaries
and pay 2024 Year 7 Camp Deposit.

Please feel free to contact TRHS for further information
Ph. 07 55243007

Mrs J. Martinez
2024 Yr 7 Year Adviser

Bronwyn Mackney
HT Wellbeing

		MONDAY 18TH DEC GAMES DAY WATER PLAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE SNOW CONES XMAS CRAFTS Bring swimmers, rashie, towel & Sunscreen		TUESDAY 19TH DEC EXCURSION MURWILLUMBAH AQUATIC CENTRE Picnic Lunch Childrens Choice Afternoon
	WEDNESDAY 20TH DEC WATER PLAY CHRISTMAS SAND & NAIL ART SNOW CONES & Xmas Biscuit Decorating JUMPING CASTLE Xmas Mascots Bring swimmers, rashie, towel & Sunscreen		TUESDAY 2ND JAN DISCO PARTY & PRIZES!!! YARD GAMES WATER PLAY Create a Time Capsule SCRAPBOOK New Year Calendars	
	THURSDAY 21ST DEC EXCURSION Spring Loaded Indoor Trampoline Playground Hungry Jacks Christmas Crafts		WEDNESDAY 3RD JAN EXCURSION TENPIN BOWLING JACK EVANS BOAT HARBOUR PLAYGROUND PICNIC & HOT CHIPS Movie Afternoon	
	FRIDAY 22ND DEC Christmas Party Jumping Castle Water Play Traditional Christmas Lunch Christmas Mascots Christmas Crafts Wrapping Presents for the less fortunate		THURSDAY 4TH JAN TYE DYE WORKSHOP DONUT DECORATING NERF BATTLES MAKE-UP & NAILS JUMPING CASTLE	
AUSSIE KIDS FUN & FITNESS IS CLOSED ON THE 23RD December & will re-open on the 2nd January			FRIDAY 5TH JAN EXCURSION HOYTS CINEMAS Tweed City Playground and Picnic Lunch Lazer Tag Plaster Painting Snow Cones	

Children are required to wear enclosed Foot Ware and Socks, Bucket Hats (the Service has spare hats available). No Singlet Shirts, Bring Spare Clothes and a Water Bottle, Full HEALTHY Lunch each day unless stated otherwise. For Water Play Activities please bring: Swimmers, Towel, Rashie & Sunscreen.

BOOK ONLINE www.aussiekidsfunandfitness.com

PHONE: 0413974775

Community Notices

 <p>Purr-fect Scratch Art</p>	<p>MONDAY 22ND JAN EXCURSION The Fun House @ Tweed City Playground and Picnic Lunch Scratch Art WORKSHOP</p>	 <p>CHIPMUNKS Playland & Café</p>	<p>MONDAY 29TH JAN EXCURSION Chipmunks Indoor Play Centre Kinetic Sand Workshop</p>
	<p>TUESDAY 23RD JAN Dinosaur Dig & SCULPTING Fossicking Jumping Castle Scooter or Bike & Helmet</p>	<p>PLEASE NOTE for EXCURSIONS: Excursions will incur an extra \$20 fee The amount will be added to your fee and then subsidised; therefore, the cost will be much less. Please ensure that your child is dropped off at the Service by 9am on days that an excursion is programmed. Families are required to sign the Excursion Permission form prior to your child attending.</p>	<p>VACATION CARE HOURS 7.30 am to 5.30 pm Late fees apply after 5.30 pm \$15 for every minutes 3 weeks' notice is required to cancel a Vacation care Booking, otherwise fees are applicable. Children are required to wear enclosed Foot Ware and Socks, Bucket Hats (the Service has spare hats available) No Singlet Shirts, Bring Spare Clothes and a Water Bottle, Full HEALTHY Lunch each day unless stated otherwise. PLEASE PACK SUN SAFETY Water clothes for Water Play Activities - Swimmers, Towel, Rashie & Sunscreen. Afternoon tea is NOT provided during Vacation Care unless children have eaten all their food.</p>
	<p>WEDNESDAY 24TH JAN EXCURSION DOODLEBUGS INDOOR PLAY PARK- MIAMI DIY DESIGNER BAGS MOVIE AFTERNOON</p>	<p>BOOK ONLINE via www.aussiekidsfunandfitness.com or PHONE: 0413974775</p>	<p>THE SECURITY GATE to the car park will be closed yet families picking up from Vacation Care are welcome to open it and drive in. Please note that the gate will need to be closed after each use. PLEASE NOTE: THE PROGRAM MAY CHANGE DUE TO THE WEATHER, THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN REQUIRING CARE, MINIMUM NUMBERS REQUIRED FOR AN EXCURSION TO TAKE PLACE AND TO SUIT CHILDREN'S NEEDS AND INTERESTS. THE SERVICE WILL CEASE OPERATION ON TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY 24. Thank you for all your wonderful support over the years. It has been the greatest pleasure caring for your beautiful child/ren.</p>
	<p>THURSDAY 25TH JAN SPOOKY DISCO DAY Games & Prizes Facepainting Fun Spooky Lunch Sand Art Biscuit Decorating Talent Show</p>		
	<p>AUSTRALIA DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY SERVICE IS CLOSED</p>		
	<p>MONDAY 8TH JAN BALLOONS Sculpting Water Play with Balloons Orbeez Balloon Balloon Tennis Balloon Rockets Bring swimmers, rashie, towel & Sunscreen</p>		<p>MONDAY 15TH JAN Water Inflatables Games & Prizes Dunk a Duck Sponge Challenge Fill a Bucket 3D Frames Snow Cones Bring swimmers, rashie, towel & Sunscreen</p>
	<p>TUESDAY 9TH JAN EXCURSION TABATINGA INDOOR PLAY CENTRE Woodcraft</p>		<p>TUESDAY 16TH JAN Hawaiian Party Water Play Sand Art Making Mocktails DISCO Games & Prizes Wear Fancy Dresses Talent Show & Photo Props</p>
	<p>WEDNESDAY 10TH JAN FUN STEM ACTIVITIES Lego Comp Scooter or Bike & Helmet Water Play SNOW CONES</p>		<p>WEDNESDAY 17TH EXCURSION Tenpin Bowling TENPIN BOWLING JACK EVANS BOAT HARBOUR PLAYGROUND PICNIC & HOT CHIPS</p>
	<p>THURSDAY 11TH JAN EXCURSION The Fun House Tweed City Playground and Picnic Lunch Clay dough Workshop</p>		<p>THURSDAY 18TH JAN Country Fair Games & Prizes Inflatables Fairy Flats, Popcorn, Snow Cones Balloons COLOURING & Guessing Comp Canvas Painting</p>
	<p>FRIDAY 12TH JAN EXCURSION MURWILLUMBAH AQUATIC CENTRE Picnic Lunch Childrens Choice Afternoon</p>		<p>FRIDAY 19TH JAN EXCURSION HOYTS CINEMA Tweed City Playground and Picnic Lunch Scratch Art Workshop</p>

Lifelong, life-changing savings habits



Commit to saving up to \$50 a month for 10 months and ANZ will double it.



You can put that extra money towards educational expenses for yourself or your child/children. This includes school-related expenses, such as uniforms, books, laptops and excursions.

Income, eligibility and participation criteria apply, go to saverplus.org.au for more information.

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

saverplus.org.au
1300 610 355



The Family Centre is supporting over 200 vulnerable children, young people and their families leading up the Christmas this year. Many of them are struggling to make ends meet. Adopting a family can make a real difference to their Christmas.

FOLLOW THESE 3 EASY STEPS

- 1 Choose an individual or family you would like to adopt
- 2 Let us know which individual or family you are adopting
- 3 Drop your gift voucher or donation to one of our offices or by direct deposit to The Family Centre



Donating vouchers or money allows the parent/carers to be a part of choosing a special gift for their children.

<https://thefamilycentre.org.au/adopt-a-family-2/>