

Duranbah Public School

A quality education in a caring environment

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Week 8 Term 3 - Friday 8 September 2023

Principal's Report

With two weeks to go, it's time for the: "Where did that term go?" comments.

It's the truth though, this term has gone quickly, but with good reason. So many positive opportunities, experiences and challenges, alongside consistent learning progress. It's great!

TWEED HOCKEY SUMMER COMPETITION

On the back of the recent growing interest in hockey within our school, and with a few students who have been playing hockey throughout the recent season, our school is asking families if there is interest enough to put a school team in the upcoming summer 5's season at Murwillumbah.

Games are played on Wednesday's from 5-6pm starting October 18 and through to December 6. If families could simply contact me here at school or through our School and Community FB page, we will see if this is possible.

Registration for this competition will be \$50 + Qld fee for those new to hockey. Those who played winter Hockey will not need to pay the QLD fee.

Please let me know by the end of term.

FITZPATRICK SHIELD HOCKEY COMPETITION

Today our school participated in a first for us: The Fitzpatrick Shield. This follows the very successful Hockey Gala Day last week and was only for Yrs 5&6.

The team had a whale of a time and learned and used many of the skills they have been taught by Nathan Eglington, Miss Sophie and also Ms Schumacher.

Thank you to Miss Sophie and Ms Schumacher for organising this opportunity for these students.

VOLUNTEER GROUNDSMAN POSITION

As was mentioned in our last newsletter, our school is on the lookout for someone who has a couple of hours a week free to do some ground keeping work such as leaf blowing and general tidying. If this is something you'd be interested in, please contact me at school.

FATHERS DAY STALL

Thank you to Naomi and her helpers for our fantastic stall last week. So much good feedback from students and parents. Hopefully all our Dad's enjoyed a lovely day on Sunday.

FROZEN: NATIONAL ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

Something special to share, is that Jasmine Austen this week has taken part in a performance of 'Frozen' as part of the National Academy of Performing Arts on the Gold Coast. Jasmine's character was 'Middle Elsa' and she had a full week performing throughout this week with more over the weekend. Congratulations Jasmine!

Have a great weekend everyone,

Jason Ellem

Principal

◆◆◆ Congratulations ◆◆◆
TO OUR AWARD WINNERS

Spelling Bee Awards

Ramona & Ollie



Congratulations

TO OUR AWARD WINNERS



Week 7

Elyssa, Quincy, Harper Rose, Banjo, Hayden, Annabelle, Mia, Jem, Sonny



Week 8

Bowie, Marley, Riley, Miren, Melina, Elyssa

Office News

2024 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Reminder to parents of Kindergarten students enrolling in 2024 to go online <https://duranbah-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html> 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.

WINNERS FROM EACH STAGE

FNC PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION – TERM 4

Three students (one student from each stage) will be chosen to represent our school at the Far North Coast Public Speaking Competition to be held at Uki Public School on Wednesday 11 October, 2023 (Term 4 Week 1).

STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT

Statements of Account can now be accessed and paid in School Bytes. You can still also pay using Cash, POP or EFPOS.



Years K-3 at this weeks Hiccup! Performance at Murwillumbah Theatre. What fun they had!

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 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.

UNIFORMS

We now have Sports and Polo Shirts in all sizes for purchase, along with Skorts and Hats. If you are unable to come into the school office, we can send uniforms home with your child and you can pay in POP or School Bytes.

Office News continued..

ACTIVITIES, EXCURSIONS, INCURSIONS

ALL YEAR LEVELS

MURWILLUMBAH THEATRE PERFORMANCE – PUSS IN THONGS

The performance of HICCUP for all year levels and is on at the Murwillumbah Theatre Auditorium on Friday 20th October. Transport is to and from the venue by bus. Further information will be sent home soon.

SWIMMING LESSONS – TERM 4

We are running an Intensive Swimming Program this year in Term 4 Weeks 6 and 7 over 8 days. 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.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL – TERM 4

We will be holding a Swimming Carnival, following the Intensive Swimming Lessons, on Monday 27 November at the Murwillumbah Pool. Further details will be sent home next term.

SMALL SCHOOLS BALL GAMES

The Small School Ball Games will be held on Friday 15 September from 10.00 am – 1.30 pm at Fingal Head Public School, for all year levels. Please provide permission and pay in School Bytes.

YEARS 4/5/6

NORFOLK ISLAND PAYMENTS

Those permission/medical forms are due back at school please. Also ensure you are making the part payments towards the Norfolk Island Camp, which were listed on the last Statement of Account sent home. Contact the school if you are having any difficulty with these payments. Please also ensure you have organised the insurance for your child. You may need to phone Joyce at Burnt Pine Travel on 1800 501 128 for an up to date quotation.

YEARS 3/4

TODD WOODBRIDGE TENNIS CHALLENGE

This modified tennis gala day on Wednesday 13 September in Murwillumbah, will involve eight Year 3 and 4 students. Please give permission in School Bytes.



School Bytes

Changes to the way you receive notifications and pay for student charges (school payments)

In the very fast paced world we live in, we understand the need for our parents/carers to have the flexibility to make payments outside of school hours.

As a result, we are excited to announce our school will be engaging the services of School Bytes who offers a simplified digital The student's Statement of Account and payment reminders will be sent directly to parents/carers via email.

- Emails will be sent to you from noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education.
- The student's Statement of Account email will include the make a payment button that will take you to the school's online payment portal.
- The make a payment button will allow you to pay securely, quickly and easily via credit or debit card (Visa and Mastercard only).

Please note: Transactions made through the online payment portal will appear on your bank statement as OSCHOOLSONLINE 0000 PARRAMATTA AU.

What do you need to do?

Not much really...

- You do not have to sign up or register with School Bytes.
- You do not have to download an app.
- You do need to ensure your email address and contact details up to date. You don't want to miss critical information being sent to you.
- Monitor your inbox for communication we send to you.
- Ensure emails sent to you from noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education are not marked as spam/junk in your email system.

Sustainability

This past fortnight in sustainability has been one of the best!

Our school has welcomed 11 new chirping fluffy members to the school. Yes our chickens have arrived!

They started hatching on Sunday-fathers day and finished on the Tuesday so the kids were able to witness the arrival of their new school pets which was so exciting. Now we must cross our fingers and toes that we have many hens in our brood! We would happily accept any donations of old newspapers for the bottom of their pen which is inside the library currently under a heat lamp.

In the garden we were able to pick our first black sapote (chocolate pudding fruit) which the kids are all licking their lips for however now we must wait until it gets soft. We also have been lucky enough to get some native raspberries and mulberries to try- yum!



SRC News

‘Week of Health’

The SRC would like to host a ‘Week of Health’ in our last week of Term 3. Very simply, just a daily reminder of how to be healthy.

Move it Monday...

Lets get active. Not a difficult challenge for the students at Duranbah.

There will be music for dancing under the COLA, Red Rover Cross Over on the oval, as well as soccer and all our usual outdoor activities.

Choose It Tuesday...

SRC Leaders will remind and assist each class to choose to use the correct bins for recycling, rubbish and green waste.

Waste Free Wednesday...

No Red Bin today. Bring fresh foods or take your rubbish home.

Thirsty Thursday...

Can you drink a whole bottle of water today?

Nude Food Friday...

Can we bring fresh foods so we don't have any packaging today?

‘Pack a Shoebox Gift’

The SRC would like to ask each family to “Pack a Shoebox Gift” as part of their Leadership in Term 4.

Each family chooses a shoebox of small gifts for either a boy or a girl and select the age group their family box is appropriate for (eg. a 5/6 year old girl). Its your family's decision! These shoebox gifts are then distributed to in need children overseas, just in time for Christmas!

Mrs Stewart has offered to use the money raised from pikelet sales to pay the \$12.50 donation for each family. Thank you Mrs Stewart!

So, find a Shoebox and fill it with items your family would think another child might like (see the attached flyer for ideas).

This is voluntary only, and is just a way our students can help others.

Boxes are due at school by Mid-October to allow enough time to send overseas. We will check in with families in early Term 4. Once again, this is not mandatory, just another fabulous SRC idea!

NORFOLK ISLAND CAMP FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Come along Thursday evenings at Chinderah Tavern to unwind, buy a raffle ticket and support the Norfolk Island Camp Fundraising effort.

Prizes include a bottle of wine and a Tavern Voucher valued at \$50.00!

We look forward to seeing you there!

P&C NEWS

Just a quick reminder that the P&C will be hosting a free Sausage Sizzle BBQ on the last Wednesday of this term (Wednesday 20 September).



Community Notices

Closures at Murwillumbah during upcoming school holidays

During the upcoming school holidays (25 September to 8 October) our outdoor area at the Murwillumbah complex will remain closed as we complete restoration of the 50m pool, this includes the giant hill slide and the kids' leisure pool.

All indoor areas of the Murwillumbah centre and the café will remain open during this time, as will our centres at Kingscliff and Tweed Heads South.

The maintenance we are completing now will extend the life of the pool by up to 15 years, ensuring this much-loved and valued facility will continue to be available for the community well into the future.

Don't fret, the works will be completed in time for the hot summer weather!

For more information, including opening hours and charges visit TRAC's [website](#).



Restoration is in progress on TRAC's 50-metre outdoor pool at Murwillumbah.



SATURDAY, 16 SEPT 23 2023/24 NIPPERS SIGN ON DAY

Make friends, have fun & learn skills for life!!

All registrations are completed online at:
<https://cabasisc.org.au/nippers/join-nippers/>

Help with online registration will be held at the Surf Club on Saturday, 16 September between 10am – 2pm.

Uniforms will be available for purchase and all the information about the upcoming season!



BBQ & Snow Cones
available on rego day!

Pool Proficiency at
Kingscliff TRAX Pool
24th Sept 9 – 11 am
Bring goggles & towel.

New Nippers – please bring
Childs Birth Cert.
Parent/carer proof of ID.

Season start date is
Sunday, 8 October 2023

Nippers is a fun & safe way
to introduce our future
lifesavers to the beach &
ocean environment!

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School Calendar Term 3 2023

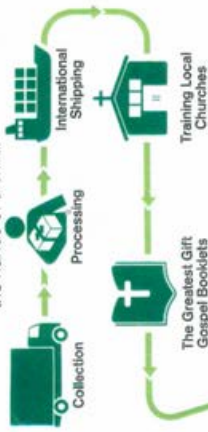
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
W9	Sep 11	Sep 12	Sep 13 Todd Woodbridge Tennis Challenge - Murwillumbah	Sep 14	Sep 15 Small Schools Ball Games - Fingal PS
W10	Sep 18 SRC Week of Health "Move it Monday"	Sep 19 SRC Week of Health "Choose It Tuesday"	Sep 20 P&C BBQ SRC Week of Health "Waste Free Wednesday"	Sep 21 SRC Week of Health "Thirsty Thursday"	Sep 22 SRC Week of Health "Nude Food Friday"

School Calendar Term 4 2023

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
W1	Oct 9	Oct 10	Oct 11 FNC Public Speaking Competition - Uki	Oct 12	Oct 13
W2	Oct 16	Oct 17	Oct 18	Oct 19	Oct 20 Puss in Thongs - Murwillumbah Theatre Years K-6

Send Your Shoebox Gift AROUND THE WORLD

A suggested donation of \$12.50 per shoebox is critical to transport your gift and deliver it into the hands of a child.*



*Please note – due to increasing costs of shipping and materials, the per-shoebox donation has increased from \$10 to \$12.50 in 2023.

Next Comes THE GREATEST JOURNEY



Most boys and girls who receive shoeboxes are invited to participate in our follow-up discipleship program.

The Greatest Journey.

Through 12 exciting lessons taught by trained volunteer teachers, the children learn how to faithfully follow Christ and share Him with others.

To learn more about this dynamic program, visit samaritanaspurse.org.au/tgj

"We've got a responsibility

to take the message of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Every shoebox gift is delivered in Jesus' Name to give a child in need a glimpse of God's love."

Franklin Graham,

President, Samaritan's Purse



SHOEBOX: Start with a regular sized shoebox the approximate size of an A4 page or order pre-printed shoeboxes online.

SHOEBOX Gift Ideas

"WOW" ITEM & TOYS

- Soccer ball with pump
- Stuffed animals
- Skipping ropes
- Dolls
- Toy cars
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra sealed batteries)



CLOTHING

- T-Shirts
- Shorts
- Underwear
- Socks
- Shoes



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Hairbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Soap



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpener and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Colouring and picture books
- Solar calculators



ACCESSORIES

- Sunglasses
- Hair accessories
- Jewellery and watches
- Flashlights (with extra sealed batteries)



- DO NOT INCLUDE**
- lollies
 - toothpaste
 - chewing gum
 - scary items
 - damaged items
 - gambling items
 - vitamins
 - used items
 - medications
 - unrecalled items
 - breakable items
 - glass items
 - aerosol cans

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit operationchristmaschild.org.au

Don't forget your \$12.50 DONATION

Give online or refer to the form overleaf for donation options.

ESSENTIAL

	BOY	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-4 Years Old
	GIRL	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 Years Old <input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 Years Old
	BOY	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-4 Years Old
	GIRL	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 Years Old <input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 Years Old

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GIFTS: Choose a boy or girl and age group (2-4, 5-9, or 10-14) and fill your shoebox with fun toys, clothing, hygiene items, and school supplies.

Include a "wow" item such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal; then personalise your gift by including a note and photo.



How to Pack a SHOEBOX



CUDGEN PUBLIC SCHOOL Vacation Care Program - 25th Sep - 7th Oct

	MONDAY 25th SEP GAMES & CHALLENGE DAY PRIZES!! NERF BATTLES Lego Challenge Jumping Castle Biscuit Decorating Sand Art		Monday 2nd OCT CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	Tuesday 26th Sep EXCURSION Tenpin Bowling Picnic in the park - Hot Chips Playground at Jack Evans Boat Harbour Park		Tuesday 3rd OCT STEM DAY Making - Hot Wheels Motorised Cars & Erasers SAUSAGE SIZZLE & ICE BLOCK JUMPING CASTLE BRING BIKE OR SCOOTER & Helmet
	Wednesday 27th Sept CAMPING Pitching tents, Making Damper, Fossicking, making crystal pet rocks, Milo & Marshmallow, Jumping castle Games & Prizes. BRING BIKE/SCOOTER & HELMET		Wednesday 4th OCT EXCURSION HOYTS - MOVIE TBA SHOW/ACTIVITY @ TWEED CITY SHOPPING CENTRE TBA PICNIC LUNCH & PLAYGROUND Plaster Painting, Laser Tag, Snow Cones
	Thursday 28th Sept EXCURSION Fun House Park & Picnic Lunch Clay Workshop FREE EXCURSION		Thursday 5th OCT COLOUR PARTY DAY TIE DYE HAIR WRAPS DISCO w/GLOW STICKS SNOW CONES TREAT BAGS COLORING COMP GIANT TWISTER JUMPING CASTLE
	Friday 29th September EXCURSION Inflatable World WOOD CRAFT FREE EXCURSION		Friday 6th OCT Excursion Chipmunks Indoor Play Centre Robina Movie Afternoon

BOOK ONLINE www.aussiekidsfunandfitness.com

PHONE: 0413974775

PLEASE NOTE FOR EXCURSIONS:

Some Excursions may incur an extra \$15 fee, unless stated **FREE EXCURSION**. 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.

CUDGEN PUBLIC SCHOOL Vacation Care Program - 25th Sep - 7th Oct

Find out more about Child Care Subsidy on the Service Australia website.

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy>

- 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. For Water Play Activities please bring: Swimmers, Towel, Rashie & Sunscreen.
- Afternoon tea is NOT provided during Vacation Care.
- Excursions may incur a fee which will be added to the daily fee and then subsidised. This fee will cover costs into the venue.

- BOOK ONLINE via www.aussiekidsfunandfitness.com or PHONE: 0413974775

- 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. Alternately the front entrance gate will be unlocked if you wish to enter through this entrance.

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.

Aussie Kids Fun & Fitness is open for Before School Care from

Monday to Friday 6.30 am - 8.45 am

After School Care from 2.45 pm - 6.00 pm

Vacation Care & Staff Development Days from 7.30 am - 5.30 pm

CASUAL BOOKINGS ARE AVAILABLE, fees start from as little as \$3.51 per session after Childcare subsidy for BSC & ASC