

Duranbah Public School

A quality education in a caring environment

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Week 8 Term 1 - Friday 22 March 2024

Principal's Report

With our term all but three weeks until the end, we still have a number of really fun opportunities for our students. So far it's been a busy term, but a good one!

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS AND THE WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)

Our school is great for many reasons, and one of the main reasons is the care and contributions our school community make for our students. We always appreciate this aspect and we hope it never stops.

As part of an updated Child Protection Policy, all adults who work voluntarily with students in any situation including canteen, parent transport, in-class support or even Passion Projects will need to complete a very quick and simple administrative process. This will simply involve completing a brief information document which can be found on School Bytes, having a short WWCC approval through the NSW DET and showing your current driving license to the school front office.

Again, we hope this short protective procedure doesn't reduce the excellent support our students receive from their school community. Any questions can be forwarded to me at school.

SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES

This week we added Gabe, Lenny and Damon to our growing list of sports representatives when they successfully trialled for the Far North Coast PSSA Hockey team. They now go on to represent at the North Coast Hockey Carnival at Coffs Harbour next Wednesday. We wish them luck.

We also had Ryan participate in the FNC Rugby League U11 squad on Tuesday. While he didn't get through to the next level he had a fun day and a red-hot go. Well done Ryan!

BOOK SWAP

A big thank you to those parents who were able to join us for our parents book swap last Wednesday evening. A really lovely time was enjoyed by everyone able to attend. Thank you to Miss Humes for all of her organisation around putting this together.

EASTER HAT PARADE

Parents and families will be invited to join us for the annual Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 27th March. Our P&C will be organising some fun activities for our students and the coffee van will be available for grown ups to access. Students have been busily creating, fashioning and modelling their creations at home to exhibit on the day.

P&C MEETING

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the P&C meeting yesterday. The minutes for this meeting will be shared through the Community Facebook page. Please have a look at the minutes and decisions that were made.

HOCKEY GALA DAY

Next Thursday 28th our school is taking most of our Years 5 & 6 to Murwillumbah for their participation in the annual Fitzpatrick Shield Gala Day. This follows our Years 3 & 4 having so much fun a few weeks ago, and we are sure they will enjoy the opportunity just as much.

ANZAC DAY

Our school will again be participating in the annual ANZAC Day March on April 25th. As usual we ask all students who would like to join us to meet just north of the Kingscliff Beach Bowling Club in school uniform, (as well as any medals they may wear on behalf of their family) at around 10:15am. This march starts at 10:30am, ending at Rowan Robertson Park, where our school leaders will lay a wreath on our behalf. Our school will also host it's own commemoration on returning to school in Term 2.

Have a great weekend,

Jason Ellem
Principal

❖❖ Congratulations ❖❖ TO OUR AWARD WINNERS



Week 7

Thea, Jack, Matilda, Bowie, Arno



Week 8

Miren, Hunter, Marley, Mia, Sonny



WELCOME
SRC
NEW
MEMBERS
2024



Office News

EXCURSIONS AND INCURSIONS:

YR 5/6 HOCKEY GALA DAY

Year 5, 6 and some Year 4 students will be participating in the Hockey Gala Day on Thursday 28th March from 9.00 am – 2.00 pm. Students are to wear their School Sports Shirts. Please remember students are to be transported to and from this event at the Barry Smith Hockey Fields at Murwillumbah by private transport, arrangements have been made previously.

SURFING LESSONS

We will be having a make up Surfing day Friday 5th April, due to the missed day this term. Please remember to send your child to school with their surfing gear and collection from Kingscliff is 2.30 pm.

Yr 3/4/5/6 SMALL SCHOOLS SOCCER FUN DAY

This fun Soccer Day will be held on Wednesday 10th April at Burringbar Public School. Transport will be by bus to and from the event at the cost of \$10 per child. Permission notes were emailed yesterday to most Year 3/4/5 and 6 students. Please give permission and pay in School Bytes.

SMALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

All students are invited to participate in the Cross Country to be held at Stokers Siding Public School on Friday 3rd May (Week 1 Term 2). Transport to and from this event will be by bus. A permission note with further information and the cost will be sent home soon.

LOAN OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

If your child is enrolled in music lessons and doesn't have access to an instrument, we may be able to loan one of our instruments, at no cost, to your child to use at home. Instruments would need to be returned at the end of each year or on cessation of music lessons. Please contact the school on 02 6677 7221 to discuss this matter.

ONLINE ENROLMENTS

Please ensure you have submitted an online enrolment application if your child is commencing school at Duranbah Public School next year.

IN AREA ENROLMENTS If you live in our intake area and would like to apply to enrol at our school, start by submitting an online enrolment application, which can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android on the School Website in the Enrolment Section. Online enrolment is currently only available for Australian or New Zealand citizens and permanent residents.

OUT OF AREA ENROLMENTS

Online enrolment can also be used for out-of-area enrolment. Please note that out-of-area enrolment procedures are subject to the department's enrolment policy. Enrolment applications can be submitted the year before or during the current year of enrolment and are finalised at the school during Term 4 of the prior year. We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If however, you are not able to apply online or you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's going to a public school site. Further information about online enrolment can be found on our website: [Enrolment - Duranbah Public School \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/enrolment-duranbah-public-school).

ONLINE ENROLMENT SYSTEM The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits you.

FAMILY OCCUPATION AND EDUCATION INDEX (FOEI)

We are asking families to update their Family Occupation and Education information, previously provided on your child's enrolment forms, by Friday 29th March, 2024. The information you submit will be treated with confidentiality and securely stored after completion of data entry. Please go to 'Forms' in School Bytes and there should be a notification needing to be actioned.

The Department of Education uses the FOEI information to calculate funding for schools. The higher the levels of employment and education, the lower the funding. So it is important that this information is accurate. It is very important that the Occupation Group is entered as 8 if you are currently unemployed, and it is also important that occupation groups are not overstated. We need this information to be accurate as possible so that our funding reflects our school community.

FAMILY DETAILS UPDATE

It is extremely important that the school is able to easily contact parents and carers. The school office must be informed of any change of home address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contacts. We ask all parent/carers to please update any change of details with our office as soon as possible. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

HARMONY DAY



We come together to celebrate Harmony Day on Thursday 4th April with the Colour Run.

Created in 1999 to celebrate unity and diversity, Harmony Day was originally an Australian celebration but is now marked worldwide by conscientious citizens. Whether you want to be better friends with your neighbours or stand in the shoes of another, we've got some harmonious habits and unifying ideas to make your Harmony Day a picture of peace. Our Student Representative Council (SRC) will be celebrating Harmony Day 2023 by providing fun activities for all students. Students are encouraged to wear or bring something orange.

Sustainability

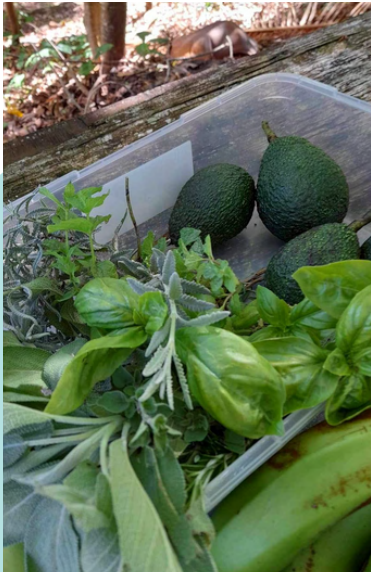
Planting and caring for our produce.

Caring for our chooks- picking grass, raking piles for the chooks to scratch through, picking leaves with caterpillars off the fig tree for them.

Preparing tucker for our worms.

Exploring our beautiful environment – caterpillar on our mandarin tree getting ready to be cocooned, spider gets the bee on a sunflower (cycle of life), a grasshopper just hanging about.

Preparing for our \$2 stall in Week 8.



Sustainability





DURANBAH P&C COLOUR FUN RUN

Duranbah P&C will be hosting our very own Colour Run on the 4th April 2024.

Sausage Sizzle will be at 12.30pm and the fun run will kick off at 1pm and finish at 2:30pm.

Cost is \$15 per child, this includes a sausage sizzle, popper and entrance for the colour run with an icy pole to complete the afternoons activity.

Parents / Carers and siblings are welcome to join in the colour run at \$5 each.

To make a payment, please log into the flexi school app. A permission note will be sent via School Bytes .

All participants need to wear a white/light coloured t-shirt and bring sun glasses or goggles.
(For those children taking the bus bring a spare set of clothes as the bus driver may not be happy with the coloured dust left on the seat.)



EASTER EGG HUNT & TASTY MUFFIN TREATS

The Duranbah P&C has spoken with the Easter Bunny and we can't wait to complete this year's Easter egg hunt on the oval after the Easter hat parade.

Parents and siblings welcome to join in to help their child locate their little handmade baskets.

The Duranbah P&C will be selling some yummy muffins from 8.30am - savoury and sweet for \$4each before the Easter hat parade.

Please remember Easter hats are to be made at home.



BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have been offered an opportunity to host a Bunnings BBQ! Saturday, the 6th of April, at Bunnings, South Tweed.

This will be a considerable revenue raiser for the P&C but requires a few hands to make work. If you can spare an hour on Saturday to turn a few snags, that would be magnificent.

Please add your name to the volunteer list if you can help out. Please note that we need a minimum of 4 volunteers at any one time, and a maximum of 5. Volunteers under 18 years are permitted but they are unable to cook.

To add your name to the time slots, please check out the Duranbah Public School and community Facebook page to get the link or contact Naomi on 0488 111 729.



CHINDERAH TAVERN RAFFLE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



This was one of the biggest fundraisers for the Norfolk Excursion last year, so we are lucky that the Chinderah tavern are letting us continue this Thursday night tradition.

Every Thursday night during term 5:30-7pm.

2 volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets, feel free to bring the kids along and they can help too.

We have the Square eftpos up and running for patrons who don't have money but still wish to participate. Each Thursday afternoon, Kate Johns will meet you at the chinderah tavern to handover everything you need to complete the raffles. Once the raffles have been completed, the school's property and funds are to be returned to Kate Johns.

To add your name to the list of available dates, please check out the Duranbah Public School and community Facebook page to get the link.



North Coast Health Connect: Helping you get the right care in the right place at the right time.

North Coast Health Connect is a free new service providing health support and advice from registered nurses 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including public holidays. Residents and visitors to the North Coast can speak or web chat live with a nurse, who will discuss your symptoms and provide advice on what to do next.

Visit <https://northcoasthealthconnect.org.au/> for more info and save as a contact for when you need it by visiting <https://qrco.de/bdkiJm> or by scanning the QR code provided.



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School Calendar Term 1 2024

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
W9	Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27 Easter Hat Parade & Egg Hunt	Mar 28 Years 5/6 Hockey Gala Day Book Club Due	Mar 29 Easter Friday Public Holiday
W10	Apr 1 Easter Monday Public Holiday	Apr 2	Apr 3	Apr 4 Colour Run & Harmony Day	Apr 5 Surfing Make-Up Day 6/4/24 Bunnings BBQ @ South Tweed
W11	Apr 8	Apr 9	Apr 10 Soccer Fun Day @ Burringbar PS	Apr 11	Apr 12 Anzac Day March 25 April @ 10:15 Kingly Bowling Club
W1 T2	Apr 29	Apr 30	May 1	May 2	May 3 Small Schools Cross Country @ Stokers Siding
W2 T2	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10 Mothers Day Stall