Term 1 Week 4

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE
New Look Classroom
Our new furniture for the K/1/2 classroom has arrived. It was purchased through grant money received by the S7 Small Schools group. The K/1/2 classroom now has a number of learning centres within the room designed to allow students to work individually and collaboratively in a 21st Century setting. A huge thank you to our ‘flat pack’ specialists Anita & Felicity for all their work in assembling the furniture.

P & C
The P & C Annual General Meeting was held yesterday and elected a new executive for this year. President-Helen, Vice President-Kerry, Secretary-Anita, Treasurer-Jacquie. Welcome to our new executive and a big thank you to our outgoing executive for their contribution over the last year. It was really pleasing to see so many parents present at the meeting, supporting our school and the work we do educating your children. Thank you.

School Photos
Will be taken at school on the 8 March first thing in the morning. Information envelopes will be sent out shortly.

Student Teacher
We wish to welcome to Duranbah PS Ms Caitlin Conner. Ms Conner is a 4th year student teacher from Southern Cross University. She will be working in both the Infants and Primary classes. Caitlin is with us for 1-2 days Term 1 and for 6 weeks in Term 2

Chris Pritchard
Principal

Friday 19 February 2016

MARK YOUR CALENDAR -
- Every Tuesday 2pm all Term 1- Yoga
- 12 February (Friday) - Surfing Coolangatta, every Friday until 18 March
- 24 February (Wednesday) - School Canteen lunch will be starting today.
- 26 February (Wednesday) - North Coast Swimming Carnival-Murwillumbah Pool
- 8 March (Tuesday) - School Photos 9am
- 7 April (Thursday) - Launch into Life Griffith University Day

SCHOOL FEES
Accounts were sent out this week for book fees and general school contribution. They can be paid by cash at the office or by Direct Debit to:
BSB: 032-001
Acc. Number: 150883
Account Name: Duranbah PS (Include child/family name with Payment.) Please see Lorraine if you have any queries.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK
The Department of Education require that all people who deal with children hold a Working with Children Check Clearance (WWCC). Could all our parent/carers please see Lorraine in the office with their clearance number if they already have one or if you need to apply for one pick up the information sheet also from the office.

Who needs to apply? Any person in contact with children as a volunteer or for paid work. The check is free if you are a volunteer. If you come into the school to volunteer or help with driving you need to apply.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK TERM 1
CONGRATULATIONS

Primary Week 4
- Kodi & Aidan

Infants Week 4
- Sonny & Malibu

Primary Week 3
- Emma & Esha

Infants Week 3
- Shane

Sport Awards presented to Malibu & Nicholas by the School Leaders
21st CENTURY LEARNING
A very BIG thank you to Anita O’Grady and Felicity Barron (IKEA Flat Pack Legends) for helping me to unpack and assemble all the furniture and teaching aids for the K/1/2 classroom. Students and staff were very excited to have our 21 Century learning space up and running. They now have a Literacy Lounge Room, Apple I Pad Junior Genius Bar, reading pods and play centre. The furniture and teaching aids are a wonderful asset to the school and students.

LIBRARY NEWS
Term 1 in library we are focussing on locating and choosing fiction books that engage and interest us. Each week students will be exposed to some of the excellent novels and picture books in our Library. Students will learn how to use the cover, the blurb on the back, knowledge of the author and the beginning page to help them evaluate if the book is of interest to them. Last week an information note was sent home highlighting the need for each child to have a library bag (a reusable plastic bag is fine) and to return books each week so that they can regularly borrow. K/1/2 borrow each Tuesday and Y3/4/5/6 borrow on a Wednesday. Books can be returned at other times and need to be either given to a teacher or placed in the red return container in the library.

SCIENCE LESSON
This term both classes are undertaking learning activities on Light and Sound. This ties in well with Mr J’s music lessons each Friday. This week our Infant students investigated shadows and created their own hand shadow puppets using the light from a projector. They also made rainbows with the expert help of Ms Kirk, and observed the effects of light on triangular prisms. Our primary students investigated the idea that white light from the sun or a torch can be separated into a spectrum of colours using a glass containing water. They also used prism to create the same effect. We learnt that the rainbows created were a result of refraction. This phenomena was noted by Isaac Newton who directed sunlight from a window through a prism to create a rainbow on the opposite side of his room. As well we have discussed the many areas of science available, what students might need to do to enter into a scientific field and dispersed the idea that scientists only wear lab coats and work with chemicals.

COMMUNITY NEWS
KINGSCLIFF HOCKEY CLUB Sign on Sat 6th Feb 11.00am – 2.00pm Merv Edwards Oval, Sand St, KINGSCLIFF (across the road from the Cudgen Leagues Club) INQUIRES: Tim Prichard 0418 490586, Ross Salmon 07 55246204 Players for all Grades are required ie beginners, 5 to 9 yrs. along with Juniors up to 16yrs. Season begins late March, 2016

CASUARINA BEACH RUGBY Sign on Sunday 7 & 21 February 11am-1pm Under 6 to 16’s Contact Belinda Hall 0419 245 996 Or Casuarinarugbyclub@gmail.com

MURWILLUMBAH NETBALL Sign On February 20 and 27 11am to 2pm 5 –17years Knox Park Murwillumbah Enquiries 0419 722 235

TWEED VALLEY RELAY FOR LIFE 12 & 13 March Merv Edwards Field Kingscliff. Enter a team or join in the fun. Competitions Children’s activities, Entertainment by Tara Williams, Music and Billy & The Kid. See www.relayforlife.org.au/tweed or phone Dot 0438 742 637, Lorelle 0407 162 378

FERNVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL 100 YEAR REUNION CELEBRATION 18 September 2016 9am to 3pm. Contact Julie Johansen 0407 755 226 email fernvale100yr.reunion@gmail.com