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Book Parade and Book Fair

Thank you to all who came along to our Book Fair and also to our Book Character Parade. It was wonderful to hear all about each student's favourite book and why they had chosen to dress as that particular book character. In amazing news, over \$700 was spent at our Book Fair that has resulted in a commission of many new books for our library! Thank you Scholastic and thank you to everyone who bought books. A huge thank you to our parents and grandparents who volunteered their time to open our Book Fair each morning and to all those who designed those wonderful costumes for our book celebration day!



Colour Run Fun!

What an absolutely awesome way to celebrate the end of our Term 3. On the last day of term, our students participated in a sporting obstacle circuit as they were covered in various colours. Both students and staff had such a fun time and it will certainly now be an annual event on our Durrumbul school calendar! Check out the photos @durrumbulps



New subject taught at school this term: CIRCUS SKILLS!

The circus is coming to town!!! For the rest of the term, all our students will be participating in weekly circus skills lessons from our friends at Spaghetti Circus. Students will be creating a performance that will be unveiled at our Awards Assembly at the end of the year! The school will be subsidising the lessons to reduce cost to families but we are asking for a \$30 payment towards these weekly circus lessons.

Instrumental Music Program

Mr. Chris Costello is here every second Tuesday and currently 50% of our student population are enrolled in private instrumental lessons! WOW! All K-6 students participate in a small group lesson at the cost of \$25 per child (also subsidised by school) for the whole term's lessons. Thank you to all who have paid so far for Term 2 and 3. Students are learning both keyboard and guitar and are having so much fun each lesson. We are so thrilled to offer both these types of music lessons to enhance our students' musical education.

NRL Coaching Sessions

Every week for the rest of term, we have NRL coaches coming to our school to coach our students in Rugby League. These lessons are at no cost to families with thanks to a successful Sporting Schools grant. Lots of photos can be found on our school Instagram account!

Save the Date - 2019 Awards Assembly

Just a reminder that our Awards Assembly will be held on Monday 16th December at 9:30am. It will be a lovely morning of celebration as we look back over the past year and all the achievements and successes our students have had throughout 2019.

Looking ahead to 2020

We are in the process of finalising our staffing and class plans for 2020. If you haven't already, please advise the Principal if you know that your family is relocating next year and your child will not be returning to Durrumbul PS. We want to have all classes set with teachers and support staff ready for Day 1 2020 to get the year off to a perfect start!

Healthy Canteen launched

We are all so excited and thankful to Laila for opening up our newly renovated canteen for business this week and next week! Thank you to all for supporting our freshly cooked healthy lunches for our students. It is amazing to offer vegetarian and gluten free options too! Thank you Laila!

Welcome Krystle!

It is with great pleasure that I introduce Miss Krystle Moss who will be undertaking her traineeship for her Certificate IV in Education Support through TAFE QLD. Krystle will be with us on Mondays for Term 4 and Term 1 next year. She is looking forward to getting to know all our school families and to support students in and out of the classroom. Krystle is coming to us with a wealth of knowledge and successful career in Fitness and Health and is so passionate about children's health and wellbeing. Welcome Krystle!

World Teachers' Day

Today is World Teachers' Day. I've worked in many schools and I've never ever worked with a more dedicated, enthusiastic, caring staff team in my career to date. Every single day, our staff are focused firstly on the wellbeing and happiness of every single one of the students and they spend every minute of the day determined to help our students succeed academically and smash goals in their learning. We are all so very proud of our little school and the education we offer all students from Kindergarten to Year Six. We feel blessed to work with such a small teacher to student ratio that allows us the luxury to cater for individual needs and abilities. I urge you to thank our staff next time you see them for the impact they have had on your child this year. Thank you Durrumbul staff!

Library renovations

As mentioned previously, our school is about to undergo MAJOR renovations and we have LOTS of moving to do. We need boxes! Lots and lots of boxes. We have to completely pack up our K-1 room, library and school house in order for the painters and carpenters to work their magic. If you have any boxes or any time available to help us with this enormous task, please let us know! All work is scheduled to be completed by July 2020.

Term 4 Calendar

You will find a calendar of our busy and exciting school days on the last page of this newsletter. Despite every day being important to attend school, we are finding that late arrivals and unexplained absences are causing students distress that they are missing out on the “extra” fun events happening at school. We strive for school to be not only educational but a creative and healthy vibrant place for children to love to come each day. Perhaps this calendar will assist in knowing when our music lessons, circus lessons, pottery lessons, NRL coaching, excursions...the list goes on to assist in ensuring your student is at school by 8:55am each and every day. It is heartbreaking when a student arrives late or realises that they missed out on something really great happening at school while they were away the day before. Thank you for your help and if you are ever not sure about when an event is on, please just ring our school office 0266845229 or email the school principal lauren.hankinson@det.nsw.edu.au

Have a great week ahead!



Healthy Lunchboxes

healthylunchbox.com.au is a one-stop-shop for everything families need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.

For a chance to win a \$50 supermarket voucher, help Cancer Council NSW improve their website by completing this short 5 minute [survey](#)."

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