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Outdoor Environmental STEM Days

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, our students were involved in two days of outdoor learning with thanks to the Dorrroughby Environmental Education Centre and some wonderful planning from our own Mr. Darren Murcott. Students explored our neighbouring creek looking for bugs, insects and creatures to then examine various species under the microscope. They also completed gorgeous watercolour artworks of the insects they caught! What an awesome couple of days in the very best classroom of all- the outdoors!



Dentist visit for Kinder students

Our Kindergarten students will be visiting the free school Dentist next Monday 11th November. If you haven't returned your permission note, please send it in with your child.

Circus fun!

Our students are currently preparing a circus performance with Spaghetti Circus for a wonderful opening act for our 2019 Awards Assembly. Students are undertaking eight intensive circus lessons over the next six weeks with a qualified Circus Instructor. Make sure you mark those diaries for 9:45am on Monday 16th December to see all their hard work come to fruition! See you there! Cost of Circus lessons is \$30 per child.

NRL Coaching Sessions

With thanks to our Sporting Schools grant, students are enjoying weekly NRL coaching sessions. These tailored clinics are designed to build on student strengths and skills. A huge thank to Game Development Officer Dayne Weston for the great lessons he is offering our students.



We are now a Smiling Mind Mindfulness School

It is with much excitement that our school received the news that we were successful in our application to become a Smiling Mind mindfulness school. There were just 400 primary schools selected across the state. Mindfulness is a well-established and researched technique being used to help children and young people achieve calmness and improved wellbeing, develop skills to regulate their emotions and behaviour, improve attention and concentration and support good learning environments. Mrs. Hankinson and Ms. Jankovic attended a two-day workshop and will now be providing students with three brief mindfulness sessions and one 30 minute lesson each week. You can also download the free Smiling Mind app today from the App Store or Google Play store on your phone, iPad or computer for your own personal use or with your family. More information can be found at www.smilingmind.com.au

Our school in 2020

We are thrilled to confirm that we will continue to run two classes next year with a small teacher-student ratio and a determined focus on individual learning, success in literacy and numeracy and whole child wellbeing. Ms. Natasha Jankovic will continue as our K-2 class teacher and Mrs. Lauren Hankinson will be teaching the 3-6 class. Further staffing details will be finalised in the coming weeks.

2020 Kindergarten Orientation

Next Wednesday 13th November will be the last week of our 2020 Kindergarten Orientation program. We are extending the invitation to any new students in years 1 to 6 that would like to come along on this day to enjoy a day in the life of a Durrumbul student! Please book an appointment with our school Principal if you would like a school tour and information pack.

Instrumental Music lessons



Students have been loving their Instrumental Music lessons with Mr. Chris Costello. Students are loving both their small group lessons and over 50% of our students are now attending private tuition as well! Students are working towards an end-of-year performance- we can't wait to hear it! Just a reminder that all students K-6 need to pay \$25 a term for their small group music lessons. Private lessons are to be paid directly to Mr. Chris Costello.

Message from our P&C Secretary Taneal

Hello there wonderful Durrumbul School community! We are coming up to our next P&C meeting on Thursday the 14th November (from 2:45pm-3:45pm). Amongst other things, we will talk about organising the end of year assembly and presentations, the year 6 dinner/farewell event and possible future extra-curricular programs for our kids! Any other things anyone else would like to talk about would also be appreciated. Everyone is always welcome. We would love to see you there! Please feel free to come along for a relaxed cup of tea and discussion about what we can do for our kids and our school.

Pasta lunch day!

Next Thursday 14th November, our canteen will be open again with much thanks to Laila! She will be cooking up her delicious pasta lunches for our students- both gluten free and vegetarian options available for \$3 a bowl. Popcorn and fruit salad is also available for 50c each.

Cardboard boxes needed urgently!

We are in desperate need for cardboard boxes! In the coming weeks, we will be moving our current library to the school house while we have our classrooms (and school!) completely overhauled in the massive planned renovations. We will be creating a new historical centre, school library, meeting room and a new art studio along with a third new classroom! If you have any packing boxes we could use through this exciting busy time, we would greatly appreciate it!

Year 7 Transition to High School Day reminder

On Tuesday 3rd December, Year 6 will be attended Mullumbimby HS for the whole day. There is also a meet and greet with staff and parents from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. For any further details, please contact the Mullumbimby HS office on 02 66842600.

Byron Dolphin Dreaming Excursion

Just a reminder that we are all heading to The Pass at Byron Bay on Monday 18th November. Students will need to be at school on time (8:55am) in order to catch the bus. Please return permission notes as soon as possible. There is no cost for this NAIDOC excursion.

Final note from our Principal

For the past eighteen months, I have been working towards achieving my PPA Principal Credential. Last week, I was recognised for this award along with 53 of my executive colleagues across NSW DoE Public Schools in the 3rd cohort of this program. It will now be utilised as credit towards 50% of a Master of Educational Leadership degree from the University of Wollongong. I am a lifelong learner and as the Lead Learner at Durrumbul Public School, I hope to continue to inspire our students (and staff!) with the on-going voluntary motivation in the pursuit of knowledge for their own personal and future professional development.