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Newsletter

DURRUMBUL PUBLIC SCHOOL

WHAT A YEAR! HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

It is with a smiling heart that I write this very last newsletter of the school year after what has been such a wonderful first year as Principal of our beautiful little school.

Throughout this past year, along with regular learning in all our key learning areas, students have also enjoyed many extra-curricular activities such as pottery lessons, NRL coaching sessions,

intensive swimming lessons, weekly circus lessons, instrumental music lessons, Drama Club, IT Club, NAIDOC activities at Byron Lighthouse, visit to Woolworths and Mullumbimby Community

Gardens, environmental education investigations, robotics and STEM projects, Book Week Parade and Book Fair, Easter Hat Parade, ANZAC march, Colour Run, Metal detecting, Teddy Bears' Picnic, VoSS Cross Country Carnival, VoSS Swimming Carnival and VoSS Athletics Carnival, Rural Fire Service visit, sushi making, Mad Hatter lunch, Harmony Day celebration with the preschool, Drive-in movie fun, lantern parade, CWA International projects, gardening, Canberra visit and even skiing on the snowfields!

I am so thankful to all of our teaching and support staff who have invested so much of themselves and their tremendous efforts for the benefit of our students and our school. I count myself extremely

privileged this past year to work with such a dedicated team. We have an incredibly passionate and enthusiastic staff team who are deeply invested in finding and nurturing the immense potential inside all students so that they are equipped to explore the boundless possibilities that lie ahead of them.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you to all our parents, caregivers, grandparents and school families for all your support and for giving us the opportunity to work in partnership with you to give the greatest gift of all— the gift of education. We are so lucky that we have such a supportive community that have such confidence in the education we offer your children. Thank you to all who have taken the time to come and see what we offer here and to lend a helping hand when we have needed it. Thank you for celebrating with us this week at our Awards Assembly and Music Concert! It was incredible to have so many of your here with us! Thank you!



AWARDS ASSEMBLY

What a hot but enjoyable morning celebrating all our students achievements and efforts this year followed by a yummy lunch with our families and friends. Students were awarded certificates, medals, prizes and trophies in the following categories: Music, Science, English, Art, Drama, PBL Mascot Scholarship, Sporting Challenge, Swimming, NRL, Outstanding Attendance, Most Improved, Incredible Effort, Citizenship, Principal's Award and Year 6 Graduation.



EXCITING STAFF NEWS

A huge congratulations to Mr. Symon Roberts who has accepted a temporary teaching contract teaching K-1 at Empire Vale Public School next year. We hope to still see Mr. Roberts again throughout the year but wish him lots of luck on his new class. We are so proud of all he has achieved in his first year of primary teaching and the care and enthusiasm he brought to our school this year. Well done Mr. Roberts! We will miss you!

Mrs. Lauren Hankinson has also just received notification that she has been awarded a NSW Department of Education Postgraduate Study financial scholarship to undertake her doctorate studies in 2020. It has been a lifelong dream and she is very excited about how her new learning and research will benefit her students and our school.

PAYMENTS RECEIVED

Thank you to everyone who has made payments in the last couple of weeks. It is greatly appreciated that you have assisted us in the highly subsidised programs we offer your students such as swimming, circus lessons and music lessons. A huge thank you also to our P&C for an extremely generous donation to our school to assist in us being able to continue to offer exciting extra-curricular activities to our students again next year. Thank you.



HELLO 2020!

We have said goodbye to our Year Six graduates this week and wish them all the very best in High School. We have also welcomed four new enrolments to our school for next year. We are also thrilled to have two classes running next year. Ms. Natasha Jankovic will be teaching K-2 class and Mrs. Lauren Hankinson and Mr. Darren Murcott will be job-sharing the 3-6 class. Each Friday when Mrs. Hankinson will be at Principal meetings, trainings or working in the Principal's office, Ms. Jankovic will be teaching K-6 in Visual Arts, Drama, STEM (Science, Technology and Mathematics) and Mindfulness. Mrs. Hankinson will also be working in Learning Support designing Personalised Learning Plans for each and every student so that each student has their own goals and learning path to ensure success and growth. Here's to another great year!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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School returns for students on Wednesday 29th January. Please follow us on Instagram @durrumbulps or www.instagram.com/durrumbulps or check out our newly updated school website www.durrumbul-p.schools.nsw.gov.au for latest news and upcoming events.

WE WANTED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR RECENT STUDENT SURVEY

100% of students enjoyed learning at school this year.

100% of students felt cared for at school.

Students were asked "What are your teachers like?" and responses included: kind, nice, helpful, loving, lovely, fun, fabulous, great, amazing and caring.

Students were asked "How does our school feel to you?" and responses included: happy, lovely, really exciting, comforting, great, nice and a happy place.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR RECENT PARENT SURVEY

85% of parents view the culture of our school as **HAPPY AND WELCOMING**.

95% of parents would recommend Durrumbul PS to a **FRIEND**.

95% of parents are satisfied with the **LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES** their child has received this year.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR RECENT STAFF SURVEY

100% of staff view the culture of our school as **HAPPY AND WELCOMING**.

100% of staff view the morale of the school staff team as **HIGH**.

100% of staff view the Principal as **APPROACHABLE**.

100% of staff feel they are given opportunities to voice their ideas in a **SAFE AND RESPECTFUL ENVIRONMENT**.

**DON'T FORGET TO
TELL YOUR FRIENDS
ABOUT OUR GREAT
LITTLE SCHOOL!**

