



# Durrumbul Public School NEWSLETTER

Term Four Week Seven



Principal: Mrs Lauren Hankinson

## KINDER TRANSITION

Each Thursday and Friday over the past two weeks, we were so excited to welcome some of our new 2021 Kindergarten students to school to enjoy their transition sessions. It has been wonderful to see fresh, enthusiastic faces and give them a taste of what 'Big School' will be like next year. The four days were broken into different themes. On Dinosaur day, children learned about dinosaurs and went on a dinosaur dig in our sandpit. They then created dinosaurs from paper plates and read some very cool books. The children also discovered dinosaurs that had been fossilised in ice and had to break them free. On Australian Animals day, the children drew pictures of kangaroos and learnt some interesting facts about Australian animals. They made a platypus from a paper bag and an echidna using toothpicks for the spikes. They also pretended to be kangaroos and limbered up with some yoga. Then they made some cute koalas before going home. On Space day, the children discovered different planets and learnt what a comet was. They then made slime and had a real astronaut read them a story from space! The children then used glow stars to create a space picture and went on a space themed yoga session. On our Christmas themed day, the children discussed what happens on Christmas Day and drew a picture of Santa. They made a reindeer and decorated Christmas trees before reading some Christmas stories. Everyone enjoyed their 'Big school' experiences and we can't wait to see their eager young faces again next year.



# SWIMMING LESSONS

Every morning from Monday 7th December to Friday 11th December, students will be receiving swimming lessons at the Mullumbimby Petria Thomas Swimming Pool. The bus will be leaving school promptly at 9:00am and returning at 11:15am each day. Late arrivals to school will need to make their own way to meet us at the pool or return to school at 11:30am as there will be no staff for supervision at school during these swimming mornings. With thanks to the NSW Department of Education and a Sporting Schools grant, the total cost for pool entry, bus travel and swimming lessons of \$210 per student will be covered and therefore there is no charge to our school families. We just ask that students please be at school on-time each morning in order to catch the bus to the pool and to be wearing their swimmers and rash-shirt at the start of the day with their clean clothes in their bag to wear for the remainder of the day. They will also need a towel (and sunscreen if required). They will still need their fruit break food, recess and lunch food and water bottles.

# END OF YEAR AWARDS

We are thrilled to announce that our End of Year Awards Assembly will be held on Tuesday 15th December 2020 at 9:30am. This assembly will be held under the COLA to enable us to facilitate as many guests as possible due to COVID-19 restrictions. If you are attending on the day, please make sure you read and abide by the advice from NSW Health and the NSW Department of Education below:

- All attendees including students, staff, visitors, parents and carers must be well and free of any flu-like symptoms.
- All attendees must comply with the 4 square metre rule and keep a distance of 1.5 metre between non-household members.
- All visitors must sign the visitor's book and the [external visitor's form](#). These will be at the assembly area. The school is required to maintain a record of names and contact details for all attendees including school staff and visitors for at least 28 days after the event. This record is only used for the purposes of contact tracing for COVID-19 infections and will be stored confidentially and securely.
- We will also create and maintain a record of the seating plan to support contact tracing. All visitors are to remain seated, in the same seat, at all times. Seating will be set out at appropriate distances and must not be moved.
- Hand sanitiser will be available at all entry and exit points. Please ensure you use it on both entry and exit to the school.
- Visitors will need to enter the school through the front gate and walk around the left side of the front office to access the assembly area.
- The girls, boys and disabled toilets in C Block will be the only toilets available to visitors on the day. There is no access to the office or staff toilets. Please inform staff if there is no soap or paper towel.
- Visitors are not allowed access to areas outside of designated areas and must leave promptly at the conclusion of the assembly.
- Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available in the morning. Please do not serve yourself. We ask that you line up, abiding by social distance measures and a designated staff member will serve you.

You **MUST** follow all of these NSW Health mandated restrictions or you will be required to leave the school premises. We are very happy that COVID-19 restrictions have been revised and we have been able to hold this awards assembly as we had been concerned that it may not have been possible this year. A letter will be sent home closer to the event to confirm numbers of attendees. Please contact the school if you require more than two visitors per student as we will have limited seating.

**We also ask that you respect that our school is a chemical free school and please refrain from wearing perfume, hair spray, body spray or any other aerosol due to a staff member that is anaphylaxis allergic.**

# WATER BOTTLES

The weather has been heating up and the students are very active during breaks, sports and fitness. Could parents please ensure that their child brings a water bottle to school as the bubblers are still not being used due to COVID-19 restrictions? We have filtered water in the classrooms to fill up their water bottles during the day so that they have access to water inside and outside of the classroom.

# WHAT A RACQUET

This year, we have been fortunate to secure funding from 'Sporting Schools' which has allowed the purchase of the ANZ Hot Shots Tennis curriculum program and tennis equipment. For the past few weeks, the students have been participating in tennis activities based on fundamental movement and perceptual motor skills led by Miss Krystle Moss. The students are developing their accuracy and consistency with the racquet and building on underarm serving. By the end of term four, the students will engage in a rallies within a designated court. It is a delight to see the students encouraging their peers, supporting one another and having fun with tennis.



# AWARD WINNERS



# POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

For the past twelve months, our school has been implementing Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). 62% of NSW Public Schools are trained to implement PBL. Our goal has been to ensure that we have a preventative, positive learning environment for all students. We have recently undertaken an annual review to reflect on our achievements and to assist us in planning for our 2nd year of implementation.

Our findings were: 100% of students can name our PBL values. All students have received a Jewel Card and know why they received it. Overall, we found that expected behaviours are rewarded regularly, expected behaviours are stated positively and clearly and there are consistent consequences when required. Student behaviour is monitored and data collected weekly to help identify areas of improvement. In 2021, we will be focusing on classroom expectations and explicitly teaching school-wide expected behaviours.

## GET ON YOUR BIKES AND RIDE!

Bike riding is a great way to exercise and have fun as a family. Over the next 3 weeks, students will be learning about bike and road safety. This program has been sponsored by the NRMA in partnership with Fizzics Education. It is designed to support children to understand the importance of riding a bike safely on the streets, which is important every day but especially over the upcoming holiday period. Students will have the opportunity to experience a range of hands on and online learning experiences, helping them to maintain and identify any problems with their bikes. Here are just a few of the ideas we will be exploring in class: Be seen - wear bright clothing, use flags, reflectors on spokes or reflective tape on bikes to ensure you are visible to other road users. Be in control - the right size bike is essential for safety. Adjust the bike seat so that your feet can reach the ground when seated. Make sure that the brakes, gears and bell are in easy reach when riding. Be sure the bike is safe to ride - check the tyres, steering, brakes and for rust regularly. Check their tyres for air and damage prior to each ride. Be alert when near cars - we will discuss the dangers of reversing cars in driveways. Children often assume that they are safe from cars when riding on footpaths. Be safe when crossing the road - we will also discuss the importance of walking their bike across the road. "Stop, Look, Listen and Think". A parent information booklet to support child safety is available on request.

## CONGRATULATIONS KRYSTLE!

Miss. Krystle Moss has recently completed her Certificate IV in Education Support. This is the highest level teacher aide course for anyone working as an education support worker in an Australian school. She has learnt how to support the learning, behaviour and development needs of students with disabilities and learning disorders along with how to provide operational and logistical support to classroom teachers. Krystle has contributed so much to our school in her first twelve months here with her enthusiasm and exceptional work ethic. She has also planned and implemented a phenomenal daily fitness program and led weekly sport sessions that have enabled students to excel in numerous fundamental movement skills and achieve in various sporting skills. Well done Krystle!

## COVID-19 TESTS ARE REQUIRED

We have been advised by the NSW Department of Education, that all students displaying any flu like symptoms such as a cough, fever, runny nose etc. must not attend school and have a COVID-19 test before returning to school. The negative test results must be given to the school upon the students' return.

If you enter the school gates for ANY reason, you **MUST** fill out an External Visitors to School Site Form for contract tracing support. Please remember that parents are still not allowed on school grounds and must drop off and meet their children at the school gate.

# PLANS FOR 2021

Students in Year 1 to Year 6 will return to school on Friday 29th January 2021 and our new Kindergarten students will start school on Monday 1st February 2021.

At this stage, it is planned to split K-2 students and 3-6 students into two small classes for English and Maths until lunch-time on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. After lunch on those days and for the whole day on Friday, the two classes will be combined as one. Until we reach 26 student enrolments, the NSW Department of Education only classifies (and funds) our school as a one class school. It is by prioritising individualised learning and strategically planning for improvements in literacy and numeracy that we are able to make these two smaller class sizes possible.

Our school Principal Mrs. Lauren Hankinson and Mr. Symon Roberts will be job-sharing the 3-6 class and teaching in whole school sessions. Ms. Natasha Jankovic will be teaching the K-2 class and teaching in whole school sessions. Miss Krystle Moss will continue to support our students as a School Learning Support Officer. Mrs Catherine Hankinson will continue as School Administration Manager and Mr. Clint McClymont will continue as our General Assistant and School Cleaner.

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

TERM 4 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>WEEK SEVEN</b>	English, Fitness, Maths, Mindfulness, Dance and Assembly. CT: Ms. Jankovic	English, Fitness, Maths, Mindfulness, Tennis, Japanese and Music. CT: Ms. Jankovic & Mrs. Hankinson	English, Fitness, Maths, Mindfulness and Geography. CT: Mr. Roberts	English, Fitness, Maths, Mindfulness, Environmental Science and Sustainability. CT: Mr. Roberts	English, Fitness, Maths, Mindfulness, Health and STEM. Newsletter home. CT: Mr. Roberts	
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
<b>WEEK EIGHT</b>	English, Fitness, Maths, Mindfulness, Dance and Assembly. CT: Ms. Jankovic	English, Fitness, Maths, Mindfulness, Tennis, Japanese and Music. CT: Ms. Jankovic & Mrs. Hankinson	English, Fitness, Maths, Mindfulness and Geography. CT: Ms. Jankovic	English, Fitness, Maths, Mindfulness, Environmental Science and Sustainability. CT: Mr. Roberts	English, Fitness, Maths, Mindfulness, Health and STEM. CT: Mr. Roberts	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>WEEK NINE</b>	Swimming at MPTSP, Bus leaves at 9am English, Maths, Dance and Assembly. CT: Ms. Jankovic	Swimming at MPTSP Bus leaves at 9am English, Maths and Music. CT: Ms. Jankovic & Mrs. Hankinson	Swimming at MPTSP Bus leaves at 9am English, Maths and Art. CT: Ms. Jankovic	Swimming at MPTSP Bus leaves at 9am English, Maths, Enviro Science and Sustainability. CT: Mr. Roberts	Swimming at MPTSP Bus leaves at 9am English, Maths and Sport. Newsletter home. CT: Mr. Roberts	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>WEEK TEN</b>	<b>PBL Jewels Reward Day</b>	<b>Awards Assembly 9:30</b> <b>End of Year Clean Up</b>	<b>Last day of Term 4</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>	

CT: Classroom Teacher

*Please continue to practice social distancing and safe hygiene practices to protect us all.*

*We would like to acknowledge the Arakwal Bumberlin people of Bundjalung Nation who are the Traditional Custodians of this land on which we live, learn and work.*