



# Durrumbul Public School NEWSLETTER

Term Four Week Nine



Principal: Mrs Lauren Hankinson

## AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Don't forget that our End of Year Awards Assembly will be held on Tuesday 15th December 2020 at 9:30am:

- 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. A designated staff member will take your order and serve you.

### WEATHER ALERT - POSSIBLE CANCELLATION

At the time of printing this newsletter, it isn't looking great for the quantity of rainfall predicted for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. We are actually quite concerned if school will even be accessible on Monday due to floodwaters over the road. The only way we are allowed to hold our Awards Assembly with COVID-19 restrictions is to hold it outdoors. If it is raining on Tuesday morning, we will no longer be able to hold our Awards Assembly with an audience of parents. However, we will continue with our Awards Celebration indoors and we will make sure photos and video footage are shared on our website, Instagram page and emailed to all parents and caregivers. You will receive a phone call from school only in the event of cancellation on Tuesday morning. Fingers crossed the sun will be shining and all can go ahead as planned!

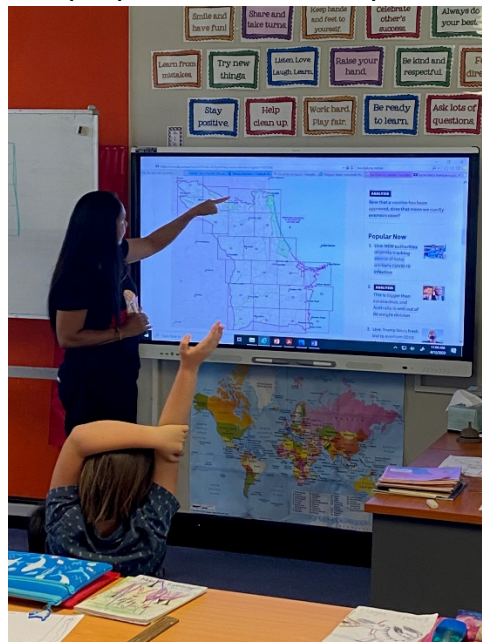
# SWIMMING LESSONS

The students have been receiving swimming lessons this week at the Mullumbimby Petria Thomas Swimming Pool. It's wonderful to see students learn a vital skill that is so important. We are sure that fun was on the agenda too!



# JINGI WALLA AUNTY DELTA KAY

Last week, we had the honour of welcoming Aunty Delta Kay to our school to help us write an "Acknowledgement of Country" that reflects our community surroundings and school values. Aunty Delta is an Arakwal custodian and is committed to working in genuine partnerships with our local communities to promote an awareness, understanding and mutual respect between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. The students brainstormed a range of ideas that were important to them and that they would like to see reflected in our schools very own "Acknowledgement of Country". Aunty Delta and the students identified native flora and fauna that exist in our school setting. They discussed our school values and how they are reflective of being caring and respectful learners, supporting our understanding of Aboriginal people past and present. This incursion offered a fantastic opportunity for the students to reflect on their past experiences and understanding of Indigenous culture whilst gaining a greater appreciation of the importance of the land and past stories that encompass our local area. Boogulbeh - Thank you Aunty Delta for taking the time to share your knowledge and support the students and their understanding of Arakwal Bumberbin people as the First Peoples in the Byron Shire.



# AWARD WINNERS



# DOCTOR PLATYPUS

The students enjoyed a visit from Dr. Gilad Bino who works for the University of NSW studying platypus habitats in NSW. His expertise assisted students in their understanding of threatened and endangered species in Australia. The students went down to the creek, where they identified habitat changes in the area that have affected platypus populations. Unfortunately, there have been no known sightings of platypus in our creek for a very long time. Dr. Bino discussed how pollution and chemicals used for spraying crops have also had a detrimental effect on the rivers, not just for platypus but a range of species that depend on healthy water ways. Back in the classroom, they looked at some videos and pictures of Dr. Bino and his team of scientists on location in various parts of NSW. This offered an opportunity for the students to ask questions about what it is like studying endangered and threatened species and some of the challenges encountered on their field trips. Thank you Dr. Bino for assisting the students with their understanding of the importance of sustainability in our community and ways to reduce our environmental footprint, ensuring a healthy environment for future generations.



# SCHOOL PROMOTION 360° MOVIE



A huge thank you to The School Photographer who kindly offered us a 360° movie to showcase our beautiful school and assist us in future school promotions. We have had so many incredible renovations and improvements at our school this past year and it was so exciting to be able to have the school looking so good for this amazing opportunity.

We were so proud of how smartly dressed and how well behaved our students were while the photographers posed them ready for all the best angles! Final video to be released early 2021 on our school website.

## REPORTS & RETURN TO SCHOOL

Students' reports will be sent home on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The last day of school for students is Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Years 1 - 6 will recommence school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Kindergarten students will start on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021. Please have a safe and happy holiday break. Thank you for all your support through one of the hardest and most unpredictable years ever! Merry Christmas and we all cannot wait to see you back in 2021 in what will hopefully be a much more settled and healthier world.

### DECEMBER

TERM 4 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Reports Home Yr 6 Graduation</b>	<b>Clean up Last day of Term 4</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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CT: Classroom Teacher

*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.*

PLEASE SHARE OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE AND INSTAGRAM PAGE WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

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