



Durrumbul Public School NEWSLETTER

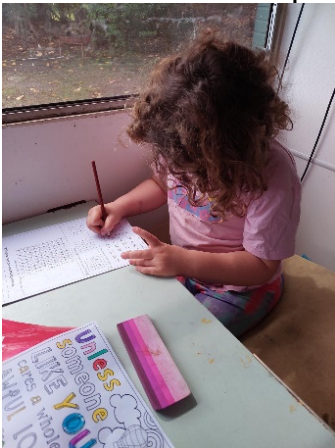
Term Three Week Five



Principal: Mrs Lauren Hankinson

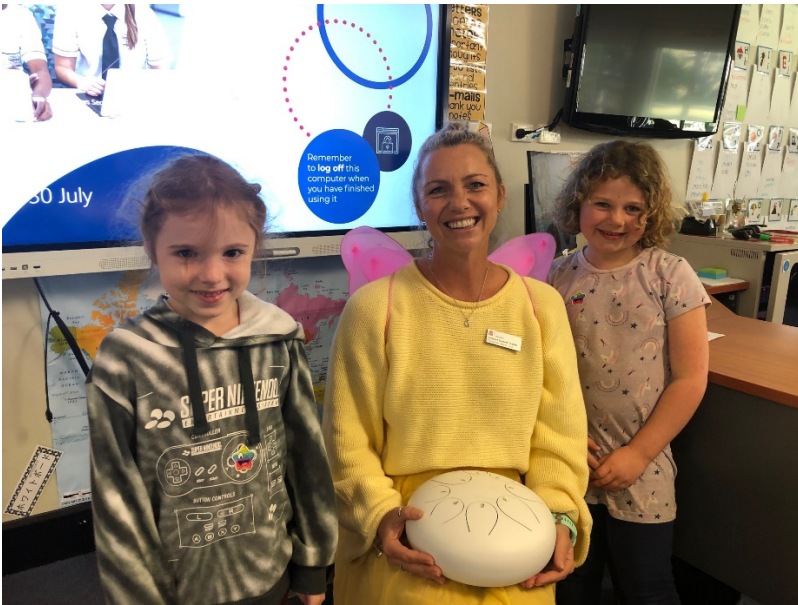
LEARNING FROM HOME

As you are all aware, the Premier announced that Byron Shire has had community transmission of COVID-19 and stay-at-home restrictions were introduced from 6:00pm, Monday 9 August 2021 until 12:01am, Tuesday 17 August 2021 (at this stage). All students have been supported with 'Learning from Home' kits. I want to thank all of our school families for promptly collecting these learning kits and for your support during this time. A huge thank you to our teaching staff who created these targeted individualised learning kits with limited notice to ensure students could continue engaging with their learning each day. Our school has been non-operational on Thursday and Friday this week in the interest of safety for our staff and students. Please email any of our teachers or contact the Principal for assistance with any additional needs or concerns. Stay home, stay safe and take care of each other in these unexpected times. We are all in this together. Don't forget to share any pics of students learning at home and their completed work with us as we would love to see what they are doing!



A VISIT FROM THE TISSUE FAIRY

We were so very excited to receive a very special visit from the Tissue Fairy (aka Mrs. Bethany Stephens). Mrs. Stephens is an Itinerant Support Teacher (Hearing) for the NSW Department of Education and offers ear and nose health lessons for children for the education and prevention of conductive hearing loss. Students had an enjoyable time learning all about the role their ears play and how healthy hygiene practices can reduce the occurrence of conductive hearing loss. Students explored the basic anatomy of the ear and learnt about the importance of blowing their noses! Thank you for the visit!



TERM 3 POTTERY WORKSHOP

Each term, we love welcoming back Mrs. Campbell to lead a pottery workshop. The students just keep on impressing us all with their developing skills in hand building with clay! They used a variety of patterns with coils to make stars and moons. Using scoring and patterning, students also made owls with an origami pattern and gave each one individual character. Then, when they were asked to make something that would fit in their pinch pot nests, the students used sculptural techniques and let their imaginations direct them into creating a selection of very unique works. The students then hand painted their work with vibrant underglazes and coated them with a clear glaze. They look amazing!



OUR LIVING CLASSROOM

In addition to our school vegetable gardens, we have decided to bring the outside world into our classroom! Our students were desperate to figure out a way to observe vegetables growing below the soil so this past week, students have planted some carrots into a root viewer that has a window at an angle which lets the roots grow against the window for us to have a perfect view of the whole growing process! We will continue to update you all on their progress but we are loving spending time with our carrots in the classroom growing beside us while we are busy learning! What's next? Maybe beetroot!



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STAFFING UPDATE



On Thursday evening, the Queensland Government changed the classification of essential workers who have permission to enter NSW for work. It is with much disappointment that NSW school staff who live in QLD are now no longer classed as essential workers and are unable to attend their NSW workplace. This impacts our School Principal, School Administration Manager and our Student Learning Support Officer who all reside in Queensland. These three staff members have also just been issued a 14 days Home Quarantine because they have worked in the Byron Shire.

This means that after the Level 4 restrictions are lifted, staff at school will be as follows: Miss Eliza Armstong and Mr. Sam Naoum (SLSO) on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Mr. Symon Roberts and Mr. Sam Naoum on Wednesdays and Mr. Roberts and Miss Armstrong on Thursdays.

Staff will not be able to answer the phone throughout the day and will not have breaktimes as they will have extra playground duties so please leave a message and it will be checked at the end of the day. It is so important that students know how they are travelling home each day prior to arriving at school. The School Principal will continue to be available by phone or email.

Thank you for your support as always in these unpredictable times.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

TERM 3 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
WEEK FIVE	Fitness, English, Maths, Mindfulness, PBL, Japanese and Assembly. CT: Mrs. Hankinson CT: Miss Armstrong	Level 4 'Stay at home' orders. Staff preparing learning kits for students.	Level 4 'Stay at home' orders. Parents to collect learning kits from school. Students learning from home.	Level 4 'Stay at home' orders. Students learning from home. School non-operational today. No staff onsite.	Level 4 'Stay at home' orders. Students learning from home. School non-operational today. No staff onsite.	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
WEEK SIX	Level 4 'Stay at home' orders. Students learning from home.	English, Library, Maths, Mindfulness, PBL and Visual Arts. CT: Miss Armstrong.	Fitness, English, Maths, Science, Mindfulness, History and STEM. CT: Mr. Roberts.	English, Maths, Enviro Science, Mindfulness, Gardening and Sport. CT: Mr. Roberts. CT: Miss Armstrong.	Fitness, English, Mindfulness, Geography, Health and Drama. CT: Miss Armstrong.	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
WEEK SEVEN	Fitness, English, Maths, Mindfulness, PBL, Japanese and Assembly. CT: Miss Armstrong.	English, Library, Maths, Mindfulness, PBL and Visual Arts. CT: Miss Armstrong.	Fitness, English, Maths, Science, Mindfulness, History and STEM. CT: Mr. Roberts.	English, Maths, Enviro Science, Mindfulness, Gardening and Sport. CT: Mr. Roberts. CT: Miss Armstrong.	Fitness, English, Mindfulness, Geography, Health and Drama. CT: Miss Armstrong.	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
WEEK EIGHT	Fitness, English, Maths, Mindfulness, PBL, Japanese and Assembly. CT: Miss Armstrong.	English, Library, Maths, Mindfulness, PBL and Visual Arts. CT: Miss Armstrong.	Fitness, English, Maths, Science, Mindfulness, History and STEM. CT: Mr. Roberts.	English, Maths, Enviro Science, Mindfulness, Gardening and Sport. CT: Mr. Roberts. CT: Miss Armstrong.	Fitness, English, Mindfulness, Geography, Health and Drama. CT: Miss Armstrong.	

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.