



Durrumbul Public School NEWSLETTER

Term Three Week Nine



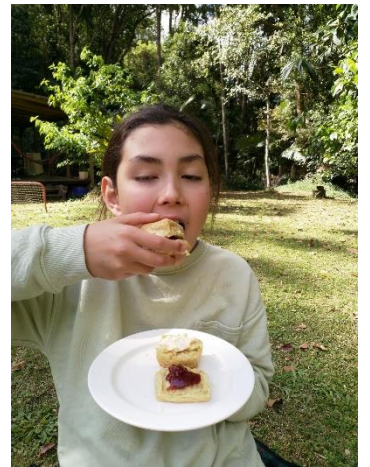
Principal: Mrs Lauren Hankinson

BACK TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY!

We are so excited to announce that the COVID-19 restrictions have been eased and **staff and students are BACK to school on Monday 13th September 2021!** All students are expected and will be supported, to return to school for face-to-face learning. In accordance with Level 3 restrictions, only essential visitors will be allowed on site and will be required to check-in and wear masks at all times. Sadly, parents and carers will need to remain outside of school grounds and follow physical distancing and avoid gathering for drop-offs and pick-ups. There will be enhanced daily cleaning of the school and wherever possible we will ensure classrooms will be well-ventilated with open windows. Unfortunately, there will be no school assemblies or sport (outside of existing PDHPE classes), excursions or field trips.

As we return to school, the NSW Department of Education and NSW Health have deemed that all school staff must be double vaccinated by 8th November 2021 and it will be mandatory for all staff to wear masks at school. **Primary school students are strongly recommended to wear masks at school** and while this is not mandatory, we ask you to speak to your children about the importance of mask wearing and its assistance in the prevention of spreading COVID-19. The NSW Department of Education has supplied the school with disposable masks for our students to wear but in the interests of the environment, we encourage you to supply your child with a reusable, three layered mask for use at school. We greatly appreciate your support in order to keep all staff and students safe at this time.





HELPFUL TIPS FOR COMING BACK TO PRIMARY SCHOOL

Your teacher is looking forward to seeing you and we know that you are looking forward to seeing your friends. Sometimes learning from home felt easy, sometimes it felt a bit hard. Everyone has a different learning from home story to tell. Here's some helpful tips for you as you get ready to return to school.

- GET READY** (Socks icon): Check your uniform and shoes still fit, and repack your school bag. Your school will have hand sanitiser and masks, but you can take your own too!
- BE SAFE** (Mask icon): Safety first – wear your mask. Sneeze or cough into your elbow, put used tissues in the bin, and wash your hands during the day and before you eat.
- FEELINGS** (Smiley and frowny face icons): It can help to talk. It's ok to feel a little unsure, worried, nervous, happy, angry or any feeling in between. Talking to your parent or a carer, your teacher or other staff is important when you feel unsettled or are worried about a friend.
- SLEEP** (Bed icon): Nothing beats a good sleep. Go to bed early and keep phones and other devices in another room, so you're not disturbed. It might take a little time to get back into your routine.
- EAT** (Apple icon): Food is fuel for your body and brain. Don't forget to eat breakfast and grab a healthy lunch and keep your water bottle topped up!
- SCHOOL WORK** (Book icon): Try your best. Let a teacher, parent or a carer know what you found easy or hard when working from home. They are there to help you.
- BE KIND AND PATIENT** (Heart icon): Everyone will settle back to school in a different way. Showing kindness and being patient with the people around you will help everyone feel better.
- HAVE SOME FUN** (Smiley face icon): Your teacher wants you to enjoy being back at school. Join in the classroom and break-time fun, and play outside with your friends and classmates.

There are more ideas on looking after yourself on the Department of Education's [student mental health and wellbeing](#) pages.

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THANK YOU PARENTS!

Thank you for all your support during these past few weeks of 'Learning from Home'. I have greatly appreciated your positivity and enthusiasm to support students with their school work. I am so proud of the way we all managed to succeed with this challenge again and I'm so thankful to both Mr. Symon Roberts and Miss Eliza Armstrong for the engaging and interesting learning kits they created for our students to keep them on-track during this pandemic. Thank you all for your communication, assisting with our Zoom Catch-Up Chats and sending photos so we could stay in touch with one another. I have loved how connected we have been able to be despite the lockdown. Thanks for making that possible.

SASS APPRECIATION WEEK

This past week was School Administration and Support Staff (SASS) Week. It is a time when we stop and acknowledge the hard work of our SASS staff for all they do each and every day to help make our school be the very best place for students to learn and for teachers to do their work.

At Durrumbul PS, this includes our School Administration Manager Mrs. Catherine Hankinson, our Grounds Assistant Mr. Clint McClymont and our School Learning and Support Officer Miss Krystle Moss. Their quality work behind the scenes ensures our teachers and students have the strong foundation they need to be successful. Throughout the recent COVID-19 lockdown, we know that they have been going above and beyond to support our school community and we greatly appreciate all that they do. Please take the time to thank our wonderful support staff next time you see them at school.

WEEKLY AWARDS



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

TERM 3/4 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
WEEK NINE	Level 4 'Stay at home' orders. Students learning from home.	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.	Level 4 'Stay at home' orders. Students learning from home.	Level 4 'Stay at home' orders. Students learning from home.	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
WEEK TEN	Students return to school Fitness, English, Maths, Mindfulness, PBL and Assembly. CT: Miss Armstrong.	English, Maths, Enviro Science, Mindfulness, Gardening and Sport. CT: Mr. Roberts	Fitness, English, Maths, Science, Mindfulness, History and STEM. CT: Mr. Roberts.	English, Library, Maths, Mindfulness, PBL and Visual Arts. CT: Miss Armstrong.	Fitness, English, Mindfulness, Geography, Health and Drama. CT: Miss Armstrong.	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
WEEK ONE	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Students return to school English, Maths, Enviro Science, Mindfulness, Gardening and Sport. CT: Mr. Roberts.	Fitness, English, Maths, Science, Mindfulness, History and STEM. CT: Mr. Roberts.	English, Library, Maths, Mindfulness, PBL and Visual Arts. 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.