



# DURI PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, 20th November	- 2nd Kinder Orientation Day 11.00 am-3.00 pm
Friday, 21st November	- 2015 Captain's Speeches - 10.30 am
Monday, 24th November	- 4/5/6 students leave on Sydney Excursion
Thursday, 27th November	- Last Kinder Orientation Day 11.00 am-3.00 pm
Friday, 28th November	- 4/5/6 students arrive home from Sydney Excursion
Thursday, 4th December	- Craft Groups 1-2 pm
Friday, 5th December	- Craft Groups 1-2 pm - School Disco 6-9 pm
Wednesday, 10th December	- Presentation Night
Friday, 12th December	- Carols by Candlelight - Duri Anglican Church
Monday, 15th December	- Nursing Home Visit and Movies
Tuesday, 16th December	- Year 6 Farewell and Staff Dinner - 6.00 pm
Wednesday, 17th December	- Student's last day for 2014

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Ms Johnston Transfer of Duty

Next year Ms Johnston will be teaching at Oxley Vale Public School. She is exchanging duties with Mrs Purdy who will be teaching the K/1/2 class at Dur Public School. Mrs Purdy is an extremely capable and experienced teacher who has taught infants classes for many years. She is looking forward to being involved with our small school community. At this stage the transfer of duty is for 12 months and will be reviewed at the end of 2015. This is a great opportunity for Jen to develop her teaching experiences in a larger school. I wish her all the best for next year.

### Oz Tag Draw

Tamworth Junior Oz Tag draw for today, **Wednesday, 19th November** is:  
Under 8's **Duri/West Demons** play TPS Tigers on Mini Field 1 at 4.15 pm.  
Under 12's **Duri/Westdale Diamonds** play Bowdo Slashing on Field 7 at 4.15 pm.  
Good luck teams!

### Intensive Swimming Lessons

Our swimming is now finished for Term 4. Thank you to everyone who assisted, our students improved greatly. Please try and keep them swimming over the holidays. In Term 1, 2015 we will be participating again in the learn to swim program.

### Duri Hall Centenary Celebrations

The celebrations on Saturday night were a great success, thanks mainly to **Billie-Jane Wood** who organised the night. Great job!

### Excursion to Sydney

**Eden Walters, Leisl Cooper, Charlotte Kesby, Phoebe Reynolds, and Charlotte Ramsden** are off on their Sydney excursion on Monday. We hope the students, Mrs Cooper and Mr McDonald will have a great trip and we look forward to hearing all about it.

### Kinder Orientation Days

Our first Kinder Orientation Day was extremely successful. We had three kinders for 2015 - **Zara Kesby, Ashton Urquhart and Maddison Frazer. Savannah Major** will be joining us on the last Orientation day. There are two more Orientation Days on **20th and 27th November** from 11.00 am till 3.00 pm.

### Captain's Speeches - This Friday

Year 5 students who wish to stand for captain in 2015 will present their speeches to the school at a special assembly this **Friday, 21st November** at 10.30 am. Parents are welcome to attend.

### Tennis Championships

Students who are interested in competing in the school tennis championships, please see Mr McDonald. There is a junior and senior division. Date for the championships is yet to be finalised.

### Carols by Candlelight - Friday, 12th December

Keep this date free - the school will be performing at Carols by Candlelight at the Duri Anglican Church on **Friday, 12th December** commencing at 7.30 pm. There will be a free sausage sizzle beforehand at 7.00 pm which everyone is invited to. This is a great night and it would be wonderful if we could have lots of students singing.

### Presentation Night - Wednesday, 10th December at 7.00 pm

At Presentation Night we have a Giving Tree where parents can send in toys and non-perishable food items, anything that you think may be useful for a hamper at Christmas which we donate to the Tamworth Women's Refuge. You can send in items from now on until Presentation Night.

### Nursing Home Visit - Monday, 15th December

We would appreciate if you could send in gifts to give to the residents such as handkerchiefs, toiletries, note paper etc.

### Christmas Craft Groups

We are holding our annual craft groups on **Thursday, 4th and Friday, 5th December** from 1.30 - 2.30 pm. We need your help - activities could include needlework, cooking, Christmas decorations etc. Please indicate on the note below if you are able to help. Please let the school know as soon as possible, so we can get our groups organised.

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### Craft Groups - 2014

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to lead a group doing \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help where needed.

### **Book Club**

Issue 8 of Book Club is now available from school. All orders and money should be returned to school by this **Friday, 21st November**.

### **School Disco - Friday, 5th December**

The school disco will be held on **Friday, 5th December** from 6.00 pm-8.00 pm. The theme for the night will be the letter "S" so you can come dressed as something beginning with "S", such as spider, snake, superman. Cost is \$2.00 and drinks and chips will be on sale during the night. You could come as a School Principal!

### **Summer Reading Club**

At Tamworth and Branch Libraries the Summer Reading Club program will run from **1st December, 2014 until 31st January, 2015**. The theme for this year's club is *Adventure*. Registration is FREE! Participants can register in person at any local library branch, where they will receive a Summer Reading Log to track their reading efforts. Alternatively they can also register through the library website at [www.cnl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cnl.nsw.gov.au) and download a copy of the Summer Reading Log to get started straight away.

National prizes are also up for grabs for those who participate in the online writing activities via the Summer Reading Club website [www.summerreadingclub.org.au](http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au).

There is a flyer included in today's newsletter.

### **Duri Progress Association Christmas Party**

On **Friday 19th December**, the Progress Association is organising a Christmas Party in the Duri Hall from 6.30 pm. There will be a free sausage sizzle and parents are asked to bring their own drinks and nibbles. Santa will be making an appearance at 7.30 pm. Parents are asked to provide a gift to the value of \$10.00, wrapped and with the child's name on it. For any enquiries, please contact Priscilla Collins on 67680118 or Darrin Alderson on 0418438106. There is a flyer included in the newsletter.

## **MERIT AWARDS - Week 6, Term 4, 2014**

**Ben Crittle** - excellent stories about animals

**Ebonie Wood** - 175 home readers

**Phoebe Reynolds** - working hard

**Charlotte Ramsden** - great sentences

**Alex Urquhart** - being welcoming and helpful

Captains Awards to **Fiona Rivera** for being a helpful student

Civic Award to **Charlotte Kesby** for being nice in the playground

## **GOLD CERTIFICATES**

**Angus Urquhart**

**Sarah Frazer**

**Charlotte Ramsden**

## **BANNER**

**Angus Urquhart**

# PHOTO PAGE

Kinder Students - 2015

Ashton, Maddison and Zara



Ollie, Ben and Angus - That was a delicious birthday cake, Ollie!