



DURI PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, 4th December	- Craft Groups 1.30-2.30 pm - Finalise Junior & Senior Tennis Championships
Friday, 5th December	- Craft Groups 1.30-2.30 pm - School Disco 6-8 pm
Monday, 8th December	- K/1/2 Excursion to Tamworth
Wednesday, 10th December	- Presentation Night - 7.00 pm
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	- Games Day - Student's last day for 2014

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Excursion to Sydney

What a fantastic excursion. Your children were extremely co-operative and a pleasure to take away. They have become seasoned inner-city commuters, always remembering to walk on the left side. Thank you to **Mrs Cooper** who assisted on the senior excursion, your support was greatly appreciated.

Farewell Ms Rogers

This Friday we say goodbye to Ms Rogers who has been with us for the last four weeks. We have enjoyed having you as part of our school for a short time. All the best in your future studies.

Oz Tag Draw

The Under 8's team of **Molly Ison, Blake Christie, William Ramsden, Angus Urquhart and Ben Crittle** unfortunately lost their finals last week. Congratulations for making the finals!

School Disco - This Friday, 5th December

The school disco will be held this **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". Cost is \$2.00 and drinks and chips will be on sale during the night.

Tennis Championships

Mrs Cohen is still sorting out the junior players and will finalise the Junior Champion tomorrow after Hot Shots Tennis. The Senior Tennis Championships will be played tomorrow, so students wishing to play will need to bring their racquet and wear appropriate clothes and footwear.

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Kinder Orientation Days

Our Kinder Orientation Days were fantastic and we thank Ms Johnston for all her extra work. It is great that we have five kinders starting in 2015.

Carols by Candlelight - Friday, 12th December

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. We need to know numbers for our preparation of songs so if you are able to attend, please let the school know. Thank you to the parents who have already let us know of their attentions.

Presentation Night - Wednesday, 10th December at 7.00 pm

Students are expected to wear their full summer school uniform and should be at school by 6.45 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. Our special guest for the evening is **Mr Kevin Anderson MP**. Parents please bring a plate of food to share for supper.

Nursing Home Visit - Monday, 15th December

We would appreciate if you could send in gifts (wrapped if possible) to give to the residents such as handkerchiefs, toiletries, note paper etc. On this day the students will also be going to the movies to see "Penguins of Madagascar" after having lunch at Centrepoint Food Court. Please find a permission note included in the newsletter.

Junior Excursion To Tamworth

Students in K/1/2 will be travelling to Tamworth on **Monday, 8th December** and visiting the Fire Station after having munch & crunch at school. They will then go to the Marigold Inn for lunch and while there they will learn about Chinese New Year celebrations. **Students will need to wear sports uniform.** Please find a permission note included in the newsletter.

Library News

If you have overdue books at home, you will have received an overdue slip in your newsletter. Mrs Pearson would like to do a library stocktake on the last two days of school. **Please return all your library books as soon as possible.** Thank you.

School Reports

School Reports will go home on **Friday, 12th December**. If you would like an interview with your child's teacher before the end of the year, please ring the school to organise a time.

2015 Duri School Calendar

A Duri School 2015 Calendar is available to be purchased from Friday 12th December. This calendar has been mainly compiled by **Eden Walters**. The cost of the calendar is \$5.00. Please contact Wendy before the 12th December, if you wish to order one.

School Tanks

We are encouraging students to bring plenty of drinks from home as the water in the bubblers tastes unpleasant and we have to get it checked. We do have water in the staff room for any students who do not have enough to drink.

Christmas Craft Groups

Thank you to the people who have offered to run a group or offered to help on **Thursday, 4th and Friday, 5th December**. Your help is very much appreciated and without it we would not be able to offer the students such a great choice of crafts. We have six craft groups this year. The groups craft are on between 1.30 and 2.30 pm each day. Students have chosen their groups and there are approximately five in each group.

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 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.

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.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:
Alexander Urquhart - Friday, 5th December**

MERIT AWARDS - Week 8, Term 4, 2014

Ollie Steele - presenting his stories
Thomas MacAlpine - working hard in reading
Alex Urquhart - participation in Music
William Ramsden - interest in grammar
Charlotte Poole - improvement in Maths
John Coleman - improvement in Literacy
Jacob Umback - concentration in grammar
Isabell Kesby - interest and enthusiasm in her work
Breanna Barron - good work in class
Alex Urquhart - outstanding effort in Maths
Sarah Frazer - cooperation in class

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Seniors on tour in Sydney at Madame Tussards



2015 Kinder Students - Maddison Frazer, Savannah Major, Ashton Urquhart,
Logan Luckwell and Zara Kesby



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