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What's on for TERM 4

Week 9

Tues 7/12 Intensive Swimming Program at Dorrigo Pool
to Fri 10/12

Wed 8/12 Welcome Wall Opening & Afternoon Tea 2.30-2pm

Week 10

Wed 15/12 End of Year Excursion Gymnastics & Ice Skating

Notes due: IF ATTACHED

- Well Done Excursion consent note



Small Schools 'Learn to Swim' **Started TODAY**

The School Swimming Scheme started today and runs through to this Friday at the Dorrigo Pool every morning. We

will be leaving school at 9am every morning and returning to school by 1pm in the afternoons for normal school routine.

Students are to come to school in their swimmers ready for the pool. Please ensure all students bring a huge packed lunch, recess and water bottle every day. They will also need their dry school uniform to change into, a plastic bag for wet clothes, 2 towels if the weather is cool (one for during lessons and the second for drying off before dressing), hat, and sunscreen. Students with long hair will need to have it tied back or in a swim cap and all students should have trimmed finger and toenails.

Please ensure that ALL belongings (including underwear and socks) are labelled with your child's name.

Please note: Students will only be permitted to buy food from the Pool shop on Friday at recess with a \$2 limit per child. Students will be eating lunch when they return to school.

Whilst on the bus, students may only drink water so make sure to pack extra water. An apple/carrot may also be eaten on the way back to school.



Welcome Wall Mosaic Schools Official Opening & Afternoon Tea at Dorrigo Rainforest Centre this Wednesday 8th December - 2.30pm to 3pm

We will be attending the Welcome Wall Mosaic Official Opening for all Dorrigo Schools and afternoon tea at Dorrigo Rainforest Centre on Wednesday 8th December, after swimming. We will have lunch at the park at the Recreational Grounds (REC) weather permitting and then Jim will take the students by bus out to the Rainforest Centre for the Welcome Wall opening and afternoon tea at 2.30pm. The wall panels look fantastic and we encourage parents and community members to come along to the opening and to see the art work our students have been involved in. Parents may collect their child/ren afterwards or they may travel home on Jim's bus. Thank you to Jim, for kindly staying back to accommodate us. **Students travelling by bus will return home later than usual on the high school bus run.**



End of year Special Excursion - Wednesday 15th December 2010.

Our end of year excursion is planned for Wednesday 15th December 2010. We will be going to the Link Gymnasium at Sawtell and to the Big Banana Ice-Skating Rink at Coffs Harbour. The aim of this excursion is to congratulate all students for their efforts this year.



The P & C have kindly volunteered to pay for this excursion and we would like to thank them for this donation. **We will be travelling on Jim's Bus.** Students will need to catch the high school bus run or be at Tyringham Shop by 8am. Students will return home on the high school bus run in the afternoon or can be collected at the Tyringham Shop at 4pm.

Parents are welcome to join us for our fun day out. Please let us know if you would like to come so we can make time arrangements. Parents and additional participants will need their own transport and pay their own entry. **We will be having pizza and poppers for lunch.**

Students need to wear school uniform, including school sun hat.

Things to bring: your backpack with a packed recess, a big drink bottle, thick socks and track pants for ice-skating, perhaps a set of dry clothing and a plastic bag for wet gear.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Project

Thank you to parents and community members who attended the meeting last Friday. As everyone is aware we have been successful in gaining a grant from the Federal Government to take part in the exciting and innovative **Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program**. This program aims to teach children to grow, prepare and share fresh food and adopt healthy eating habits. Students will be introduced to new flavours, teaching them to cook delicious meals, and emphasising the connection between growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing food. We will emphasise the 'shared table' and how to eat with others. We are keen to involve community members within this program and will advertise special luncheon dates.

As part of this program we will have a **Kitchen Specialist** who will be employed for **2.5 hours per week** and will work with students for **1.5 hours per week**. We are advertising this position as an **Expression of Interest** if anyone in the community is interested in applying for the position and is interested in obtaining the relevant screening checks we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Robyn Beauchamp or Katrina Sangster at Dundurrabin P.S 66578133.

Library News - Books to be returned this week.

As 2010 is coming to an end, Mrs Sangster needs students to return all of their library books that they have at home, as she is conducting our annual stock take. If you are unsure to whether you have any books borrowed, please ask Mrs Sangster.



Canteen - all this week

We will be running canteen all week throughout swimming (except Wednesday). Canteen will also be available **Monday and Tuesday next week**. Students must leave their orders and money at school each morning before going into town.

Items available: 14 x Meat Pie-\$2.80, 1 x Chicken Pie-\$3.00, 10 x Spinach & Ricotta Pasties \$2.50, Sweet Chilli Chicken Tenders \$1.20, Roasted Wing Dings \$1.00, Chicken Nuggets 3 for \$1.20, Pizza's \$1.80 and frozen yoghurts \$1.30.

We have a limited supply of these items, so we will let students know each day as they run out.

Our Japanese Teacher Visit

The students enjoyed our special visitor, Kyoko Miyauchi, a Japanese teacher last Thursday. This was part of our cultural activities program with Clarence Valley Council who have sponsored Kyoko to visit our school. The students were impressed and enjoyed Kyoko's storytelling and musical performance, as well as learning some origami art and tricks.



Woodchip Mulch for Sale - \$5.00 per Trailer load

We have some surplus woodchip mulch for sale here at school, perfect for the gardens. Cost is \$5.00 per trailer load. Please phone the school if interested.

P&C News & Community Notices



Custom Framing

Have your School Photos framed locally. **Contact Abby Not on 66578058.**

Discounts given to local schools, and for multiple orders. Specialising in local timbers.

*****Why not frame a family photo to give to a loved one this Christmas*****

Dundurrabin Community Centre News and Upcoming Event & Dates for October & November

Sat 11 December - Tip Cleanup from 10am on Sun 12 December - Singing Group 11am Dundurrabin Com Centre



YOGA with Shakti Mundra

DUNDURRABIN Community Centre DORRIGO CWA Hall

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11am

Tuesdays 5 - 6.30pm

Bring mat, blanket and cushion - \$105 for 7 weeks or \$20 casual

Creative Kids with Jenni Francis

'Creative Kids' is an after school activity where we have lots of fun making, doing and exploring all sorts of creative expression in an artistically stimulating, supportive rural environment accessing an expansive well equipped studio. There are some vacancies in the 2011 program. **Small groups are conducted Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons.** Secure your child a place or for further details contact Jenni Francis 66572625 or jenniffrancis@dorrigo.com Feel free to enquire.

'Creative Kids' is also available in holiday time on an individual mutually agreeable basis. Adult 'Creative Kids' is offered alternate Tuesdays (9.00 - 12.00) with the opportunity of clay making and mosaics. No previous experience is necessary to be part of these friendly productive sessions.

NSW Sport & Recreation Cricket Holiday Clinics

Clinics are aimed at all ability levels from the ages of 8-16 years boys and girls - Cost \$110

Clinics will be held across two days from 9.00am - 3.00pm each day.

Grafton - 20-21 December

Yamba - 5-6 January

Woodlawn - 24-25 January

Port Macquarie - 18-19 January

5th West Rocks - 20-21 January

All information regarding these clinics: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/active/whatson.asp?region=northcoast>.



Dorrigo Swim Club - Learn to Swim and Stroke Correction Intensive Programs

Dorrigo Swim Centre presents: **Learn-to-Swim & Stroke Correction Intensive programs** throughout the January holidays. 5 day programs will be available from **Monday 3rd Jan - Fri 7th Jan** and also from **Mon 10th Jan - Fri 14 Jan**. Other weeks may run if there is enough interest.

Cost is just **\$45 for a 5 day program**. Instructors are Austswim qualified. **Contact the pool on 66572578 for bookings or enquiries.** Please note these programs are not the same as the swimsafe programs run by Dept of Sport & Recreation.



Want to be an energy and climate change leader in your local community?

Volunteer for NSW Energymark and reduce your carbon footprint and power bills. CSIRO and the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW are looking for 500 volunteers to lead small group discussions on energy, climate change, water and waste in their communities. You don't need to know a lot about energy and climate change to participate - simply gather a small group of people (family, friends, neighbours or workmates) for discussions using support and discussion material provided by CSIRO and NSW Government.

Energymark works by volunteer convenors getting small groups of people together to meet regularly to learn and discuss what they can do to make a difference. Convenors and participants receive easy-to-read fact sheets that the discussions are based on. There is a lot of talking, activities and sharing ideas to help at home! Anyone can get involved! The NSW Energymark program is a CSIRO initiative in partnership with the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW helping households lower power bills and reduce our impact on the environment.

To register or for more information visit www.energymark.com.au or call 1300 119 003