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"Living and Learning Together"  
**Newsletter: Monday, Week 6, Term 4, 2013**



#### What's on for TERM 4

##### Week 7

Tues 19/11 Yr 6 Orientation at Dorrigo HS – All Day  
Thurs 21/11 Kindergarten Transition 9.30am to 12noon

##### Week 8

Thurs 28/11 Yr 6 Orientation at Dorrigo HS – All Day

##### Week 9

Mon 2/12 Yr 4 – 6 Lake Ainsworth Small Schools Excursion to Wed 4/12  
Tues 3/12 Preschoolers Morning 10am -11.30am  
Wed 4/12 Yr 6 Orientation at Dorrigo HS – All Day & Parent Orientation 9.10am to 10.45am  
Tues 5/12 Intensive Swimming Scheme at Dorrigo Pool Play Dress Rehearsal  
Fri 6/12 Kindergarten Transition 9.30am to 3.15pm  
Volunteers Christmas Thank you Lunch - 1.30pm

##### Week 10

Mon 9/12 Yr 6 Orientation at Dorrigo HS – All Day  
Tues 10/12 Intensive Swimming Scheme at Dorrigo Pool to Fri 13/12  
Sat 14/12 Made in Dorrigo Market Day

##### Week 11

Mon 16/12 Kindergarten Transition 9.30am to 12noon  
End of Year Presentation – 5pm  
Tues 17/12 End of Year Excursion to Coffs Harbour  
Wed 18/12 Last Day of Term 4 for Students.  
Christmas Carols at School – 6pm

#### Notes and Money due: (if attached)

- Swimming Scheme Consent Note & SAS Application Forms (this paperwork was sent home previously)
- Lake Ainsworth Payment Instalment
- Lake Ainsworth Travel Consent Note
- Swimming Helpers Note
- Term 3 & 4 SAKG Contribution

#### Science in the Bush at UNE Armidale

On Friday we (Year 5 & 6) travelled to the University of New England in Armidale for Science in the Bush. To start the day, we did physics. The presenter told us how if you play with ping pong balls it's funny how much they relate to the world and the universe and he talked about pendulums and how 45 degrees is the best projectory angle to fire something by demonstrating with a nerf gun. Next we went to the forensic lab and did finger printing. We did all sorts of things like putting ink on our fingers and printing the design on paper, dusting for fingerprints on a glass beaker and we put our finger prints on a clean slate of glass - put it in a jar with 3 drops of super glue on one side and 3 drops of H<sub>2</sub>O (water) on the other and placed it in a heated place and after a while our fingerprints showed. We had lunch and played for a while. After lunch we visited the sport

science exercise lab, where we did some jumping and throwing activities. Lastly we visited the chemistry lab and got to watch and do some cool experiments. We made instant hot and cold packs and also made slime. We watched how liquid nitrogen rockets were made and how liquid nitrogen can turn flowers into glass flowers which can be smashed into dust and how it can also make a balloon deflate and reinflate. The day finished up back at the hall, where there was a raffle, which unfortunately none of us won and then we travelled home. It was a fun day and we

did some really cool stuff. Thank you to Fred and Marj Scott and Melissa Harrison for transporting us on the day.

**By Daniel Eibeck, Jack Horwood, Max Mears, Bonnie Radcliffe and Scott Weedon**

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### Year 5 & 6 Leadership Day

Last Wednesday our Year 5 & 6 students, together with students from other schools in our learning community, travelled to Bellingen Public School for our annual leadership day. The students engaged in a number of teamwork activities to build confidence, cooperation and communication skills. Nigel from Bellingen chocolate shop spoke to us about setting goals and working towards them to achieve success. Well done to our students for great participation and terrific behavior.



### SAKG Gardening & Cooking

In the garden students planted a variety of rockmelons, watermelons and pumpkins in our no dig beds. We harvested herbs, eggs, shallots, broad beans, carrots, sugar snap peas and lettuce. In the kitchen we cooked fettuccini with broad beans and thyme, orange salad, fruit salad and freshly made muesli.



### Transition into Kindergarten & Preschoolers Morning

Our second Kindergarten Transition morning was a great success with both girls joining in with all class activities. Lara and Jade both worked hard and did not want to go home. Tyson and Talia also joined in with preschool activities making a woolly sheep to take home.





**Our next transition day for preschool students coming into Kindergarten next year, 2014, will be Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 9am to 12 noon.** This will mean that if your child is turning 5 years of age before 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2014 they are eligible to enrol in Kindergarten at Dundurrabin P.S for 2014. Our transition days will provide your child with the experiences of school on a weekly basis to prepare them for the next year of Kindergarten. If you haven't already enrolled your child into our school for next year and would like to, please see Melissa and she will gladly help you with the enrolment forms. We look forward to seeing all our new preschool students for a fun filled time at Dundurrabin P.S.

**Our next Preschoolers morning will be Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, from 10am to 11.30am.** This will be a fun morning filled with Christmas craft activities.

### **Remembrance Day – Today - 11<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am – “Lest We Forget”**



### **Working Bee – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Volunteers Needed**

On Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup> we will have a working bee here at school from 3pm to 5pm (approximately). It would be really appreciated if you could come in and give Fred a hand to clear the old tank stand over the sandpit.

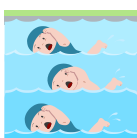
### **Yr 6 Orientation – Dorrigo High School – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – All Day**

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, Year 6 will be heading to Dorrigo High School where they will participate in a full day of lessons. They will need recess and lunch. Students can catch the High School bus to and from the High School for the day (**cost \$2.00 to be paid to the bus driver on the day**). Please sign the consent note attached.

### **Mud Up the Cubby House – 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November**

Students will need to bring along a set of spare old clothes to be able to participate in mudding up the cubby on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November (weather permitting). The students really enjoy getting covered in mud, and making the walls. Please send them in a plastic bag so that they can be returned home in the same bag for washing. Students may bring them to school earlier than the proposed dates and leave them here ready (so not to forget them on the day). **If students do not have old clothes on the day then unfortunately they cannot participate.**

### **Small Schools 2013 ‘Learn to Swim’ in Weeks 9 and 10**



2013 Swimming will be **\$50.00 per student**, which includes daily pool entry and 10 hours of lessons. The School Swimming Scheme begins on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December and finishes on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December (5 days in total - not including Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December). Please advise the school if you are a season ticket holder for the Dorrigo Swimming Pool and show your ticket pass for a reduction in your swimming costs.

**We have funding available in our Student Assistance Scheme allowing all families to claim \$29.00 per student.**

- If you return your **SAS Application** for \$29 per student, the total cost per student will be **\$21.00** (money may be paid at a later date).
- If you have a **season ticket** for us to copy, plus a **SAS Application**, the cost will be only **\$11.00** per student.

### Swim forms were sent home previously:

- Yellow Student Assistance Scheme Applications are attached to help each family. **Return all SAS forms as soon as possible.** Subsidies of up to \$29.00 each are available for everyone to assist with swimming costs.
- **Swimming Consent Note**

Times and dates in table below.

Thursday 5/12/13 12.30 to 3pm	Tuesday 10/12/13 9.30 to 12.15pm	Wednesday 11/12/13 9.30 to 12.15pm	Thursday 12/12/13 9.30 to 12.15pm	Friday 13/12/13 9.30 to 12.15pm
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### Swim forms attached: Swimming Helper Volunteer roster form

Students may come to school dressed in their swimmers (rash shirt and hat) and either sandals or thongs but must have a packed uniform (shirt/shorts/trousers/jumper/underwear/socks & shoes) to change into, as well as a towel to dry themselves with. The school will provide sunscreen throughout the day. Students will need to pack a big recess, lunch and plenty of water as swimming can make students extra hungry. Students will only be able to buy from the shop on the last day of swimming, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. More details about bus times later.

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their SAS Application form. **If you have not done so, please return it immediately so it can be processed. The form was sent home two weeks ago, if you need another, please let us know. If you do not return it, you will need to pay the full price.**

### Yr 4 to 6 Lake Ainsworth Excursion – 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> December

**Only 3 weeks to go!** Some Year 4, 5 and 6 students will be attending a Combined Smalls Schools excursion to Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2013 to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 (3 days / 2 nights). Parents have the choice of two drop off/pick up locations -**students can depart from Repton School at 7.30 am Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and arrive back at school at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December OR depart Grafton (near MacDonalds) at 9am Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and be collected at the same location in Grafton at 1pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.** We will need to let Repton PS know as soon as possible which location your child will catch the bus and be picked up from. The excursion will involve the following water or swimming activities: canoeing, kayaking, sailing and swimming. These activities will take place at Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre. The centre will provide the life jackets to students who may require assistance in the water. Attached is the information sheet with what to pack. **Please ensure excursion cost is paid in full by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November.** Attached is an invoice showing if an amount still owing. **Please fill out the travel consent attached.**



### P&C News & Community Notices

#### BookClub Issue # 8 – Due Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Attached is Issue 8. If you wish to place an order from this issue, please have your order forms and money (cash/cheque made to Scholastic) back at school by **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November.**



#### Tyringham RFS BBQ Dates – 6pm

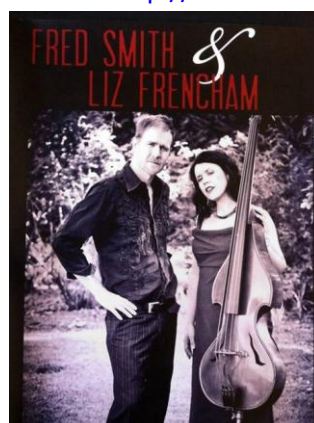
#### Dundurrabin Community Centre

Next Date: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Come along and enjoy good food and a chat.

#### Friday 29th November - Fred Smith and Liz Frencham at

#### Dundurrabin Community Centre

Fred Smith and Liz Frencham will be performing at the Dundurrabin Community Centre. Their show is called "Into My Room 10th Anniversary Concert". You can preview Liz' work on <http://lizfrencham.com/albums/>. Their work can



be thoughtful, quirky, humorous, serious and always lyrical. Ticket prices are \$20/\$15 Concession and \$40 family. **RFS BBQ starts at 5.30pm, show from 7.30pm.** You can phone Peter Clark 6657 8266 to book tickets.

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 Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

to improve the health of your family and save money.

Want to know how to get your family to eat all the fruit & veg they need to stay healthy?

Think fruit & veg cost too much?

Over the coming weeks we'll give you tips and ideas that will help you:

- Make healthy meals the whole family will love
- Pack healthy lunch boxes that will get eaten
- Save money by eating more fruit and veg
- Encourage fussy eaters with fun food ideas
- Grow your own fruit & veg without fuss

Got an idea to help us? Get in touch!

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