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"Living and Learning Together"  
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#### 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  
Working Bee – 3pm to 5pm

##### Week 8

Thurs 28/11 Yr 6 Orientation at Dorrigo HS – All Day  
Fri 29/11 P&C Meeting – 9.30am (during school hours)

##### 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  
Mufti Day (Non Uniform)  
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: (notes sent home previously)

- Lake Ainsworth Payment Instalment
- Lake Ainsworth Travel Consent Note
- Swimming Helpers Note
- Volunteers Christmas Lunch RSVP
- Term 4 SAKG Contribution

#### FORTNIGHTLY AWARDS

##### Week 6- Term 4, 2013

Student of the Week **John Wykes**  
Sports / Value Person **Milo Baff**  
Mathlete of the Week **Lucy Not**  
Class Awards **Tyrie McLennan**  
**Sam Duff**



# Well Done!

#### SAKG Gardening & Cooking

For gardening this week students designed posters for our kitchen and garden shed. In the kitchen we cooked fried rice, garden salad, apple and cinnamon muffins with peach topping. Thank you to Gigi Pankhurst and Ashton Eibeck who were our volunteers.



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

Tomorrow, 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).

**The next dates for Year 6 Orientation at Dorrigo High School will be Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December for full days.** Travel will be the same as above. **Please sign the consent note attached for the 28<sup>th</sup> November.**

### **Transition into Kindergarten – this Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – 9am to 12noon**

Our next transition day for preschool students coming into Kindergarten next year, 2014, will be this 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. **The next transition dates for Kindergarten will be Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.**

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

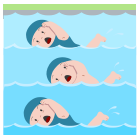
This Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup> we will have a working bee here at school from 3pm to 5pm (approximately). It would be really appreciated if you could come in and give Fred a hand to clear the old tank stand from over the sandpit.

### **Mud Up the Cubby House – this Friday 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 this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 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.**

### **Preschoolers Morning – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – 10am to 11.30am**

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.



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

2013 Swimming will be \$50.00 per student (\$29 SAS funds / \$21 student cost), 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).

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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**Swimming Helper Volunteer roster form was sent home last newsletter**, please let us know if you are available to help out on any of these days.

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.

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

**Only 2 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 2nd December, 2013 to Wednesday 4th 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 2nd December and arrive back at school at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 4th 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 return the travel consent note that was attached last newsletter.**

### **Dress Rehearsal – Play Costumes – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

A list was sent home previously stating what your child/ren will need for their play costume. We will be having a dress rehearsal on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, so could all students please make sure they have what they need to bring on this day.

### **Volunteers Thank you Lunch – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – 1.30pm**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm we would like everyone to join us for a Christmas lunch so we can thank you for your support this year. Please RSVP by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November for catering purposes.

### **End of Year Presentation – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – 5pm**

We will be holding our End of Year Presentation on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm. Students are to go home after school and then return with parents/carers at 5pm in full school uniform (sport shirt) ready for the presentation to begin at 5.30pm. Our students will be performing a number of theatrical items and receiving awards for their ongoing efforts and achievements. We are asking everyone to please bring a plate of finger food/salad/dessert to share after the presentation. Please be aware that we have students with nut/dairy/gluten allergies and will need to know ingredients in dishes to allow for no reactions. **Please indicate on the attached note of what your family will bring on the night.** Thank you.



### **Community Christmas Carols – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 6pm**

We will be holding an evening of Christmas Carols with our local community choir. This will be a wonderful night for all the community to get together in good spirits and enjoy each other's company. The night will start with a shared meal from 6pm. The P&C will be catering for this event with Sausage sandwiches, tea and coffee. Cans of soft drink will be available for purchase or bring along your own picnic. There will also be safe flame candles (battery operated) available to purchase at \$2 each. Please remember that the school is a smoke and alcohol free zone.

### **P&C News & Community Notices**

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

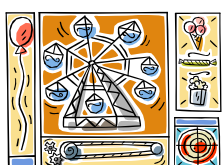
If you wish to place an order from this issue, please have your order forms and money (cash/cheque made to Scholastic) back at school by next **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November.**



#### **P&C Meeting – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – 9.30am**

We will be holding our next P&C meeting on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am. We are trialling a new day and time slot and are hoping for more parent attendance. We would like to have as many people as possible attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to find out about and get involved with what is happening within the school. Please come along and enjoy a relaxed friendly gathering. Items on the agenda will be the upcoming P&C catering opportunities, end of year presentation and Christmas carols.

### **Dorrigo & Guy Fawkes Agricultural Association Annual Show - This weekend – 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> November**



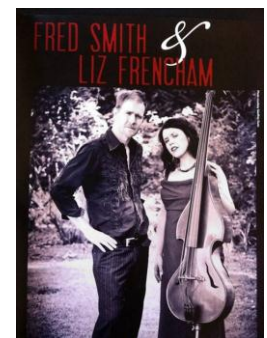
Don't forget the Dorrigo Show is on **this weekend** with lots of events and attractions for both days. If you do go along, make the time to check out the student's artwork in the pavilion. Thank you to Mrs Keough and Mrs Sangster for organising student's artwork. There will be a bus operating after the show, please see the attached pamphlet or talk to Nicky MacDonald if you have any queries about the bus run.

### **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.



**What do Parents Think?**

Children with social and emotional problems are often the topic of parents' conversations, as well as the media. Help us document how today's parents think about children with these problems, their families, and their treatments. We are looking for parents of 4-10 year old children across Australia to complete an anonymous online survey (15-20 min). Participants will go into the draw to win one of 40 \$100 gift certificates to Coles/Myer or Woolworths. To participate go to: <http://tinyurl.com/parentsattitudes> Or For more information please contact Dr Jeneva Ohan at 08 6488 6928



**Remember when you believed in anything and everything?**

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children's ability to detect and avoid potentially harmful social interactions. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this vulnerability. We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 \$50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to: <http://tinyurl.com/childsvq> Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652

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Children and adults need physical activity every day. Activity helps build better bones, muscles, joints and helps maintain a healthy weight. Being physically active can also reduce the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers. Get active anyway you can - walking, riding, swimming, and playing active games such as 'Tip', Bull Rush or Simon Says.

