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*On the traditional lands of the Gumbaynggirr people*

**NEWSLETTER Term 1 Week 5**

### School Vision Statement 2021 – 2024

We believe that tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it. Our journey to excellence will provide an environment that is challenging, inclusive and inspirational, that ensures each student shines, now and in the future.

### FORTNIGHTLY AWARDS

#### Week 5 - Term 1, 2022

#### Class Awards

**Kai Chambeyron**

For creative ideas in multiple Key Learning Areas

**Henry Tyler**

For outstanding creativity in STEM

**Tyson Shipman**

For displaying excellent listening skills  
and asking relevant questions

**Well Done!**

### Principal's Message

Welcome to Week 5. We've had a strong start to the school year here at Dundurrabin PS. All students are demonstrating impressive learner qualities required for learning progress. Student attendance is also positive with 95% of students attending school greater than 90% of the time. What a pleasing start to the year, let's keep up the great work.

This week our teachers will meet with parents and students for three-way meetings. We'll be looking at student learning goals, attendance and plans for the year ahead. It's not too late to book a time if you are yet to do so.

Good luck to Quill, Lucy, Cooper and Tyson who are attending the District Swimming Carnival at Macksville on Thursday. The sporting fun will continue with an NRL Gala Day planned for the 3-6 class on Wednesday 2 March at Bellingen. Be sure to get your permission notes in for this big day out.

### WHAT'S ON FOR TERM 1 - (Depending on COVID-19 Restrictions)

#### WEEK 5

Monday, February 21 to Wednesday, February 23	3 Way Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
Thursday, February 24	District Swimming Carnival – Macksville

#### WEEK 6

Monday, February 28	Bee Workshop
Tuesday, March 1	MNC Swimming Carnival – Coffs Harbour
Wednesday, March 2	Yr 3-6 Dylan Edwards Legends 7- Bellingen
Friday, March 4	Clean Up Schools Day

#### WEEK 7 THALGARRAH EEC OVERNIGHT EXCURSION

Wednesday, March 9	NC Swimming Carnival – Coffs Harbour
Thursday, March 10 & Friday, March 11	Thalgarrah Environmental Education Centre Overnight Excursion

#### WEEK 8

Friday, March 18	Rugby League Clinic
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#### WEEK 9

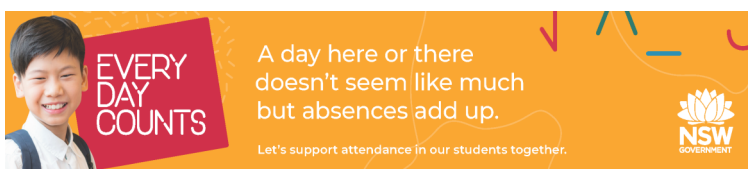
Monday, March 21	AGM & P&C Meeting — 5.30pm
Tuesday, March 22	Ride 2 School Day

#### WEEK 10 FRUIT AND VEGETABLE WEEK

Thursday, March 31	Big Vegie Crunch—10am
Friday, April 1	Harmony Day

Further in today's newsletter I have included an update to the COVID rapid testing procedures and how these are changing for the remainder of Term 1. Please phone the school if you have any questions.

Leah Keough—Principal



## Changes to Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT)

- Twice weekly rapid testing will continue for one more week, until 25 February.
- After this, we will provide a total of 8 tests per staff and student to use as needed for the remainder of term. These tests will be sent home later this week.

The recent changes in community settings reflect the current stage of the pandemic and the high rates of vaccination. Staff and students can use their final bundle of RATs should they be symptomatic or if there are cases in the school. Beyond that, RATs and PCR tests are now widely available and accessible in the community for symptomatic testing.

## Three Way Parent / Teacher / Student Meetings

We have started our Parent / Teacher / Students meetings. They run today, tomorrow and Wednesday. We would love to meet with each learner and their parents/carers. Meetings usually only take 15-20 minutes. If you have not already returned your interview time form, please give us call and we can arrange a time that will suit you. Thank you to everyone that has already been allocated timeslot.

## District Swimming Carnival – This Thursday 24 February

District Swimming Carnival will be held at Macksville Swimming Pool this Thursday 24 February.

## Special Request – Update Details - Reminder

In preparation for the coming year, it is important to have accurate contact details in case of accidents, evacuations and possible temporary school closures. To ensure our contact details for each family are correct, we are requesting each family provide up to date contact details. If your phone number and email have changed, please indicate that on the form. We would also like to know if any of your child/rens medical details / health conditions have changed as well as dietary requirements or preferences for our SAKG cooking. **If you have a form attached, please return it to school by TOMORROW.** If you have no detail changes, please still return the form with your child/rens name written on and stating “No

## Variation to School Routine & Media Consents

Last week Permission to Publish and Variation to School Routine permission notes were sent home. These allow students to walk to venues around the Dundurrabin village for school activities throughout the year and to have their image or work published digitally such as on our school website or Facebook. **If you have another attached, please return it by TOMORROW.** Thank you to those families that have already returned theirs.

## Excursions and Permission Notes

Your help as parents is needed to ensure that our students have their consent notes fully completed, signed and returned to school before any planned excursion. Even if your child/ren are not attending the event, please return the consent with that information stated on it. All consent notes will be printed on yellow paper, when possible.



## SAKG Gardening & Cooking

### Week 2

Our young gardeners tied up our capsicums, collected parsnip seeds, weeded gardens, harvested borlotti beans, added more soil to our new bush tucker raised beds and prepared some of our citrus trees for fertiliser.

We harvested kale, silverbeet, a variety of herbs, tomatoes, and cucumbers.

In the kitchen we cooked Moroccan spiced cous cous salad, pumpkin, tomato and spice tagine, manakish za'atar and mutawam kusa (Palenstinian zucchini dip).

### Week 3

Due to our Rugby League session students did not garden this week. We harvested red cabbage, pak choi, Chinese cabbage, shallots, passionfruit, kale, silverbeet, capsicums, cucumbers and tomatoes.

In the kitchen we cooked extra vegetable fried rice, cong-you-bing (shallot pancakes), egg foo yong (Chinese omlette) and passionfruit and mango icy-poles for next week.

## Kitchen & Gardening Award

Congratulations to our Week 2 & 3 Kitchen award winners **Lucy Tyler and Sunny Baff for excellent leadership in cooking.**

## 3-6 Learning

Our 3-6 learners have been really busy learning lots of new and wonderful things.



## “Dylan Edwards” Legends 7 League Tag – Wednesday 2 March – Years 3-6 only

Year 3-6 will be participating in the Dylan Edwards Legend 7's Gala Day at Connell Park, Bellingen on Wednesday 2 March. The Gala Day is non-competitive. Students in Year 3 and 4 will play tag. Students in Years 5 and 6 will have the option to play tackle.

We will be combining travel with Dorrigo Public School students on the day. Transport will be by bus departing Dorrigo Public School at 8:45 am. We will return to Dorrigo Public School in time for the afternoon school buses.

Students may catch the Town Bus run to Dorrigo PS in the morning and return on the Town Bus run in the afternoon. Mrs Keough and Miss McNeill will accompany the students to Bellingen and return on the bus.

The cost will be \$12 per student to cover team transport costs. Students must wear school sports uniform including a hat and will need to bring their own lunch and recess, and plenty of water to drink. Please pack extra food and water, as students can get hungry and thirsty while playing. Students playing Rugby League will also need boots and mouth guard and will need to have returned the “Permission to Play Rugby League” form. **Please return the consent notes if attached.** Thank you

## Schools Clean Up Australia Day – Friday 4 March



On Friday 4 March the students will be participating in Schools Clean Up Day. They will be cleaning up in the school grounds as well as out the front of the school. Inspiring children to care for the environment is a vital part of Clean Up Schools Day. If any parents or community members would like to volunteer to come and help us, we will be starting at 9.20am.

## Thalgarrah Environmental Education Centre Overnight Excursion – Thursday 10 March and Friday 11 March



We will be participating in a whole school excursion to Thalgarrah Environmental Education Centre on Thursday 10 March and Friday 11 March, 2022. We will depart Tyringham Store on Thursday morning at 8.00am and return to Tyringham Store on Friday 11 March by 4.00pm.

All students will need to be driven to Tyringham Store on Thursday 10 March at 8.00pm and collected from Tyringham Store on Friday 11 March at 4.00pm by parents/carers as there will be insufficient room on Wykes High School bus for our extra students and their luggage. Please be on time for both drop-off and pick-up times.

Travel will be by Darren Wykes bus.

There will be no cost per student for this excursion. The school will be covering all expenses.

It is expected that all students will attend this excursion.

Unfortunately due to restrictions no parents can attend this overnight excursion. This is a whole school excursion and all students are encouraged to attend.

If your child/ren wishes not to attend the excursion, then their attendance at school is required. A Teacher and Robyn Coombes, our SLSO, will be here to teach them. Please indicate on the consent not attached if your child is definitely not attending, so we can make teaching arrangements. If they do attend school then they will be marked as unexplained absences.

Thalgarrah EEC provides a range of quality, curriculum based environmental education and sustainability programs. A program for our visit and a list of what to bring will be sent home shortly.

Teaching staff attending this excursion will be Mrs Keough, Mrs Sangster, Miss McNeill, Miss Firth and Katherine Sangster as our SLSO. A male teacher will also attend.

**Please return the attached consent note together with the attached medical form to school by the end of this week, Friday 25 February, 2022.**

## Rugby League Clinic

Thank you to Coach Garry, NRL Development Clinic, for visiting us on Friday.

We spent the morning honing our tag football skills. Garry will visit again on Friday 18 March. Some students have been issued a tackle consent note (attached) to be returned prior to the next school visit.



## Ride 2 School Day – Tuesday 22 March



Students will be participating in Ride 2 School Day on Tuesday 22 March, where they bring their bikes and helmets to school. The day will include some obstacle courses and road safety activities. If your child does not have a functioning bike or helmet, please let us know. **Bikes and helmets can be brought into school ready for this event.** They will be stored in the old Library and can be collected after the day.

## Stewart House 2022 Donation Drive



Attached to the newsletter is an envelope for Stewart House. To enter the draw for the prize there is a \$2.00 minimum donation.

The winning entry is for a \$4,000 family holiday to the destination of your choice. The winner will be contacted by

telephone and email. **Please have money and envelopes back at school by next Monday 7 March.**

## BookClub Issue 1 – Due back Wednesday 2 March

Bookclub Issue#1 is attached. If you wish to place an order from this issue, please have your loop online order completed or your order forms and money (cash) back at school by Wednesday 2 March.

**Book Club LOOP**  
The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!

**Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?**

**LOOP** is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!

**BONUS!**

Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and register today!

**SCHOLASTIC**

## Reminder — Year 6 Parents - High School EOI Forms

Our Year 6 student's parent information on Year 7 Enrolment Procedures for Public High Schools was sent home previously. Included is an "Expression of Interest for Placement in Year 7 at a NSW Government Secondary School in 2023" form which needs to be completed and **returned by tomorrow**. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to phone and ask Mrs Keough.

## 2022 Learning Contributions



Learning Contribution fees for 2022 remain the same - \$30.00 for the costs of student items provided by our school

e.g. exercise books, pens, pencils, glue, hand towels, headphones, online subscriptions etc.... and \$40.00 towards SAKG program which has ongoing costs each week, such as cooking ingredients, seeds and seedlings. Invoices will be attached to the next newsletter. Thank you to those families that already paid.

## P&C News & Community Notices

### P&C Meeting – Monday 21 March – 5.30pm

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 21 March at 5.30pm. 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.

### Notice of AGM Meeting for Dundurrabin Public School P&C – Monday 21 March – 5.30pm

Our P&C AGM will be held at the School on Monday 21 March at 5:30pm. All members are encouraged to attend. All positions Vacant. Membership costs \$2 and will need to be paid before the AGM to allow you to vote.

### P&C Firewood Raffle Tickets

**First Prize:** Trailer of split Firewood (Delivered locally)

**Drawn:** Monday 21 March at P&C AGM Meeting

**Tickets:** \$1.00 each



**FIREWOOD**

**Please have all tickets sold / unsold and money back to school by Friday 18 March.**

# DORRIGO YOUTH BUS

TERM ONE 2 FEB - 6 APRIL 2022

GOLD COIN DONATION

DEPARTS YOUTH CENTRE 5PM  
WEDNESDAYS  
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL 0438 766 491

## Live Life Well @ School

Get a variety of colours

Fruit & Vegetables can be put in 5 different colour categories:

- Green
- Purple/blue
- Red
- Brown/white
- Yellow/Orange

Each category has unique health benefits.

# Eat a Rainbow

How many colours can you eat today?

NSW Health Mid North Coast Local Health District

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Let's support attendance in our students together.

- ✓ **Above 95%**  
Expected Attendance
- = **90% - 95%**  
Minimum Standard
- ✗ **Below 90%**  
Educationally at Risk