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On the traditional lands of the Gumbaynggirr people

NEWSLETTER Term 1 Week 7

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 7 - Term 1, 2022

Class Awards

Odessa Budd

For super listening - using her attent-o-scope!

Hunter McGuire

For great effort in speech activities

Lucy Tyler

For impressive confidence when multiplying
by 10, 100 and 1000

Well Done!

Principal's Message — Welcome to Week 7.

This week we're excited to be heading off on our overnight camp to Thalgarrah Environmental Education Centre. Mr McKenzie has prepared an array of exciting learning experiences to complement our studies at school. We'll be examining insects and water bugs and building our teamwork skills on the orienteering course.

Did you know we're studying insects and bees in our classrooms? We're madly researching this interesting topic as we prepare to write informative texts about their habitats, diets, behaviour and characteristics. We're also excited for the installation of our very own bee hive and the learning associated with this in the coming weeks. Be sure to ask your child/ren all about it.

This week I remind parents to please provide an explanation for all student absences from school. Justified reasons for students to be absent include being sick, attending a medical appointment and exceptional or urgent family matters. An explanation is required within 7 days and can be done via a phone call, email or short note to the school.

Leah Keough- Principal

WHAT'S ON FOR TERM 1

WEEK 7 THALGARRAH EEC OVERNIGHT EXCURSION

Thursday, March 10 & Thalgarrah Environmental Education
 Friday, March 11 Centre Overnight Excursion

WEEK 8

Thursday, March 17 North Coast Swimming Carnival—Macksville
 Friday, March 18 Rugby League Clinic

WEEK 9

Monday, March 21 AGM & P&C Meeting — 5.30pm
 Tuesday, March 22 Ride 2 School Day
 Wednesday, March 23 Bee Incursion

WEEK 10 FRUIT AND VEGETABLE WEEK

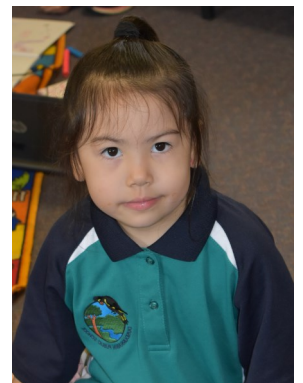
Wednesday, March 30 Yr 3-6 Dylan Edwards Legends 7- Bellingen
 Thursday, March 31 Big Vegie Crunch—10am
 Friday, April 1 Harmony Day

WEEK 11

Tuesday, April 5 Hearing Tests
 Thursday, April 7 Term 1 Assembly & Easter Hat Parade-2pm
 Friday, April 8 Last Day of Term for Students

Welcome Amber

A warm welcome to new Kindergarten student, Amber. What a great start! Amber enjoys playing in the sandpit and is already working hard on her early reading and number skills.



SAKG Gardening & Cooking

Week 5

Due to the rain, it was to wet for gardening to happen. We harvested kale, passionfruit, shallots, onions, silverbeet, a variety of herbs, tomatoes, and cucumbers. In the kitchen we cooked fresh fettucine and fusilli pasta with an easy tomato and olive oil pasta sauce and a cheesy kale garlic pasta sauce, rosemary and garlic focaccia bread and a chocolate zucchini cake.

Week 6

Due to Clean up Schools Day there was no gardening this week. We harvested cabbage, pak choi, shallots, onion, beetroot, wombok, herbs, kale, and capsicums. In the kitchen we cooked vegetarian taco filing, handmade soft flour tortillas, a variety of vegetable toppings from the garden, served with sour cream and cheese. Pineapple and dragon fruit with passionfruit pulp and a mint syrup. We also enjoyed our creamy mango and passionfruit icy poles from a few weeks ago.



North Coast Swimming Carnival—Thursday 17 March

Congratulations to our relay team, Lucy, Cooper, Quill and Tyson who have now progressed on to the North Coast Swimming Carnival at Macksville on Thursday 17 March. Unfortunately they will not attend the Mid North Coast Swimming Carnival due the mountain closure, but their time got them through the next qualifying round.

A big thank you to Lyneesa who transported our students to the previous carnival at Macksville. Good luck to our team next week. We can't wait to hear how you go! Consent and Transport notes will come home this week, please return them promptly.

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



We will be participating in a whole school excursion to Thalgarrah Environmental Education Centre this 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 3.30pm.

All students will need to driven to Tyringham Store on Thursday 10 March by 8.00pm and collected from Tyringham Store on Friday 11 March at 3.30pm by parents/carers as there will 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.

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

Clean Up Schools Day

Schools Clean Up Day was held on Friday 4 March. We checked high and low for rubbish around the school and fence lines, collecting four big bags of rubbish. Looking fresh now!



Check In Assessments Year 4 and 6

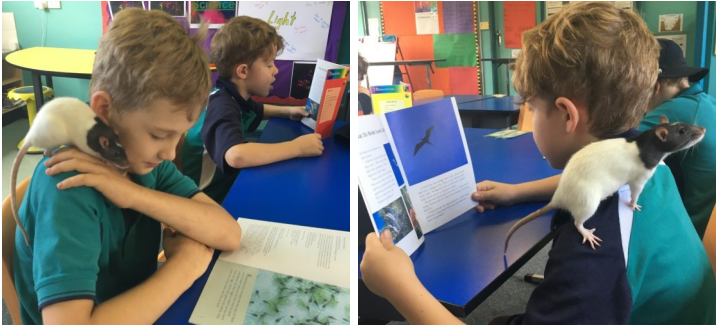
During Week 8 and 9, all Year 4 and 6 students will participate in an online check in assessment for both reading and numeracy. These assessments will supplement school practices to identify how Years 4 and 6 are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to your child's needs. Each assessment is designed to be quick and easy to administer, consisting of approximately 40 multiple choice questions.

Kitchen & Gardening Award

Congratulations to all students who cooked last week, you all deserved a cooking award. Well done, keep up the good work.

STEM Learning

In STEM, the students are designing and making accessories for the rats. Students design, make a prototype, test, edit and then build their design.



Ride 2 School Day – Tuesday 22 March



Ride2School Day is on Tuesday 22 March. All students are encouraged to bring a push bike or scooter and helmet to school ready

to participate in our planned activities. The aim of the day is to promote physical activity among children. Our students can begin bringing their push bikes or scooters to school from Monday 14 March. We'll store the bikes securely at school ready for the big event. Please contact the school if you do not have a bike or scooter- we may be able to organise some to spare.

Premier's Reading Challenge



NSW Department of Education
2022 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

The Premier's Reading Challenge has started and closes Friday 19 August. It aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. This year, The

Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) will be completed by all students K-6. Students in K-6 will complete the challenge at school. Student reading logs will be updated at school each week. Good luck.

Stewart House 2022 Donation Drive



Attached to last newsletter was an envelope for Stewart House. To enter the draw for the \$4,000 family holiday prize there is a \$2.00 donation. **If you would like to enter please have money and envelopes back at school**

by tomorrow Tuesday 8 March.

"Dylan Edwards" Legends 7 League Tag – Wednesday 30 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 30 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 attached consent notes as soon as possible.**

Harmony Day Friday 1 April

We will be participating in Harmony Day on Friday 1 April. Students can come to school dressed in mufti (non-uniform) in orange clothes – the official colour for Harmony Day.



Hearing Checks—Tuesday 5 April

Julie Plant from NSW Health will be visiting our school on Tuesday 5 April to conduct hearing tests. All students K-6 can access this free service. The tests will take place at school during school hours. A follow-up report will be sent home to parents following the screening. Please complete the attached permission note if you would like your child to be included in the screening.

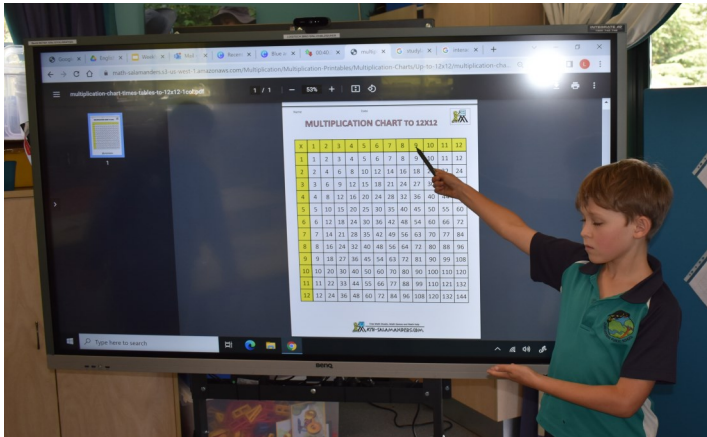
2022 Learning Contributions



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.

New Interactive Whiteboards

Last week we received two new interactive panels. These panels provide teachers with a variety of tools to make learning fun and engaging. Thank you to the Rural Access Gap Initiative.



K-2 Art and Construction Building

Look at our little learners enjoying shave cream painting and lego construction.



One child in school means over **2,500** healthy lunch boxes

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Cancer Council NSW | Eat It To Beat It

BookClub Issue 2 – Due back Tuesday 22 March

Bookclub Issue 2 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 Tuesday 22 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!

Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP and register today!

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 Durrabin 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.

Live Life Well @ School

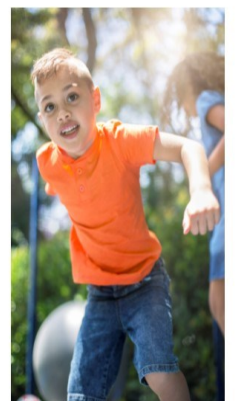
Active Kids Learn Better

Children who participate in regular physical activity have:

- improved concentration
 - better school attendance
 - reduced inappropriate behavior
 - better on-task classroom attention
- Vigorous physical activity leads to higher exam results too!

Tips to keep your child active:

- walk or ride to school once a week or more
- enjoy active family time at the park or beach
- set screen time limits and replace with active play



Health
Mid North Coast
Local Health District