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## *Dundurrabin Public School Newsletter Term 4, Week 10, 2023*

### Principal's Message



#### That's a wrap!

We've hit the final week of the school year for 2023- and what an excellent year of learning we've had. I am excited to be celebrating the learning achievements of all students at our presentation assembly tomorrow evening. I look forward to acknowledging and sharing this success

with our school community.

Thank you to all teachers and support staff for your endless care and wisdom you share with our students each day. We are so fortunate to have such a vibrant and dedicated staff here at Dundurrabin PS.

My sincere thank you to all parents, carers and community members for supporting our students and small school. This year we've seen a positive shift in overall school attendance and impressive individual learning growth for all students. Everyone deserves to be proud of our achievements.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe Summer break. I look forward to leading our school in 2024 as we continue to promote learning success for all.

Best wishes for the festive season.

Leah Keough



### Every Day Counts



Please remember to explain all days away from school. This can be done in person, by phoning the school or sending a text to the school mobile: 0411 939 188.

## What's on for Term 4



- Tuesday 12 December - Presentation Night - 5.30pm
- Thursday 14 December - Clean Up and Water Fun Day
- Friday 15 December - Sawtell Surf Beach Excursion



&  
last day of Term 4

## What's on for Term 1 - 2024

- Tuesday 30 January - Staff Development Day
- Wednesday 31 January - Staff Development Day
- Thursday 1 February - Students Return to School for 2024
- Monday 12 February - AGM & PC Meeting - 3.30pm

## Non Uniform Day- Tuesday 12 December



Students may come to school tomorrow, Tuesday 12 December, in non-uniform for the day. This way uniforms will be clean for presentation evening.

## Consent Notes to be Returned

- Presentation RSVP

## Farewell Year 6



This week we say goodbye to our Year 6 students, Lucy Tyler and Quill Pankhurst.

It has been a pleasure to watch you both grow from tiny Kindergarten students to bubbly Year 6 students.

We will miss you both and wish you all the best as you venture onto high school next year.

## Presentation Night - TOMORROW



**TOMORROW - Tuesday 12 December - Everyone is welcome!**

Please come along and help celebrate the achievements of our students this year! Join us for our **2023 Presentation Evening tomorrow Tuesday 12**

**December starting at 5.30pm.**

Students are to go home after school and then return with parents/carers at 5.15pm in full school uniform (sport shirt) ready for the presentation to begin at 5.30pm.

Our students will be performing two theatrical items and receiving awards for their ongoing efforts and achievements.

Our P&C will be providing some cold meats and BBQ sausages to share. We are asking everyone to please bring a plate of finger food / salad / dessert to share after the presentation.

If you have been sent home today another RSVP, please return it with your child tomorrow morning.

for being awesome in the kitchen.

## Fun Clean Up & Water Play Day

Get ready to get wet! This Thursday 14 December all students are encouraged to bring their swimmers and a towel to school for a water fun day. We'll be giving our chairs and book trays a spruce up and also enjoy some water play fun.

## Sawtell Beach Life Saving Surf Day

We'll be heading to Sawtell Beach RLS Club on Friday 15 December (the last day of Term 4) for a beach safety program. The day will be a fun-packed day full of sun, surf and safety.



Transport will be by Wykes bus leaving Tyringham Store at 7.50am and returning at 4pm. Thanks to the generous donation from the Dorrigo Lions Club there will be no cost to students for this excursion.

Students need to come to school dressed in their swimmers (rash shirt and hat) and either sandals or thongs. They must have a packed uniform (shirt, shorts, trousers, jumper, underwear, socks & shoes) to change into, as well as a towel to dry themselves with. All children will need to have sun protection reapplied throughout the day, so please send any special sunscreen with your child on the day. The school will provide SPF50+ sunscreen.

Students will need to pack a big recess, lunch and plenty of water.

They can catch the High School Bus run in the morning. Those students who do not catch the bus will need to be at Tyringham Store by 7.50am. Students can catch the High School Bus run home in the afternoon. Those students who do not catch the bus will need to be collected at Tyringham Shop at 4pm.

## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden News

### Week 8

In the kitchen we made vegetable sushi, waffle Okonomiyaki, a fruit platter and mini pancakes with our show winning preserves on top.

**Cooking Award:** Congratulations to Henry Tyler



### Week 9

In the kitchen last week we cooked pizza margherita, pasta carbonara and gingerbread biscuits and gingerbread houses.

A big thank you from Katherine for another amazing year in the kitchen. Happy Holidays!

## Kindergarten Transition Program

We've had our 2024 Kindergarten students, Beth and Lachie, join us on multiple occasions in recent weeks. Beth was very clever at cooking in the kitchen and Lachie made his very own Santa ornament.





## Preschool Afternoons

We had Maisie, Angus and Chase join us for our last Preschoolers afternoon for 2023. We all had fun baking Christmas cookies and making Christmas decorations and ornaments. Stay tuned for 2024 Preschooler Afternoon dates.



## End of Year Reminders

### Year 6 Library Books to be Returned

Year 6 students are reminded to return any library books and bags they may have at home.

### Holiday Readers

If families wish to organise home readers for the school holidays, please contact your child's teacher.

## Last Day of Term & School Holidays



This Friday 15 December is the last day of school for 2023 for students.

We will be on our Big Day Out Excursion to Sawtell Beach.

Thank you for your continued support of our small school this year.

**Students return to school on Thursday 1, 2024.**

This is our final newsletter for 2023. We hope everyone has a safe, relaxing and wonderful holiday with your family and friends.

We trust that 2024 will provide many exciting opportunities and successes for our students and school.

See you all next year!!



*From all of us at  
Dundurrabin Public School  
Have a Merry Christmas  
And a very Happy New Year*



*See you in 2024!*



## Share This Space

Our school is participating in Share Our Space over the coming school holidays. Through the program, we are opening up playgrounds, ovals and sports fields for the whole community to enjoy. During the school holidays, the gates will be opened from Wednesday 20 December, 2023 to Sunday 28 January, 2024 from 8am to 5pm. Children

will need to be under adult supervision and responsibility.



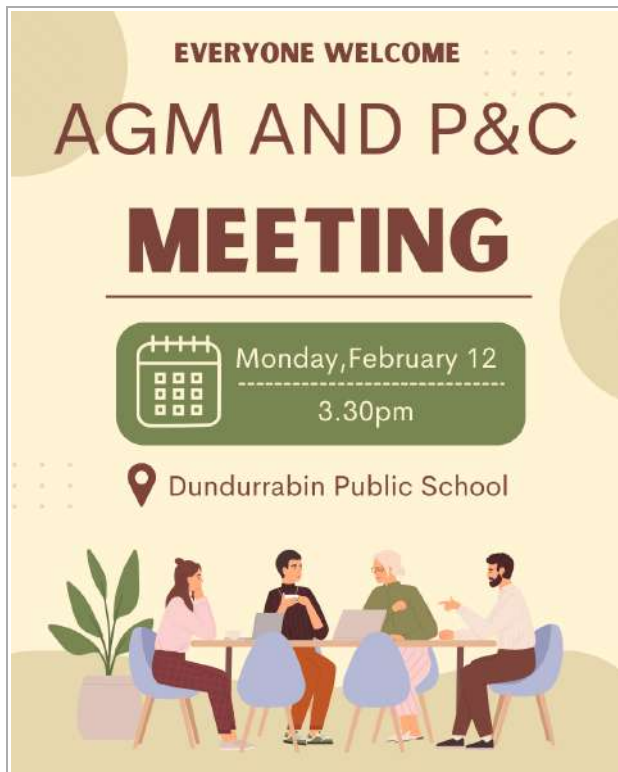
## P&C News and Community News

### Notice of AGM and P&C Meeting Monday 12 February, 2024 - 3.30pm

Notice of AGM Meeting for Dundurrabin Public School P&C – Monday 12 February - 3.30pm

Our P&C AGM will be held next year on Monday 12 February at 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. All positions Vacant. Membership costs \$2 and will need to be paid before the AGM to allow you to vote.

This will be followed by our first P&C Meeting for 2024. 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.



## P&C Street Stall

A special shout out to our P&C team for this amazing street stall in Dorrigo last week. We hope all shoppers enjoyed their treats.



## P&C Christmas Raffle

Please ensure tickets and money are returned to school by tomorrow, ready to be drawn at our Presentation Night tomorrow. Remember "You have to be in it to win it".



Dorrigo National Park

This season's Nature Play

Elusive rainforest reptiles

World Heritage Gondwana Rainforests

Discover the lives of the elusive rainforest reptiles in Dorrigo National Park. Alongside a ranger, explore their habitat, tracking slithering snakes and limber lizards using sunlight and bird alarm calls. Learn to identify snakes by the bold colours and patterns of their scales. Together we'll appreciate the complex lives of these beautiful reptiles, often only known for being cold-blooded killers, with a confident awareness to respect these species in their home.

When: **Wednesday 17 and Wednesday 24, January 2024**

Time: **10:00am - 11:30am**

Cost: Child (5-12 years) \$10 per person  
Adults not required to attend

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** Scan QR code  
Ph 1300 072 757 or at the rainforest centre front desk 15 minutes before start time

Meet at the two giant leech installations at the entrance to the rainforest centre

 **National Parks and Wildlife Service**

**Reconnect with nature these summer school holidays.**

There are plenty of opportunities for families of all ages to explore the beautiful National Parks of our Coffs Coast region.

From the ancient remnants of Gondwana Rainforest in Dorrigo National Park, nestled along the Great Escarpment, to Muttonbird Island Nature Reserve surrounded by the crystal waters of the Coffs Coast - appreciate these gems alongside a NPWS Ranger.

**CUMBAYNGGIR CULTURE**  
Listen to stories from Country on Country, on a 1.5 hour Dorrigo Rainforest Aboriginal Cultural tour with Cumbaynggir Ranger Matt Flanders who will share his language and culture. Discover the Dorrigo rainforest with fresh eyes and appreciate its rich resources, including touching and sometimes tasting seasonal bush foods, which have been sustainably cared for and used by Cumbaynggir people for millennia.  
Wednesdays 27 December, 10 January, 17 January and 24 January at 9:30 to 11am.

**DISCOVER GONDWANA**  
Be awe-inspired on a 30-minute Dorrigo Rainforest Ranger-guided tour, as we traverse this World Heritage-listed hotspot of biodiversity. Hear stories of how the vast continent of Gondwana broke up over millions of years and of the raft of unique plants and animals that followed. Come face-to-face with their ancestors who continue to survive today in Dorrigo National Park.  
Multiple tours daily 2-20 January (except Wednesday and Sunday).

**RAINFOREST REPTILES**  
Unleash the curiosity of your young explorers through 1.5 hour ranger-guided Dorrigo Kids Nature Play (5-12 years) where we will play fun nature games and explore the rainforest through hands-on learning activities. This Summer, we discover the complex lives of elusive rainforest reptiles in Dorrigo National Park.  
Wednesday 17 and 24 January at 10-11.30 am

**MOONLIT MUTTONBIRDS**  
Come up close to the migratory seabirds who give Muttonbird Island its name on a 1.5 hour award-winning Muttonbirds by Moonlight guided tour. Meet the Wedge-tailed Shearwaters, or Muttonbirds, who arrive at the island after completing their amazing long-haul flight from winter feeding grounds in Southeast Asia.  
Friday 24 November, 29 December, 19 January, 2 February and 1 March at 7.30 to 9pm.

For further details visit the NPWS North Coast webpage:  
<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/visit-a-park/regions/north-coast>

**NPWS NORTH COAST**

**CLARENCE YOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**  
FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-18!

**WEEK 2**

**YOUTH DROP-IN**  
**Milkshakes & Hotdogs**  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Courts Crossing Skate Park, Courts Crossing  
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

**WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP**  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 10am to 12noon  
Lawrence Hall, Lawrence  
Bookings essential – Text 0414 284 150

**WHERE ARE WE WEDNESDAY DROP-IN**  
**Impaired Driving Simulation**  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Iluka Skate Park, Iluka  
Just turn up!

**OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION**  
**Nature Art & Walk**  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean  
Just turn up!

**SURF LESSONS**  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 9am to 12noon  
Main Beach, Minnie Water  
Bookings essential – 0447 693 863

**OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION**  
**Nature Art & Walk**  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Out of the Box, Yamba Skate Park, Yamba  
Just turn up!

**WOODBURNING WORKSHOP**  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 10am to 12noon  
Brooms Head Hall, Brooms Head  
Bookings essential – [dkbreck@hotmail.com](mailto:dkbreck@hotmail.com)

For more information and updates, check out our Facebook page 'Clarence Valley Youth'.  
Please call 0428 420 908 if more details are required.  
Outdoor activities will be postponed in the case of wet weather.  
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**WEEK 1**

**LASER SKIRMISH**  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 4pm to 6pm  
Barrier Park, Junction Hill  
Just turn up!

**LASER SKIRMISH**  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 4pm to 6pm  
Shannon park, Glenreagh  
Just turn up!

**OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION**  
**Surfboard Art & Games**  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean  
Just turn up!

**WHERE ARE WE WEDNESDAY DROP-IN**  
**Impaired Driving Simulation**  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Grafton Skate Park, Grafton  
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

**SURF LESSONS**  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 9am to 12noon  
Main Beach, Yamba  
Bookings essential – 0447 693 863

**LASER SKIRMISH**  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 4pm to 6pm  
Copmanhurst Skate Park, Copmanhurst  
Just turn up!

**OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION**  
**Surfboard Art & Games**  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Out of the Box, Yamba Skate Park, Yamba  
Just turn up!

**SURF LESSONS**  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 9am to 12noon  
Main Beach, Brooms Head  
Bookings essential – 0447 693 863

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**WEEK 3**

**YOUTH DROP-IN**  
**Canvas & Sand Art**  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Courts Crossing Skate Park, Courts Crossing  
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

**GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP**  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 4pm to 6pm  
Townsend Park, Townsend  
Bookings essential – Text 0423 134 173

**WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP**  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 10:30am to 12:30pm  
Grafton Regional Gallery, Grafton  
Bookings essential – <https://events.humanitix.com/wearable-art-for-youth>

**WHERE ARE WE WEDNESDAY DROP-IN**  
**Impaired Driving Simulation**  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Yamba Skate Park, Yamba  
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

**OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION**  
**Fitkidz Training**  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean  
Just turn up!

**COMMUNITY CULTURAL CONNECTIONS EVENT**  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 11am to 1pm  
Wooli Skate Park, Wooli  
Just turn up!

**GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP & MOBILE LIBRARY**  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 3pm to 5pm  
Tucabia Fire Shed, Tucabia  
Bookings essential – Text 0423 134 173

**OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION**  
**Fitkidz Training**  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Out of the Box, Yamba Skate Park, Yamba  
Just turn up!

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**WEEK 4**

## YOUTH DROP-IN

### Tie Dye

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Courtts Crossing Skate Park, Courtts Crossing  
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

## GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 4pm to 6pm  
Iluka Skate Park, Iluka  
Bookings essential – Text 0423 134 173

## MINDFULNESS ART

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 3pm to 5pm  
Headspace Grafton  
Bookings essential – 6642 1520

## WHERE ARE WE WEDNESDAY DROP-IN

### Impaired Driving Simulation

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean  
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

## OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

### Art & Tunes

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean  
Just turn up!

## ART WITH JIMMY WAGS

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 3pm to 5pm  
Bailey Park, Ulmarra  
Just turn up!

## LASER SKIRMISH & MOBILE LIBRARY

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 3:30pm to 5:30pm  
Lawrence Memorial Park, Lawrence  
Just turn up!

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