



Dural Public School Newsletter



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DATES TO REMEMBER

THIS
WEEK
AT DURAL

FRI 16 OCT

MON 19 OCT

TUE 20 OCT

WED 21 OCT

THU 22 OCT
Interrelate Yr 5

FRI 23 OCT
**Dural PS
Art Show**

Principal's Report ~ Milly Stone

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday. The children have certainly come back well rested and ready for the term.

Attendance at School

It is important that children are here before the school bell at the start of the day. If they are not in their classroom when the roll is marked, they will be marked absent and they must go to the office for a late note so that the roll and attendance can be changed. In the afternoon, if children are leaving early, they **MUST** go to the office first to have an early note attached to the roll before they go to their parents who are waiting outside the gate. Attendance rolls are legal documents.

Book Week Parade

On Tuesday we had our K-6 Book Week parade. All the children and staff looked amazing and their costumes and books were so diverse and exciting. Thank you to all the children/parents/careers for all your hard work with your costumes. A special mention to the staff who had as much fun as the children. This was such a brilliant start to the Term and I would like to thank Mrs B Moore for her organisation of the Book Week parade.

Art Show

The children have been working very hard to complete projects for our annual Art Show. Sadly, due to Covid restrictions, it will look a little different this year. We will be holding it on Friday 23rd October. All classes will be invited to attend separately and we will be posting lots of photos to ClassDojo so please keep an eye out for your child's amazing work.

Year 5 Leadership Speeches

On Wednesday, the students who are trying out for Leadership in 2021, presented their role model speeches to the Year 5 students. The standard this year was extremely high and I would like to congratulate all the students who took part. I know the Year 5 students will have a very difficult decision to make in this first part of the leadership process.

Interviews

These will be held in Weeks 2, 3 and 4. As this is the first time we are doing phone interviews as a school, I have included the protocol procedures that staff will be following to ensure that all interviews have equity. I know these procedures will ensure that the process goes smoothly.

- Parents will be phoned at allotted time.
- The number may appear as a blocked number on your phone or the school number.
- If the call is unanswered, the teacher will phone straight back, if the call is unanswered a second time the appointment will need to be rescheduled.
- To ensure teachers remain on time, the meeting will be timed. When the timer goes off the phone call will end to allow teachers to make the next phone call.

Email and Class Dojo

Communication between staff and parent/carers is more vital than ever due to the COVID-19 restrictions. As this traffic has really increased, teachers will be responding to emails or ClassDojo within two school days and between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm. This way you will know when to expect a response. If there is a serious issue, please contact the office immediately.



- Strive for Success -



The Dural Diamonds

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**Congratulations
to our Diamond Pin Students**

BLUE		RED		GREEN
Isaac D	KN	Caitlin P	1H	
Sophia T	KN	Sienna P	5B	
Griffin N	KN			
Lachlan W	4S			
PINK		ORANGE		YELLOW
Iris Z	6H	Chloe H	6H	
Jake C	4S	Brosnan L	6A	
Harry H	2M	Tijana F	6H	
WHITE		DOUBLE BLUE		DOUBLE RED
Zac S	6A			
DOUBLE GREEN		DOUBLE PINK		
Andrew W	6H	Anastasia D	6A	



Uniform Shop

The uniform shop remains closed for Term 4. Please continue to order online. Uniforms will be delivered to your child's classroom on Tuesdays. Order online at <http://duraluniformshop.square.site/>

New Students In 2021

To assist you with purchasing uniforms for *new* students starting Dural Public School in 2021, the uniform shop will conduct fittings **by appointment only**. For social distancing reasons, each booking can accommodate only one family at a time.

Bookings will open in Term 4, 2020 and can be made via visiting the Dural Uniform Shop website or via the following link

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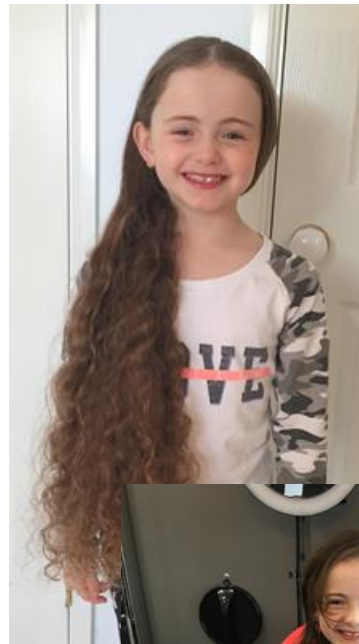
If you require an exchange/refund or are after second hand items, please email Claire at duraluniformshop@hotmail.com.au

Wonderful Gift for Charity

On the 1st October, Sophia T went to B.Coloured Salon in Dural, which is a sustainable salon. They donate hair to local wig makers and charities such as the Variety Charity, to make wigs for people with medically induced hair loss such as alopecia or those undergoing cancer treatment.

They even recycle all the cut hair from the floor - which is sent to the depot and used for soaking up oil spills in the ocean. They also recycle their foils. For more information view sustainablelalons.org.

Sophia's hair was braided into a few plaits ready for the big chop! She was quite nervous but very excited as this was her first ever haircut. They cut off the plaits and then washed and styled her hair. Well done Sophia.





Year One Excursion to Brewongle

On Monday the 14th of September, Year One went on excursion to Brewongle Environmental Education Centre to further our knowledge about the Geography unit of "Features of Places" that we studied in term three.

When we arrived at Brewongle EEC we were shown the beautiful old Habitat Tree, with all its wrinkles and sags. We spent the day being guided through activities to learn about the Habitat Tree and its surroundings; all the plants and animals that use it for food and shelter.

To start with, we went into a classroom called the "Earth Lab". Here we were shown the taxidermies of various animals found in the environment around the education centre.

Next, we got to explore the different kinds of Nest Boxes that belonged to various animals in the bush. Our guide used an extended pole camera and we used hand-held screens linked to the camera to peek at who was living in the box. We all had a close up view of the inhabitant of the nest boxes. The baby possum was very cute!

After sighting the nest boxes, we enjoyed a walk around the site while spotting some of the educational centre's wildlife cameras. The guide discussed the types of food they use as bait and what animals might visit the spots that these cameras were placed.

We then viewed footage from the wildlife cameras to identify the animals which had been using the Habitat Tree when no one was looking.

Finally, it was time for a leaf litter bug hunt at the Yarning Circle. We discussed what lives beneath the soil of the Habitat Tree. It was so much fun searching for bugs in the leaf litter and soil. We shared exactly where we had found the bug and how the features of the bug might determine where it lives before creating a habitat for the bug/s we found.

Before we left we made a journey stick to take home and we learnt about the six Aboriginal seasons, comparing these to the four modern seasons.

We had a lovely day out at Brewongle Environmental Education Centre.



School Travel - Term 4 2020

Stay up to date with Opal and ticketing changes for school travel



2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened on Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now apply online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should re-apply or update their details.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a School Student Transport Scheme or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.



CANTEEN

WELCOME BACK to Term 4!!!!

Our sausage sizzle was a great success on the last day of Term 3 - we hope all the children enjoyed the special lunch day. Extra huge thanks to Selina M, Sarah T and Maria G who worked with Shelley on the day.

Thank you to all our Term 3 parent volunteers - your ongoing support makes running the canteen so successful and more enjoyable.

We will have a few different recess specials this term so keep an eye out here for the following weeks menu.

Speaking of.....

Week 2, \$1 recess specials are:

Monday: Vanilla Yoghurt Cup (add frozen blueberries 50c), garlic bread and pizza

Wednesday: Raspberry Jelly Cup, Rice cup with corn & peas and pizza

Friday: Garlic bread, pizza and rice cup

Some snack updates: Blue TNT's are back along with Grape and Raspberry Juice Bombs. For 10c a bag, children can get a scoop of sultanas. Lemonade TNT's are now 50c.

Our volunteers for Week 2 are:

Monday 19th Oct - Linda Sammut

Wednesday 21st Oct - Karen Liddell and ONE MORE HELPER PLEASE

Friday 23rd Oct - Maria Giuffre and Diem Moussa
Yesterday, for the first time, we had two Dads volunteering at the same time. Thanks guys.



Thanks, Clancy & Shelley



Welcome back. The children have certainly had a wonderful start to the term and we were delighted to see all the children dressed as their favourite book character. I was amazed at how much effort had gone into the costumes and how excited and proud the children were to show them off to us. There were a few last minute alterations to some outfits happily made by the Jigsaw staff and a bit of breakfast had to be cleaned off but how wonderful did they look! Well done parents – what a team!!!





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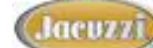
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