Last Newsletter for 2014.
This is the final newsletter for 2014. We wish all families and community members a very Merry Christmas, safe holidays and a Happy New Year. Students return to school on Wednesday 28th January, 2015.

Supporters Lunch for Parents and Community
Last Friday we welcomed parents and community members into our school to thank them for supporting us this year. The students cooked mini zucchini quiches, rice paper rolls in dipping sauce, asparagus and spring onion quiche, fried rice, garlicky zucchini salad, green salad, mustard dressing, tabouli, fresh herb bread rolls, mixed berry muffins, fruit platter and Christmas lemon biscuits. Thank you to our guests for joining us for this special occasion.

WHAT’S ON FOR TERM 4

WEEK 10

Monday, December 8th
Yr 6 DHS & BHS Orientation - All Day
Tuesday, December 9th
Kindergarten Orientation (Full Day)
Wednesday, December 10th
to Friday, December 12th
Swimming Scheme at Dorrigo Pool
Saturday, December 13th
9.30am to 12noon
Made in Dorrigo Day – School Stall

WEEK 11

Monday, December 15th
End of Year Presentation – 5.30pm
Wednesday, December 17th
Last Day of Term 4
Christmas Carols – 6.30pm

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Merry Christmas,
safe holidays
and a Happy New Year

2015
Tuesday, January 27th
Staff Development Day
Wednesday, January 28th
Students Return to school for 2015
Rocket Readers
Congratulations to Milo and Ronny baff who were awarded their 200 nights Reading awards last Tuesday.

Careers Expo
On Thursday we went to Dorrigo High School to participate in a Careers Expo. Students asked local employers and workers interesting questions about their jobs. They also got to check out the ambulance and enjoying sitting in the fire truck.
Kindergarten Orientation
Today was Caleb and Isabelle’s last orientation visit. We are looking forward to seeing them at school next year as our kindergarten students.

Welcome Emily and Lucas,
This week we welcomed Emily into Year 5 and Lucas into Year 3. They enjoyed their day at Dundurrabin PS learning about Christmas.

Thank You
Thank to Alice McLennan who donated cheese making kits to the kitchen and zucchini, also to Gigi Pankhurst who donated tomatoes and chillies for this week’s cooking session.

Thank you Dorrigo Gazette
We would like to thank the Don Dorrigo Gazette for publishing our inserts from our newsletter in the paper throughout the year. They do this at no cost to the school and it is wonderful to read all about our school and the students achievements each week.

Library Books to be Returned
Could all library books please be returned by next week, there will be no more borrowing now until next year. If any Year 6 students have books borrowed, please return them before leaving us.

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

Small Schools 2014 ‘Learn to Swim’ - this Week
The School Swimming Scheme begun last Thursday and continues this week, finishing on Friday 12th December.

Times and dates:
Tuesday 9th December - 9.30am to 12noon
Wednesday 10th December – 9.30am to 12noon
Thursday 11th December – 9.30am to 12noon
Friday 12th December – 9.30am to 12noon
We will leave school on Tuesday 9th through to Friday 12th December at 9am sharp and return to school by 1pm. 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 (or 2) 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 12th December.

Dress Rehearsal – Play Costumes – TOMORROW
Tuesday 9th December
We will be having a dress rehearsal tomorrow, Tuesday 9th December. All students will need to bring their dress requirements to school.

Non Uniform Day – Monday 15th December
Students may come to school next Monday 15th December in non-uniform for the day, this way uniforms will be clean for presentation night.

End of Year Presentation – Monday 15th December – 5.30pm
We will be holding our End of Year Presentation on Monday 15th 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 allergies and will need to know ingredients in dishes to
allow for no reactions. Please indicate on the note attached what your family will bring on the night. Thank you to those families that have already returned theirs.

**Wednesday 17th December – Last Day of Term**

Wednesday 17th December will be the students last day of school for 2014. On this day students may come in non-uniform. If the weather permits, we will all enjoy a water fight at school (no water guns or balloons allowed). Your child may wish to bring their swimmers to school and get changed just before the water fight. Please ensure your child/ren has a towel to dry off with. Students will also have a choice to watch either of the following movies:-

- How to Train your Dragon 2
- Mr Peabody and Sherman

Both movies are rated PG, if you do not wish your child/ren to watch these, please ring the school and let us know.

**Community Christmas Carols – Wednesday 17th December – 6.30pm**

We will be holding an evening of Christmas Carols with our local community choir. This will be a wonderful night for our community to get together in good spirits and enjoy each other’s company. The P&C will be catering for this event with sausage sandwiches, vegie burgers, cordial and tea and coffee. Cans of soft drink will be available for purchase at $2 each 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. **We will be hoping that we can have a few volunteers to help with the BBQ cooking on the night.**

**P&C Christmas Raffle**

Our P&C is holding a Christmas raffle that will be drawn at our Carols night on Wednesday 17th December. The prize will be a homemade Christmas cake kindly cooked and donated by Marj Scott and a homemade Christmas pudding kindly cooked and donated by Rosie Keough. Tickets are $1.00 each. Could all families have their tickets (sold or unsold) and money returned to school by Monday 15th December please.

**Holiday Request for 2015**

Teachers are requesting students to collect beer bottle tops and any litter that may be found around water ways over the holiday period. This will help us with two exciting projects next year.

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**From all of us at**

**Dundurrabin Public School**

**Have a Merry Christmas**

**and a very Happy New Year**

**See you in 2015!**
Keep the kids active this Christmas

Christmas is a great opportunity to spend time as a family, getting outdoors and being active.

Children don’t need lots of expensive presents, Consider buying something that you can join in and play with, with your child.

Presents like skipping ropes, balls, sports gear, bikes, swings, pool toys and gardening tools are equally as exciting as some of the more expensive toys available on the market.

The best present you can give your children in your time. So make this a less stressful Christmas, get out and active with your children and have fun!
**The simplest way**

**to be SunSmart!**

Showing children that you wear sunscreen is the best way to teach them about our harmful UV rays.

Children imitate adult behavior – both good and bad. When it comes to sun protection, setting the best example is important for teachers and parents.

What should you do?
- Wear a sun safe hat.
- Wear a shirt with a collar and sleeves.
- Apply sunscreen before going outside, and then at regular two hour intervals throughout the day.

Be SunSmart and your children will follow your lead. Enjoy the holidays!

For more information visit www.sunsmart.nsw.com.au or call 9334 1761

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**The simplest way**

**to protect your face, neck and ears!**

Did you know that when it comes to sun protection, not all hats are equal? We all know that hats help protect against skin cancer and eye damage. But did you know that baseball caps do not provide adequate protection? There is now very clear evidence that baseball caps leave the cheeks, ears, chin and back of the neck exposed to ultraviolet radiation, increasing your child’s risk of skin cancer later in life.

- **Bucket hat**
  - Bucket or surfer-style hats should have a deep crown and sit low on the head. The angled brim should be at least 5cm for children (6cm for adults) and shade the face, ears and back of neck.

- **Broad brimmed hat**
  - Brims should be at least 6cm for children (7.5cm for adults). The brim should be proportional to the size of the child’s head and provide shade for the whole face.

- **Legionnaire hat**
  - Legionnaire-style hats should have a flap that covers the neck. The side flap and front peak (brim) should meet to protect the sides of the face.

For more information visit www.sunsmart.nsw.com.au or call 9334 1761

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**The simplest way**

**to ensure your kids slap, slop!**

Did you know?
- Running around outside is important for healthy active kids. But unfortunately, two out of three Aussie kids at school today will be diagnosed with skin cancer in later life – some of them with deadly melanomas.
- Ultraviolet radiation is not linked to the temperature – you can get burnt even when it’s cooler or cloudy.

Here are 2 of our top tips for you!
- **Slap on a sun-safe hat**
  - Bucket, broad-brimmed or legionnaire styles are best. Baseball caps are a popular fashion item, but they don’t protect the neck, ears and cheeks. Try keeping them for indoor activities only.
- **Slop on SPF 30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen.** Try keeping a pump pack by the front door for when they’re running out to play.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

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**The simplest way**

**to understand UV radiation!**

Did you know?
- UV is not linked to the temperature and can be high even on cool and cloudy days.
- Too much UV from the sun can cause sunburn, skin damage, eye damage and skin cancer.

Here are our 2 top tips for you!
- **Use the SunSmart App**
  - To find the daily UV level for your area and recommended sun protection times. The app also has a sunscreen calculator to find out if you’re using enough sunscreen.
  - **When the UV level is 3 or above** – Protect your skin in 5 ways. Slip, slop, slap, seek and slide.

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