Welcome Back
Welcome back, can you believe it’s Term 2 already? We hope the holiday break was enjoyable for all families and look forward to hearing holiday stories from all students. We are gearing up for a great term of learning at DPS as teachers have a variety of educational activities planned for students. A brief outline of work planned this term includes:

Science: Out in Space
HSIE: People and Places in the Past and Present.
Creative and Practical Arts: Music
PDHPE: Active Lifestyles and Personal Health Choices

P&C Meeting – this Friday 2nd May - 9:30am
We will be holding a P&C Meeting this coming Friday at 9:30am. Items on the agenda include: bus behaviour, up-coming catering event, Walk to School Day and financial support to the school. All welcome.

ANZAC Day
Thank you to Scott, Bonnie, Jack, Joe, John and Elsie for representing our school at the Dorrigo ANZAC March last Friday. Our School Captains Jack and Scott laid a wreath on behalf of our school community and all students displayed terrific behaviour, well done.
This week we look forward to our annual visit from Mr Bob Denner from the Dorrigo RSL Sub Branch. Mr Denner will talk with us about the significance of ANZAC Day and share his wartime memorabilia and memories.

Term 1 Assembly.
It was fantastic to see so many parents, carers and families here for our Term 1 Assembly. Congratulations to our award recipients. All students presented themselves and their work wonderfully at the assembly. Well done to Bonnie Radcliffe, Jack Horwood and Scott Weedon who presented their first assembly.
Attendance
Student attendance remains one of our school targets this year. Please be reminded that your child/ren needs to arrive at school before 9:20am each morning. A short note of explanation or a phone call to the school is required if your child is absent from school.

Reading Club – Rocket Readers
This week all students will bring home a reading log book to keep a record of home reading. Students will be rewarded for their reading efforts every 20 nights in an effort to encourage reading at home. This is a school-based challenge separate to the Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC) although reading time for the PRC can be recorded in reading logs. It only takes 5-10 mins each night.

School Website
Our school website is regularly updated with weekly newsletters and photos of the highlights for each term. You will also find our Annual School Report for 2013. Be sure to check it out at http://www.dundurrabip.schoo1.nsw.edu.au

World Children’s Colouring Day – Tuesday 6th May
On Tuesday May 6, all students will participate in World Kids Colouring Day. This year’s theme is "Picture Stories: Colourful trip around the World". Children are encouraged to express what this means to them through drawing and colouring from their own family holiday experiences or destinations they dream of exploring.

District Cross Country – Bowraville – Friday 9th May
The District Cross Country will be held at Bowraville Rec Grounds on Friday 10th May, starting at 10am for a walk of the course for the runners. Races start at 11am. If your child is 8 years old and above and interested in participating, please talk to Mrs Keough for more information. Parents will need to provide supervision and transport at this event as no teachers will be attending.

NAPLAN 2014 – Yr 3 and 5 – Tuesday 13th to Thursday 15th May
NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) testing for students in Years 3 and 5 will be on Tuesday 14th May (Language/writing), Wednesday 15th May (Reading) and Thursday 16th May (Numeracy). Please see attached letter for participating students.

National Simultaneous Storytime – Wednesday 21st May – 11am
National Simultaneous Storytime is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 14th successful year it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children’s book that explores age appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Grades K to 6 and the pre-school Early Learning Years Framework. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. The chosen book for 2014 is “Too Many Elephants in this House” written by Ursula Dubosarsky and illustrated by Andrew Joyner.

Biggest Morning Tea – Thursday 22nd May
We will be holding a Biggest Morning Tea at school on Thursday 22nd May at 11.30am. Everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa and morning tea. Please bring a plate to share and a donation for the Cancer Council.

National Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 23rd May
Walk Safely to School Day is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. Jim will be transporting students to the Community Centre where we will all walk safely back to school accompanied by a teacher. We will then have breakfast provided by the P&C. Parents/carers are welcome to join us to walk and enjoy breakfast, if they wish.

Preschoolers Morning – Monday 26th May
Join us for our pre-schoolers visit on Monday 26th may here at school from 10am to 11.30am. There will be educational activities that help develop gross and fine motor skills as well as art and craft. All preschool children aged 1-5 are welcome.
Invitation - Model Railway Display – Sunday 15th June
We have received an invitation from Mr Bruce Block inviting teachers, students and parents to visit his model railway display on Sunday June 15th. The display will take place from 2 to 4pm at Lower Bielsdown Road, 'Tallowood Ridge' and will include a variety of model trains to look at as well as afternoon tea. The Coffs Harbour Model Railway group will also join Mr Block for the afternoon. Please contact the school for more information or to let us know if you would like to attend.

Stewart House Donation Drive – 2014
This is a very worthwhile charity that supports 1800 public school children a year. Attached is an envelope for donations and a chance to win a $4,000 family holiday. Please return it by Friday 9th May to go in the draw.

Term 2 SAKG Weekly Contributions - Due Now
If you have a payment slip attached for Term 1, please pay the amount before the end of term.

2014 Workbook Fees
Workbook fees for 2014 remain the same - $30.00 per student. These fees help towards the costs of student items provided by our school e.g. exercise books, pens, pencils, glue etc… Thank you those families that have paid already.

Make an Offer
We have a number of used student desks, printers, laminators and photocopiers in storage at school. If you would like any of these items, come in and make an offer. It all has to go!

P&C News & Community Notices
Easter Raffle
Thank you to everyone who donated something towards our Easter Raffle. A big thank you to Robyn Coombes who sold $100 worth of tickets for us and to Thane Bird who donated a huge amount of Easter Eggs. Congratulations to our three prize winners – 1st Izzy Duff, 2nd Thane Bird and 3rd Gail Young. We raised $289.00 for the P&C.

BookClub Issue 2 – Due back Monday 17th March
Bookclub Issue#2 is attached. If you wish to place an order from this issue, please have your order forms and money (cash/cheque made to Scholastic) back at school by Monday 17th March.

For Sale – Lounge
Blue 3 seater lounge and armchair. Good condition. For sale - $100 Phone Abby Not on 66578 058

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Every year, families throughout New South Wales invite students from around the world into their homes, and gain a taste of another culture. New students arriving in July. Find out more now! If you too want to partake in this life changing opportunity and enrich your family with an enthusiastic exchange student from another culture, contact WEP now to receive program information and student profiles. Full support is provided. Request Free Program Information - Phone: 1300 884 733 Email: sylviakelly@wep.org.au
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