Welcome back for 2016
A warm welcome back to a new year at Dundurrabin Public School. The staff are looking forward to a great term. This year we will continue to operate two small classes. Kinder-2 will be with Mrs Sangster and years 3-6 with Mrs Parkin. Once again classes will combine for afternoon lessons and all day Wednesday. Mrs Keough had a baby girl in the holidays and will be on Maternity Leave until Term 3. Mrs Sangster will be Relieving Principal until her return.

As always, teachers welcome parents / carers / grandparents who wish to assist in the classroom. If you would like to help out with reading, maths or literacy groups, book covering or something else please speak with your child’s teacher. We are always very grateful to our helpers in the kitchen and garden on Wednesdays.

Welcome New Students
Last Thursday we welcomed 8 new students and their families to our school. Four kindergarten boys, Jacob, Jett, Quill and Tyson, Leroy in year 2, Cooper and Charlotte in year 3 and Darcy in year 5. They have all settled into school routines and are forming friendships.
Small Schools Swimming Carnival – This Thursday 4 February, 2016
The Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held this Thursday 4 February 2016 at Bellingen Pool commencing at 9.15am and finishing approx. 1.30pm. Only students from 8 years of age and capable of swimming 50 metres are eligible to compete. **School will run as normal for students not attending.** Your support will be necessary for the Swimming Carnival by providing parental transport, supervision and support, meaning lots of cheering! **Pool entry cost is $2 per person.** If you are unable to transport or supervise your child/ren for the Carnival, please organise someone else to act on your behalf and please notify the school of your decision on the permission note. **Thank you to families for returning notes promptly last week.**

Preschoolers Morning – Monday 8 February
Join us for our first preschool morning for 2016 on Monday 8 February from 10am to 12 noon. 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.

PLP Meetings – Personalised Learning Plans
Twice a year we have 3 way meetings with students and their parents / carers to discuss student progress and determine learning goals for their Personalised Learning Plans. Timeslots will be either before or after school during Weeks 4 and 5. **Please fill out and return the attached interview timetable.**

Combined Schools Swimming for Sport Afternoons – Tuesdays Week 3 to Week 10
This term we will be combining with Hernani Public School on Tuesday afternoons for sport at Dorrigo Swimming Pool. Thanks to our Sporting Schools grant there will be no cost for swimming this term, which includes transport and pool entry. Please advise the school if you are a season ticket holder at Dorrigo Swimming Pool and show your ticket pass for a reduction in our swimming costs. **Starting on Tuesday 9 March** we will depart school on Tuesdays at 12.45pm and return in time for normal bus / pick up routine. Students will need to pack a big recess, lunch and plenty of water as swimming can make students extra hungry. An extra snack for the way home could be a good idea. The school will provide sunscreen each day. Students may come to school dressed in their swimmers (rash shirt and swimmers) or get changed at school before we leave. 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. Students will not be able to buy from the shop. Please let us know if you are available to help out on any of these days as a volunteer in the water. **Please sign and return the consent note attached.**

Hernani Combined Schools Day – Friday 26 February
On Friday 26 February we will be attending a CAPA / Drama combined schools day at Hernani Public School. Mrs Winkel has planned an exciting day for our students. There will be no cost to families for this excursion. Travel will be by Jim’s bus and Mrs Sangster, departing school at 9am and returning for normal bus routine in the afternoon. **Permission note and lunch order forms will be attached next newsletter.**

Thank you
Thank you to Fred, Kym, Laz, Samantha and Gail for having our school, grounds and gardens looking wonderful to start the new year!

New Shed
Thank you to Alex, Bob, Darren, Fred and Kym who prepared and laid a concrete slab for our new storage shed donated by P&C. Over the coming weeks the newly erected shed will be filled with preschool toys and equipment.

Special Canteen Lunches – Friday 19 February
Special canteen will resume in week 4 and be every fortnight. Menu will be advised and order form will be sent home next week. Orders and money must be returned before the day.

Homework and Online Learning Programs
As in past years, homework will be negotiated at parent teacher meetings which are planned to be held in the coming weeks. We have continued our online learning subscriptions including, Mathletics, Spellodrome and Reading Eggs. If families have internet access and wish for their child/ren to access these subscriptions at home please speak with Mrs Sangster to get passwords and user names.

Home Reading
All students will be taking home a Home Reading log book today. Students can record any reading they do at home, magazines, newspapers, websites, books etc... If you would like readers, please contact your child’s teacher.

Library – Change of Day
Library will be on Wednesdays this term due to
swimming. Students can bring their books in their library bags each Wednesday and borrow new ones for the week. New students will be supplied with a library bag to use.

**Recorders - $8.00 each**
K-2 students will be learning recorder this year. If your student does not already have a recorder at home or school, they are available from the office at a cost of $8.00.

**Hat Reminders**
Students must bring a broad brimmed or flap hat to school daily to wear outside during playtimes. Unfortunately students without hats will not be able to participate in outdoor activities. **Please remember to label all your child/rens hats and jumpers** with their name so they can be easily found and returned to them.

**Lunch Boxes**
Some students may need extra food and water for their growing bodies especially after swimming. Please check with your child/ren if they have enough in their lunchboxes to last throughout the day.

**School Shirts Available at School**
School or sport shirts are available at the office. School Shirts - $16.00 / Sports Shirts - $22.00 each.

**Variation to School Routine & Media Consents.**
Attached to the newsletter is the Permission to Publish and Variation to School Routine. This allows students to walk to venues around the Dundurrabin village for school activities throughout the year and have their image on work published digitally such as on our school website. **Please sign and returned them to school as soon as possible.**

**Update Driver and Registration Details for 2016**
If you are transporting your child/ren or any other students for excursions, sporting events etc.... the principal must sight your current driver licence and vehicle registration details. If you have not updated this travel information from previous years, please come into school soon and we can copy your driving details for 2016.

**Excursions and Permission Notes**
Your help as parents is needed to ensure that all our students have their consent notes fully completed, signed and returned to school before any planned excursion. Even if your child/ren are not attending the event, please return the consent with that information stated on it. All consent notes will be printed on yellow paper, when possible.

**Weekly Contribution of $1 per student for SAKG**
The program has ongoing costs each week, such as cooking ingredients, seeds and seedlings. We are asking that parents help contribute towards these costs by sending in $1 each Wednesday per child or $10 for term 1.

**2016 Workbook Fees**
Workbook fees for 2016 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, hand towels etc.....

**Reminder - Amart Sports Community Kickbacks program**
We have signed up for the Amart Sports Community Kickbacks program. Being part of this program entitles us to receive 5% of sales made by our school community. It’s simple, when purchasing from Amart Sports state our school name “Dundurrabin Public School” and they’ll do the rest. Any funds received through the program will allow us to purchase sporting equipment.

**P&C News & Community Notices**
**AGM/P&C Meeting–Wednesday 2 March – 2.00pm**
Our AGM and first P&C meeting for this year will be held on Wednesday 2 March at 2.00pm. 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 Membership Due**
$2 P&C membership for 2016 is now due. This is to cover us for helping with P&C activities. Can you please drop it in to the office in an envelope.

**P&C Save the Date - TYRINGHAM CAMPDRAFT**
7-9 October 2016 - Helpers will be needed

**BookClub Issue 1 – Due back Monday 15 February**
Bookclub Issue#1 is attached. If you wish to place an order from this issue, please have your order forms and money (cash or cheque made to Scholastic) back at school by Monday 15 February.

**Dorrigo Fuji Karate Club**
Dorrigo Fuji Karate Club invites you to discover the rewards of traditional Japanese Shotokan Karate.
Put down your screen and really connect with the world in 2016!
Hosting an overseas exchange student allows families to gain insight into another culture and way of living, without leaving the comfort of their own home.
WEP host families live all around eastern Australia. Some live on farms in the country, others live in apartments in the city. Not all our host families have kids, some are young couples and some are single. In fact, host families can come in any shape or form, but they all share a desire to learn more about other peoples and cultures! To request further information, please submit an enquiry on our website, https://wep.org.au/host/ or email us at info@wep.org.au.

Soccer rego open - Dorrigo Highlanders Football Club Registrations are now open for the 2016 soccer season to be completed online at www.myfootballclub.com.au – just select “Register Now” from the home page. Information days will be held in the coming weeks to assist new players and accept payments but online registration can be completed now. You don’t have to pay online, just select the email invoice option for payment later on when your team is finalised.
Please remember to: Register by Wed 24 Feb so teams can be allocated (8 years and over). Register early – a late fee of $25 applies for rego made after 24 Feb close date (excludes 5-7 years Miniroos). Prompt refunds will be made in the event that players cannot be placed in a suitable team.
The club is looking forward to filling teams from 8 years to Senior and all ages in between for boys, girls, mens and womens. New players can also join up online. The North Coast Football competition season will kick off with the first round on Saturday 2 April. The Miniroos, for 5 to 7 years, will commence on Saturday 30 April. You can sign up for Miniroos if you turn 5 anytime in 2016. For more information contact registrar Rosalie Smith on 6657 5255 or treasurer Barbara Webster on 6657 2703 or email: dorrigohighlanders@hotmail.com.

How much water do children need?
As a general guide, children up to 8 years of age should have a minimum of 4-5 cups of water a day. Children above 8 require at least 5-6 cups of water per day.
How do I get my child to drink water?
Try these tips to help boost water intake in children:
• Add a slice of lemon or lime to give water a different taste
• Ensure your child has always got a water bottle handy
• Use herbs including mint or spices such as ginger to flavour the water
• Freeze fresh fruits and use them as ice cubes in glasses of water

Increase your fitness, flexibility and coordination while learning self-defence. Studying a martial art promotes discipline and respect, focus, listening and memory skills. Phone Hazel Buchanan for further information.
Where: Dorrigo Public School Hall
When: Mondays, Kids 5-6pm Adults 5:30-6:30pm
Phone: Hazel 0458 572525

Dundurrabin Community Farmers Market
The DCC Markets will continue to be held monthly now from February on the following Sundays:- 21st February / 20th March / 17th April
From 10am -1pm
Setting up starts at 9am.
Sellers stall costs from $1 - $5 per table. – Bring your own sun and rain protection as the grass areas are exposed to the weather and there is little covered space for everyone.
What’s Available:-
Locally Grown Produce
Home Made Foods – cakes, jams, pickles, spreads etc.
Buy, Swap and Sell Items
Art and Craft
Refreshments –tea, coffee, cakes, cold drinks
Buskers
A very big thank you to all the stall holders and buyers and especially to our young busker who played his guitar during our last markets. Your support over the last two markets has contributed $400 to boost our dwindling bank balance.
So if you have any produce or other items to buy, swap or sell or just want to entertain us by practicing your busking skills or enjoy a cuppa and a chat, you are all very welcome to just come along and join in and be part of the harmonious atmosphere.
Contact Carol for more details on 0431 106 317.

Yoga & Relaxation Classes
Shakti’s place - Dundurrabin
Wednesdays 5 - 6.30pm
Term 1 starts 3rd February 2016
Gentle yoga postures, breathing and relaxation.
Suitable for beginners and more experienced people.
Bring mat, blanket and cushion.
8 weeks $120 or $20 casual
Havan and Kirtan at Dundurrabin
2.30pm to 5pm Saturday 13th Feb 2016
Second Sat of each month.
(arrive by 2.15pm for 2.30 Havan)
Healing Mantras with Fire, Chanting and Singing
at Shakti’s place, Dundurrabin. Bring a cushion & plate of food to share for afternoon tea.
Donation for Sivananda Math/local environ. groups.
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