

# Duaringa State School Newsletter

Term One  
Week Three

10 February 2009

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PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS IS MIDDAY FRIDAY

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I would like to start this week by saying farewell to Jane Vaughan from the Duaringa Library. Jane has played a big role over the years working with the P-3 students at various times and I know they will all miss her and her fabulous lessons.

Best of luck from all the staff, students and parents, in whatever it is you choose for your next path Jane.

I would also like to welcome Robyn Groundwater to our community. Robyn will be taking over from Jane. We look forward to working with you over the coming years as well Robyn.

## 2009 Staffing

Firstly, thank you to you all for ensuring your children were here last Thursday for our Day 8 count. It was much appreciated.

Unfortunately, we lost 2 students unexpectedly over the holidays and our 4 new enrolments currently have not turned up. We are therefore sitting on a current enrolment of 48 students, which means no third teacher.

As we are operating with a very top heavy Year 4-7 class of 30 students, (the maximum allowed being 28), we will be moving to rectify this situation by the end of the week.

More information will be sent home in the coming days. Your assistance and patience during this difficult time is most appreciated.

## Swimming

Swimming commenced last week and all ran very smoothly. However, some of our children are not accustomed to water and swimming and therefore require as much support as possible. We are looking for one or two parents who can get in the pool with

the P-3 students each week and help Mrs Brimblecombe and Mr Clements with support of these children. Please let the office know if you are able to come, even if it is just for one lesson.

Finally, we still have some children who do not have a cap or swimming shirt. Parents, can you please ensure that your child is equipped with all the correct items for this week.

*Have a great week!*

*Sam*

## HELEN'S HAPPENINGS

### Reminders

- ☆ **Parade** - Mondays
- ☆ **Newsletter** - Mondays
- ☆ **4-7 Library Day** - Mondays
- ☆ **Student Banking** - Tuesdays
- ☆ **Swimming** - Wednesdays
- ☆ **P-3 Library Day** - Wednesdays
- ☆ **Tuckshop** - Thursdays
- ☆ **Newsletter Deadline** - 12 noon  
Fridays
- ☆ **Book Club** - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
February
- ☆ **Pool Maintenance/Pool**  
**Groundsperson applications close** -  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February
- ☆ **P&C Meeting** - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>  
February
- ☆ **Yr Seven Leadership Workshop** -  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March
- ☆ **End of Term BBQ** - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

## Office Hours

This term I will be available in the office two days a week. These days will alternate each week. The table below shows the days for February that I will be in the office.

Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> February
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> February
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> February
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> February
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup> February
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup> February

On other days it would be appreciated if you could limit your calls to the office to before 9:00am or after 3:15pm except in an emergency situation.

## Forms

At present I am updating students' files to ensure that we have current forms and up-to-date contact details for all students. To assist with this I have attached to the newsletter a copy of students details cards with current details. Please check these details carefully especially the emergency contacts and return all forms to the office ASAP.

Thank you to those who have sent back the Media Consent and Internet Access forms for this year. Please check that both you and your child has signed the forms before they are returned so that your child can use the school computers. No note, no computer use. If you think you did not receive one, please read the School Handbook that was sent home to all families last week.

## School Banking

School banking has resumed. If you haven't banked before or don't have a Commonwealth Account and would like to bank through the school please see me.

## Year Seven Leadership Workshop

Our Year Seven students will attend a Leadership Workshop in Rockhampton on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. More information regarding this workshop will come home in a separate letter later this week.

## Colour Change

You may have notice that this year we have changed the colour of information forms and newsletters being sent home. The new colours are as follows:

Newsletter	Yellow
Forms to be returned	Light Blue
P&C	Green

We will endeavor to send home everything with the newsletter on a Monday but, there will be times when this will not be possible, so please keep this in mind if you see a light blue form come home that it needs to be returned by the due date.

## Permission Forms

Thank you to the many parents who promptly returned students permission forms sent home last week. It would be appreciated if you could you please ensure these are returned by the end of this week. If you have misplaced your form and require another one please see me in the office.

## Textbooks/Reference Books

The textbooks and reference books for the 4-7 class should arrive at the school shortly for the students in these classes. Invoices will be sent home when the books arrive. Payment will be required on collection of the books.

## Book Club

Our first book club pamphlets for the year went out last week. All Book Club orders are due back by next Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February please. **If paying by cheque, please note that they must be made out directly to the SCHOOL, NOT Scholastic. Your help with this would be most appreciated.**

*Helen Draper*  
AO2

**P&C NEWS**

Last week a Membership Application was sent home with the school handbook. Thanks to the many families who have returned their membership forms for this year. It is essential that these forms be returned to the office as soon as possible as they will be used to register you as a member of the P&C Association and thus provide insurance cover for you at any event. If you have not returned this form to the office I would strongly encourage you to do so

prior to our AGM meeting due to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Don't forget our first meeting for the year will be held on Thursday 19 February. This will be a general meeting as the books are still with the auditor.

Items for the agenda include:

- Community Gaming Fund submissions for a new double shed and pop up watering system around the school
- AOP ideas/suggestions for 2009
- Community Partnership funding for a program called 'Our Place Our Future'

## Tuckshop Titbits

You should have all received a new menu for 2009 last week. If not let the office know and they will get one to you.

We are still looking for a few more helpers. If you are able to help out once a term that would be greatly appreciated.

Leah Ryan  
Tuckshop Convenor

## In Our Classrooms

### Student Council

Nominations for Student Council will be called for this week. Our Student Council was set up only last year and has worked very successfully so far.

The Council is a representative body of children from Prep to Year 7 as well as our two school leaders. Representatives are elected within their class and they hold the position for the full school year.

The Council meets once a fortnight and the students run the meetings themselves. An executive committee is elected from within the Council. The President, chairs the meetings, the secretary scribes and our treasurer keeps records of all incoming and outgoing monies as well as constantly liaising with Mrs Draper in the office. An agenda is followed, including normal meeting process items such as Correspondence, Business Arising and Reports. Our General business part of the meeting will be changing slightly this year to focus more on the following:

- Good things happening around the school
- Improvements needed around our school
- Ideas to help celebrate successes and solve problems

The Council decides on one cause or charity a term to support and last year their focus was on Red Nose Day and the Canteen Bandanna Day. This year we will be investigating the sponsorship of a World Vision child.

Students who have a strong interest in being involved in projects that support their community and enhance the life of the school should certainly think about nominating for the Student Council.

## Weekly Awards

Prep – Year 3 **Student of the Week** awards this week goes to Kai for a fabulous effort with his work last week.

Year 4-7 **Student of the Week** awards this week go to Rhiannon and Kyanna for their early completion of homework.

Year 4-7 **Student of the Week** awards this week go to Mark and Jessica for working quickly and efficiently in class.

Year 4-7 **Student of the Week** awards this week go to Mikaela for her efforts to complete her work.

The '**FAH Award**' this week goes to Jake K for his initiative.

### *'Congratulations to our winners'*

#### In the P-3 Classroom

Hi everyone!

What a great week we had last week. All our students are trying their best and working really hard to learn our new routines and activities.

In Literacy, the Preps will be focusing on various nursery rhymes. Last week it was Humpty Dumpty, which resulted in Mrs Draper having to make Humpty Dumpty biscuits with them, which of course they thoroughly enjoyed. The eating of that is. They have also been discussing the differences between themselves, made hand and foot prints as well as traced each others body outline in preparation for this week's art activity of painting and cutting.

The 1/2/3's were involved in Shared Reading, as well as Jolly Phonics and handwriting each day. Our Year 1's have begun writing using entries and exits to help them better prepare for cursive writing in years 2 and 3. The 2/3's are currently consolidating their knowledge of letter formations using entries and exits.

In maths the Prep's were introduced to positional language eg. Under/over, up/down, across, in/out and used this to describe objects in our classroom and their outside environment. Our Year 1's have been focussing on sorting different groups, whilst our 2/3's have been revising their numbers to 99.

In our SOSE unit we discussed our favourite things and have begun making a book about them.

A very big thank you to Claire Mactaggart (Prep parent), who has offered to come in on Mondays and run our Home Reading Program with Jenny. **We are still in need of one other person to help out.** Please if you can spare an hour on Wednesday afternoon or Friday morning the children would very much appreciate it.

Our Special Person for this week is Sydney. We look forward to meeting Sydney's family and find out why she is special to them.

Finally, Mothball's home is now ready and awaiting his big arrival!!!!!! Have you worked out who he is yet?

Sam Howard

### From the Library

As we start Week 3 of the school year, I am very pleased to see that most children have been bringing a library bag to carry and protect their valuable books. **A reminder of Library days - MONDAY for Years 4-7 and WEDNESDAY for Prep -3.**

Please ensure that your child returns their book each library day. If they forget to bring their book on their library day, they can place their book in the yellow return box on any other day. Encourage your child to borrow library books and develop a love of reading. We have over 12 000 resources for them to choose from!

Thanks  
Mrs Harris

## What's Healthy!

Around a quarter of mothers include cereal bars in their child's lunchbox. However, many cereal bars marketed for children contain over 40% sugar with more calories from sugar than in a bar of chocolate.

When you eat cereal with milk, much of the sugar is washed away from your teeth, whereas with bars, the combination of fat and sugar means it hangs around, giving bacteria time to get to work turning the sugar to the acids which cause decay.

## Quick Breakfast Idea - Breakfast Wrap



This quick breakfast idea is perfect for the school run. Pack a wet wipe to clean up sticky fingers!

This quick breakfast idea takes only 5–10 minutes to make.

### Quick Breakfast Idea:

Melt 2 teaspoons of butter in a small pan.

Beat 2 eggs with one tablespoon of milk and a little salt and pepper and add to the pan.

Cook, stirring over a low heat until the egg has scrambled.

Add any of the following to the scrambled egg ham, bacon, grated cheese, chopped tomato, smoked salmon, sautéed diced sweet pepper and onion and a few drops of Tabasco.

Pile onto one side of a tortilla and roll up. Wrap in foil. The foil can be peeled off as your child eats the wrap.

These are so easy to make. They are great as breakfast muffin recipes but also delicious for kid lunch boxes or a snack. A tasty way to get your child to eat more fruit and vegetables is this breakfast muffin recipe.

## Breakfast Muffin Recipe

### Breakfast Muffin Recipe Ingredients

150g (5 oz) plain wholemeal flour  
50g (2 oz) granulated sugar  
25g (1 oz) dried skimmed milk powder  
1 1/2 tsp baking powder  
1/2 tsp cinnamon  
1/2 tsp ground ginger  
1/4 tsp salt  
125ml (4 fl oz) vegetable oil  
60ml (2 fl oz) honey  
60ml (2 fl oz) maple syrup

2 eggs, lightly beaten  
1/2 vanilla essence  
1 large apple, peeled and grated  
75g (3 oz) carrots, peeled and grated  
75g (3 oz) raisins

Method:

Pre-heat the oven to 180C/350F. Combine the flour, skimmed milk powder, baking powder, cinnamon, salt and ginger in a mixing bowl. In a separate bowl, combine the honey, maple syrup, eggs, vegetable oil and vanilla essence. Beat lightly with a wire whisk until blended. Add the grated apple, carrots and raisins to the liquid mixture and stir until just combined.

Line a muffin tray with paper cups and fill until two-thirds full. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes. You can also make mini muffins which are ideal for children they will take about 15 minutes to bake.

**Information:**

Suitable for freezing  
MAKES 12 MUFFINS

## Duaringa Community News

### What's On!



#### Playgroup

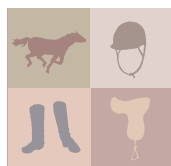
Playgroup will recommence this Tuesday February 3 in the Duaringa SS EEC building. We look forward to seeing many new faces this year.

Playgroup runs every Tuesday from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon.

#### DUARINGA PONY CLUB

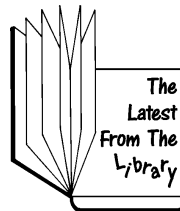
Our first pony club meeting for 2009 will be in Duaringa on Sunday 1st March followed by an AGM.

We look forward to welcoming all our old faces and hope to see some new ones too. For further information please phone, Claire on 49358 542.



#### Newsletter Deadline

Whilst we love to have community information included in our newsletter, we do have to stick to a deadline. We do our very best to keep things up to date. However, if details are sent in after the deadline we can only include them in the following weeks' newsletter. **All messages must be written in detail. These can be faxed or emailed to us.** The deadline for our newsletter is **midday Friday**. You can write, fax or email items you would like included in the newsletter to: Fax: 49357026 or email: [the.principal@duaringass.eq.edu.au](mailto:the.principal@duaringass.eq.edu.au)



## DUARINGA LIBRARY

This is my last message for the Duaringa Newsletter. Farewell to the customers of Duaringa Library may I thank you for your patronage and companionship over the past few years. The best part of this job has been having the opportunity to get to know so many wonderful people from Duaringa and surrounds.

The CHRC are calling for nominations for Junior and Senior Sunflower Festival Princesses. Applicants raise money for the local community and charities and the winner represents the Region at the Sunflower Festival in Manitoba, Canada.

*May you always have walls for the winds,  
a roof for the rain, tea beside the fire,  
laughter to cheer you, those you love near you,  
and all your heart might desire.*  
~Irish Blessing

#### Jane Vaughan

Duaringa Library  
Ph: 49256412  
Email: [duaringalibrary@bigpond.com](mailto:duaringalibrary@bigpond.com)

### Duaringa Historical & Tourism Association Inc.

#### SALE OF FOOTY DOUBLE TICKETS

Expressions of interest are sought from members of the Community to judge interest in selling footy double tickets for the 2009 Season.

The Committee will not have the availability to sell tickets at Woorabinda from the 2009 Season and is looking at the viability of selling the tickets in the Duaringa area on the basis of

- Fortnightly
- Monthly
- One of the above and State of Origin and Finals
- Just State of Origin and Finals

Please contact Avryl, Olive or Carol with your ideas.  
Phone 49357077 Duaringa Historical Centre  
0418 194131 Avryl  
49357228 Olive  
49357171 Carol (A/H)

# Dates to Remember

18 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Club Due
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Duarina Pony Club Rally and AGM
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 7 Leadership
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Arts Council
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	End of Term BBQ
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Incentive Day
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Inter-house Swimming Carnival
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of Term One
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Monday
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Student Free Day
21 <sup>st</sup> April	First Day of Term Two



## BICC Cinema

Cnr Capricorn Highway & Littlefield St, Blackwater  
Phone 07 4982 7755, Fax 07 4982 5299

**SHOWING EVERY DAY AT 10.00AM  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY AT 3.00PM  
THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS  
AT 7.30PM**

### WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 9TH

#### FEBRUARY

*THE WOMEN*

**Rated PG - 114 Minutes  
NO MOVIE SHOWING THURSDAY 12TH  
FEBRUARY AT 10.00AM**

### WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 16TH

#### FEBRUARY

*Rocknrolla*

**Rated MA - 114 minutes**

## OUR COMMUNITY HAVE YOUR SAY

*Central Highlands Regional Council (CHRC) invites you to HAVE YOUR SAY in the development of the CHRC Corporate Plan 2009 - 2013.*

The Corporate Plan sets a clear direction for Council, embracing all its functions, activities and programmes for the future of the region and its community.

Tell us about the "challenges and opportunities" in our region so we can work together to build a brighter future.

Come along to the community consultation meetings:

**Duarina Council Office** - Monday, 16th February 6pm-8pm

## **Duarina State School**

### **Pool Maintenance/ Pool Groundsperson**

A vacancy exists for a Pool Maintenance/Groundsperson from Term 1 2009 for 10 hours/week  
With a salary of between \$22.30 and \$24.20 per hour. Application Packages can be collected from the school office or by phoning (07) 49357 125

**Applications close on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
February 2009**

and  
should be addressed to:

**The Principal  
Duarina SS  
PO Box 6**

Duarina Q 4712

Applications will remain current for 12 months.

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