



Duaringa State School Newsletter

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PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS IS MIDDAY FRIDAY

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Caregivers,
Hope you all had a good week last week. A reminder about our NAPLAN meeting tomorrow afternoon from 2.30 pm till 3 pm.

A big Duaringa welcome to Mrs Vickie Rodgers who will be doing some supply work at our school this term. She is currently on Mrs R's class whilst Mrs R is away sick.

Building the Education Revolution Package

As you may be aware, the Federal Government's Stimulus Package was approved by Parliament a few weeks ago. This effectively means that each school in Queensland will benefit from major capital works programs in the very near future. While the exact figure that Duaringa SS will receive has not been announced as yet, it is expected to be a substantial amount of funding. While the funding parameters are unclear at this early stage, it is anticipated that the funds are to be used to build or renovate Libraries, Halls and Gymnasiums at the school.

Mr Ron Lohse, our Facilities Officer, will be coming to the school this week to discuss appropriate options for our school. Once I have further information on what projects are being proposed I shall let you know.

Changes to the EDS Position

As you may be aware, Mr Ian Boon is the current Executive Director (EDS) of Schools for our region, and has been a constant support for our school over the last few years. Ian announced last week that effective from Semester 2 this year that he would be giving up the position as EDS for Fitzroy Central West, and has been appointed the permanent principal at Yeppoon State High School. I'd like to congratulate Ian on his new appointment and wish him the very best of luck.

Expressions of Interest have been called for the permanent position of EDS for Fitzroy Central West. I'll announce who will be taking over his position when I receive further information.

Condolences Fitzgerald Family

Finally I'd like to extend the school's condolences to Jenny Fitzgerald, cleaner Dingo SS and the Fitzgerald family after her husband William's passing last Thursday. Duaringa SS's thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Looking forward to seeing all the Student Council representatives parents at our Swearing In parade tomorrow morning at 9.30 am

Have a great week!

Sam

Australian Mathematics Competition

This year Duaringa SS is offering students in Years 3-7 the opportunity to participate in The Australian Maths Competition. It will be held on August 6th. This year the test will cost \$5.00. This is due to the Australian Maths Competition increasing their charges. More information regarding the tests will be sent home shortly, with those students eligible to sit the test.

NOTES AND REMINDERS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION DESK....

Reminders

- ◆ Parade - Mondays
- ◆ Newsletter - Mondays
- ◆ 4-7 Library Day - Mondays
- ◆ Student Banking - Tuesdays
- ◆ Swimming - Wednesdays
- ◆ P-4 Library Day - Wednesdays
- ◆ Tuckshop - Thursdays
- ◆ Newsletter Deadline - 12 noon
Fridays
- ◆ Yr Seven Leadership Workshop -
Thursday 5th March
- ◆ End of Term BBQ - Friday 3rd April

Arts Council

The school is lucky to have Queensland Arts Council coming to the school this year. We are hoping to have one visit each term. This term's performance will be held on Friday 13th March. Please see the attached letter and invoice for more details.

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 and March that I will be in the office.

Monday	2 nd March
Tuesday	10 th March
Thursday	12 th March
Wednesday	18 th March
Friday	20 th March
Tuesday	24 th March
Thursday	26 th March

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.

Absences

At the end of each month this year, we will be sending home a list of absences your child has had at school. We ask if you could please check the absences for accuracy and forward a note to the school for the unexplained absences or sign the attached absences to indicate your awareness of the absence of your child. Attached to the newsletter today is the first of these absence reports.

School Banking

School banking has resumed on a Tuesday. Please ensure that bank books are placed in the collection box in the office **before school**.

Application forms are now available from the office if you would like to open an account for your child. The school receives a commission from the Commonwealth Bank for providing this service to our students.

It's never too early to start teaching children to save money.

Textbooks/Reference Books

Thank you to those parents who have paid for their child/ren's textbooks and reference books these students are using their book in class to enhance with their learning. There is a couple of outstanding invoices (Statements attached to the letter). It would be appreciated if you could send in money this week for these books or contact the office if you have any queries.

Year Seven Leadership Workshop

This Thursday our Year Seven students will be attending a Leadership Workshop in Rockhampton with Mrs R and Mrs Wood. Please ensure that your child is at school ready to leave no later than 7:45am in full school uniform.

Netball

Congratulations to Jessica and Brittany who have been selected in the Duaringa District Netball team to participate in the Central Highlands Trials on Monday 16th March. 'Good luck girls'

*Thanks
Helen Draper
AO2*

P&C NEWS

Stationary

The P&C have a stock of stationary items available at the tuckshop for sale. So if your child needs new books, rulers, pencils etc please see the ladies at tuckshop on a Thursday.



In Our Classrooms

Weekly Awards

Prep – Year 4 **Student of the Week** award this week goes to Kai for a consistent effort with his work.

Year 4-7 **Student of the Week** award his week goes to Jake K for encouraging his peers.

Year 4 – Year 7 **Student of the Week** award this week goes Tia for writing more complex sentences in her homework.

The '**FAH Award**' this week goes to Brianna M for showing initiative.

'Congratulations to our winners'

Student Council

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising event last Friday. We raised \$162 for the flood and fires appeals.





Library Happenings

Last week we received a new set of 'GO FACTS' books. These are a popular, easy-to-read, non-fiction series of reading books. The new topics covered include 'Habitats', 'How is it Made' and 'Changing Times'.

We also received a series entitled 'WEIRD, WILD AND WONDERFUL'. Animals develop habits, skills and appearances that appear weird to us, but are perfectly normal to them. It enables them to stay alive and ensure the survival of their species. These books contain excellent pictures as well as some very interesting and informative reading. Both these sets of books will be valuable additions to the books available for homework reading.

To encourage your child to read, here are some ideas:

Be yourself and involve your child in everyday conversations from an early age.

Read aloud to your child. It will help your child to learn the language of books and encourages the enjoyment of books and reading.

Talk about books together - make reading a shared, enjoyable activity.

See that there is a range of reading material for your child at home, both fiction and non-fiction.

Read to your child in your first language - research shows that using your first language will help your child when he or she learns to read English.

Try not to let television intrude on reading time - set aside some uninterrupted time to read with your child.

Listen to your child read every day, even if only for a short time.

Give books as treats and presents.

Discuss the meanings of stories and words.

Join your local library. Borrow books for yourself as well as your child

Thanks
Mrs Harris

Duaringa Community News

What's On!

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



Playgroup

Playgroup runs every Tuesday from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon, in the Duaringa SS EEC building. We look forward to seeing many new faces this year.

REMOTE AREA FAMILIES SERVICE

WILL BE HOLDING

"OCCUPATIONS" THEMED PLAYGROUP
DUARINGA EARLY LEARNING CENTRE
TUESDAY 17TH MARCH

9-12 NOON

ALL WELCOME

PLEASE BRING A SHARED

MORNING TEA AND LUNCH

RSVP TO EMERALD RAFS

ON 4982 0915 OR EMAIL

BE SURE TO BRING A HAT AND SUNSCREEN

Emerald Remote Area Families Service

Phone: 4982 0915 Fax: 4982 0453

Email: emeraldrafts@bigpond.com

If possible could any families please bring along egg cartons they are no longer using as we need some for a craft activity we are doing with the children.



Swimming Club

All students in Year 4-7 are invited to attend the Duaringa SS Swimming Club held each Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:15 pm. Swimming club is run by Mrs Brimblecombe and is all about stroke correction not learn to swim. It is important that those children attending swimming club are able to swim the length of the pool and do at least freestyle and one other stroke.

Cost is \$3 each session and parents are required to attend some of the sessions to act as spotters.

PLEASE NOTE NOT SWIMMING CLUB TOMORROW TUESDAY MARCH 3.

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 2nd MARCH

Mirrors

Rated MA - 111 minutes

WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 9th MARCH

AUSTRALIA

RATED M - 165 MINS

Dates to Remember

5 th March	Yr 7 Leadership Course
13 th March	Arts Council
3 rd April	End of Term BBQ
6 th April	Incentive Day – 'Capricorn Caves'
8 th April	Duarina District Cross Country
9th April	Last Day of Term One
10 th April	Good Friday
12 th April	Easter
13 th April	Easter Monday
20th April	Student Free Day
21 st April	First Day of Term Two

Changes to Golf Club Friday Night Dinners

Please be advised that due to staffing issues the regular monthly dinner held at the Duaringa Golf Club will be moving dates. Beginning in March the dinner will now be held on the 1st Saturday of the month.

The next dinner will be held following the Bushfire Appeal Charity Day on Saturday 7th March from 6pm.

For \$10 diners can choose from a menu of:

- Curried Chicken with Rice
or
- Spaghetti Bolognese
- Apple Slice & Custard for Dessert

A kids menu will also be available.

The committee looks forward to seeing you there.

Ambulance News

Dehydration

Even though the weather is starting to show some signs of cooling down it is still important to consider dehydration when working outside.

All too often we get caught up in what we are doing and forget to have a drink.

If you are working outside you will need a lot more water than you would if you were inside or in the shade with both the sun and your work making you sweat.

If you feel thirsty, notice you are not sweating as much or you have not passed any urine for a while or there is only a small amount or it is darker in colour you are dehydrated and need to drink water, have a rest and find somewhere cool to have a few minutes for your body to catch up.

Remember Slip, Slop, Slap

CPR Charts.

I still have plenty of CPR charts to give away FREE to anyone who has a pool, dam or any other water source. Ideally I would like to see every house with these have a CPR chart, unfortunately we still have a very long way to go.

Attending the Ambulance Station

Over recent months there has been some confusion over where to attend on the station especially after hours.

It is important that if you attend the Ambulance station you attend the office only and use the phone out the front to get assistance.

Please don't come to the house or call for help out the front. There is no guarantee there will be anyone home or that you will be heard, especially if the doors are closed.

By attending the station you will be able to notify someone 24 hours a day that you need help and assistance can be immediately provided.

It is important for **your safety** to attend the office and use the phone to get the quickest possible help for you.

If you require an Ambulance or wish to report an emergency always dial 000.

For general enquiries please call 13 12 33

Look what Blackwater has to offer!!!

Treat yourself to some time out!! Come along to the Women's Expo. Laugh! Chat!

Meet new people and find out what is available in town. International cooking demonstrations (and sampling), information sessions, health displays and talks, line dancing workshops, have a "roll down", art, leisure work, sports....you are bound to find it at the Expo.

Date: Tuesday, 10th March

Time: 9.30am -7.00pm (teachers can come too)

Blackwater Civic Centre

Complimentary light refreshments. Also a great way to promote your interest group and find some new recruits.

Further info contact CHRC Blackwater office 4980 5555.

