



# Duaringa State School Newsletter

Term Two  
Week Two

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PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS IS MIDDAY FRIDAY

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Caregivers,  
Welcome to Week 2 and the beginning of another very busy week. We ended last week with a very moving Anzac Day service at the school. It was lovely to see so many community representatives attend our service. A very big thank you and congratulations to those students in Year 6/7 who organized and ran our service.

I would like to start this week by welcoming Mrs Vicki Rogers onboard for the next 4 weeks at Duaringa SS. Mrs Rogers will be taking over the Learning Support Teacher role from Mrs Harris until May 22nd. Mrs Rogers focus will follow on from Mrs Harris' working with the 3/5/7's on NAPLAN and doing some post intervention with our Year 4 and 6 students from NAPLAN last year. Welcome Vicki and we hope you enjoy your time at Duaringa SS.

Vicki then moves onto a contract at Dingo for the last 5 weeks of term, whilst Mr Shirley is acting Deputy Principal at Blackwater North SS.

### Q150 Steam Train

A reminder that permission slips for both Steam Train trips were due in last Thursday. Many thanks to all those who returned their forms so promptly. Students who have not returned their forms or elected not to attend will remain behind at school on the day of the excursion and will be supervised by the other teacher and class.

Tomorrow, Tuesday 28 April, the whole school will walk down to the Duaringa Train platform at 10:30 am. This is so we can welcome the Westwood SS students who will be disembarking the Q150 train at Duaringa. They will return to school with the 4-7 class after waving off our PrePreps, Preps and Year 1-3 class who will travel through to Dingo.

The Steam train will depart from the Duaringa platform at 11.30 am for those of you who wish to come along and wave goodbye, please ensure you are there on time.

### PrePrep

Parents of PrePrep students, don't forget that **PrePrep will run tomorrow**, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> instead of Friday for this week only due to the Q150 Steam Train excursion.

### P&C Breville Competition

Just a reminder to those of you who receive The Morning Bulletin to keep sending in the tokens which appear on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. To date we have not had much support with this which is disappointing. This is one easy way for many of you who for various reasons are unable to get into the school, to help support your children and the P&C. The P&C have the chance to win up to \$2000 worth of Breville appliances which can then be used for raffles etc. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Don't forget next Monday is a Public Holiday for Labour Day. School will resume on Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, I will be on Long Service Leave next week from Tuesday May 5 till Monday May 11, Photo Day. Mrs R will be acting in my absence whilst Mrs Draper will be the Teacher-in-charge of the P-4 class. I will still be back and forth at the school and shall be acting as a parent helper next Thursday when we take the children to Beef Week for their excursion.

Have a great week.  
Sam

## NOTES AND REMINDERS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION DESK....

### Reminders

- ◆ **Parade** - Mondays
- ◆ **Newsletter** - Mondays
- ◆ **4-7 Library Day** - Wednesdays
- ◆ **Student Banking** - Tuesdays
- ◆ **P-4 Library Day** - Wednesdays
- ◆ **Tuckshop** - Thursdays
- ◆ **Newsletter Deadline** - 12 noon Fridays

## Public Holiday

A reminder that **next Monday** 4<sup>th</sup> May is a Public Holiday for Labour Day. Therefore the school will be closed.

## Excursions

The P-3 students will be travelling on the Steam Train tomorrow. The train will be departing Daringa Station at 11:30 if parents would like to come along and wave to us as we leave.

During Beef Week all students will be going to Rockhampton on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May to par-take in Beef Week activities. Information letters, forms and offers were sent home last week. Please note that these forms and money **must** be returned **this Thursday** so that we can confirm numbers for the bus.

## Book Club

The next edition of the Scholastic Book Club catalogues were sent home last week. Money and orders are to be returned to the office before school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May**. Please ensure any cheques are made payable to the Daringa State School.

**May is National Family Reading Month**

## School Photos

School Photos will be taken on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May**. Students are required to be in full uniform (gold shirt and blue shorts/shirt). Payment envelopes were sent home last week. Please note that correct money needs to be enclosed in these envelopes. Students are required to hand their envelope to the photographer on the day so please **do not** return them to the school.. Any enquires regarding payment please contact Tropical Master School Portraits on 49213355.

## Absences

Thank you to the many parents who phone and/or send in a note when their child/ren is absent from school. It is important however, that you provide a reason for the absence so that we can ensure that we use the appropriate code otherwise the absence will be recorded as unexplained.

## Student Banking

In conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank the school provides the service of student banking. The school receives a small commission from the bank for providing the service, which is then used to help with maintaining the school's resources.

Student banking is a great way to teach children how to save money. This can be achieved by getting children to deposit some of their pocket money each week. They can then watch their small deposit grow into a beneficial balance.

Students just need to place their bank books into the student collection box in the office *before* school on a Tuesday morning.

## Office Hours

Once again 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 this term that I will be in the office.

Wednesday	29th April
Tuesday	5th May
Thursday	7th May
Monday	11th May
Wednesday	13th May
Tuesday	19th May
Thursday	21st May
Monday	25th May
Wednesday	27th May
Tuesday	2nd June
Thursday	4th June
Wednesday	10th June
Friday	12th June
Tuesday	16th June
Thursday	18th June
Monday	22nd June
Wednesday	24th June

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.

*Thanks*

*Helen Draper*

## P&C NEWS

### General Meeting

Our next general meeting will be held **21<sup>st</sup> May** commencing 3:15pm in the music room. All welcome to attend.

## Tuckshop Titbits

### \$2000 Breville Package

A reminder to please send in your **Breville Tokens** which appear in 'The Morning Bulletin on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

The more entries we have the more chances we have to win some great Breville applicants or the school.

Thank you to everyone who has been sending in tokens.

Any queries about this can be referred to Mrs Stephanie Seeds on 4935 7215.

### Many thanks

**Stephanie Seeds (Tuckshop Convenor)**

## In Our Classrooms

### Weekly Awards

Prep – Year 4 **Students of the Week** awards this week goes to Crystal and April for their great work in maths, especially their setting out.

**Principal's Award** awards this week goes to Kurt, Breeannah, Caitlin, Robert, Jake K, Jake S, Rhiannon, Bronwyn, Nikki for Anzac ceremony.

The '**FAH Award**' this week goes to Bronwyn for being helpful.

### *'Congratulations to our winners'*



## **Library Happenings**

A big welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter break.

The library has lots of new books, which are on display and available for borrowing. A reminder to those students who have not returned outstanding library books to please drop them in the yellow return box near my desk.

Reading takes us away from the everyday and lets us experience another world which develops our creativity, understanding of others, sense of wonder and broadens our horizons.

*Happy Reading,  
Mrs Harris*

### **In the P-4 Classroom**

Hi everyone,

We commenced last week looking at our knowledge of Jungle Animals and Rainforests. We followed this by watching the DVD, Jungle Book, to confirm what we know and what we want to learn about.

Each week we will be focussing on a different animal. Mrs Wood has already begun building us a jungle at the back of our room, so in art over the coming weeks we will create various animals to fit.

Mrs Draper, Mrs Wood and I all have a grumble this week. **Homework folders are still not being returned**, along with sight words, sound books and readers. We have, therefore, decided that we are going to restrict the weekly homework sheet this term to the following:

1. Spelling Year 1-3
2. Number facts for Year 2/3's

**Home readers, sight words and sound books MUST** be returned daily if you wish us to revise these with your children. **If they do not come in extra time will not be spent with your child.**

On a happier note, we have set up a Post Office (like Mrs Adams') and restaurant. We urgently

need some more envelopes, old post packs, containers, boxes and the like to use for our pretend play in these areas. As you come across these we would appreciate it if you could send them in. We are also on the hunt for more craft/junk items for our collage trolley.

This weeks Special Person is Emily. We look forward to meeting her family this Friday.

Mothball is just about ready to begin her travels again this time with a Creative Minds Backpack. Inside Mothballs backpack you will find a variety of collage materials for your child to use to create something, along with a detailed note explaining what needs to be done.

Mothball will go home this term from Wednesday to be returned Wednesday the following week. On Wednesday afternoons each week a child will share what they have made.

Please ensure you get your child to practise their retell to the class, about how they made their creation. Talk about any problems they had and what they did with the materials. Ask your child what they liked about the creation they have made and why?

A reminder that tomorrow we are heading off on the Q150 Steam Train. Please ensure your child is dressed in school uniform and has a water bottle to carry with them. If you wish to wave us off please be at the station no later than 11.15 am.

Don't forget next week is our Beef Week excursion. Please get your permission forms and money in ASAP.

Sam Howard  
Class Teacher

### **In the 4-7 Classroom**

Welcome back, everyone.

Term2 is a very busy term with Sports Days, public holidays, excursions and Yrs5/7 National Literacy and Numeracy Tests.

Students have been organised into groups and have compiled lists of interview questions in relation to historical features in our community. Let the interviews begin!

Students are also studying life cycles and will be required to present a life cycle using computer technology.

#### **Book Reviews**

Students will be required to complete **three book reviews only** this term. Book reviews have been reduced as I want to see **quality** rather than quantity this term.

Students will still be required to read homework readers after the three book reviews have been completed. All students will be given written homework this week.

### Commeration Service for Anzac Day

On Friday morning, we held a Commeration Service for Anzac Day. The service was conducted by the senior students who are to be congratulated for the way in which they presented the order of service.

*Have a good week*  
Mrs R.

## Duaringa Community News

### 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)

## What's On!

### DUARINGA LADIES GOLF

Ladies golf has returned to their regular 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Starting time 8:00am with Tee off at 8:30am. Any enquiries ring Lloyd Howard on 49357226.



### 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.

### 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 27th April

*Bedtime Stories*

Rated G - 95 minutes

### Week commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

*The Wrestler*

Rated MA - 109 minutes

### Week commencing Monday 11th May

*Bride Wars*

Rated PG - 89 minutes

# What's On

CALENDAR EVENTS: Quick glance at Term Two

28 <sup>th</sup> April	Q150 Steam Train ride P-3 Duaringa to Dingo
4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> May	BEEF WEEK
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Labor Day Holiday
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School Excursion to Beef Week
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Q150 Steam Train Ride Blackwater return Year 4-7
11 <sup>th</sup> May	SCHOOL PHOTOS
12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Yrs 3, 5 & 7 NAPLAN testing
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Inter-house Athletics Carnival
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Under 8's Day Dingo
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Show Holiday
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Queens Birthday Holiday
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Small Schools' Athletics Carnival Duaringa Host School
26 <sup>th</sup> June	LAST DAY OF TERM 2
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Student Free Day
14 <sup>th</sup> July	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

### Combined Emergency Services

#### Charity Golf Day

(Duaringa Local Ambulance Committee  
Duaringa Town Rural Fire Brigade)

### SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MAY

Duaringa Golf Club

Tee-Off at 8:30am

4 Ball Ambrose Event

\$10 per player

Come along and enjoy a fantastic day

### Blackwater May Day Fun Fair

The May Day Committee is attempting to increase family participation in the annual march on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2009. We are proposing to have a Best Decorated Bike Contest with prizes. School bands, pupils and teachers are all welcome to march. The parade assembles at the corner of Mackenzie St & Littlefield St at 8:30am. At the PCYC grounds these activities will be on during the day:

- Blackwater Idol
- Kids Games
- The "Dennis Fels Memorial" Tug-o-War.

For more information please contact the President Don Ellis on 49826773



Dingo QCWA  
Will be holding a  
Mother's Day Luncheon



On  
Thursday, 30 April 2009  
Dingo Community Hall  
Doors open 10.00am

*Best Dressed Mother*  
*Cent Sale Lucky Door Raffle*  
\$15 Morning Tea and Lunch

RSVP/Enquiries: Selma Draper - 49 359 133  
Sharon Fernie - 49358523

### CRAFT NIGHT

For all those ladies waiting to craft again, the next date is set!

**DATE:** Saturday 9th May  
**PLACE:** Community/Clinic Building in William Street  
**COST:** \$2 per person to cover rental cost of building  
**Time:** 5pm  
**WHAT TO BRING:** Your craft and a plate to share for dinner.

Everyone welcome, new ladies are invited to attend for a cuppa and a chat if you don't have a craft!

### KOOL KAT SCRAPPERS

Shelley is again holding a scrap session for all girls 9 years & over.

**PLACE:** Community/Clinic Building in William Street  
**WHEN:** Saturday 9th May  
**Time:** 12 Noon till 5pm

**WHAT TO BRING:** Drink bottle & nibbles or lunch  
Scrap supplies

Everyone will need to bring along their own supplies to scrap. General list below is required.

\*Photos \*Photo Sticker tabs (to stick photos onto paper)

\*Craft Glue (Acid Free if available) \*Scrap Paper (Both Plain colours and printed pages. BIG W currently has the best supply of assorted packs but are large. Perhaps a few girls can purchase a pack and share.)

Single sheets are able to be purchased from any scrap shop. (Scrappy Days in Berserker & Scrap 'N Scrap in Richardson Road

Assorted embellishments and stickers

The Reject shop in Shopping Fair have some stock. Album refill pages to place finished pages in. (these are also @ BIG W)

I can arrange supplies for any girls if it helps any parent who doesn't really know what they are looking for, just call me. 4935 7775