

DURONG DRUM



DURONG SOUTH STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
THURSDAY 28 MARCH, 2024

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hi Everyone,

What a whirlwind term it has been. It was lovely to see all of our students' big smiles for our school photos this week.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge how hard all of our students have been working in their assessments in recent weeks. I would also like to thank all of our staff for their dedication to ensuring our students have access to fantastic learning opportunities.

On behalf of the staff I would like to thank you for your continued support across this first term of learning at school. We hope that you all enjoy a relaxing break with loved ones and the Easter Bunny finds all the children. For those of you travelling over the break please stay safe on the roads.

We look forward to seeing everyone back ready for another action packed term. In amongst the learning children will also compete at the KDSS Cross Country and Athletics Carnival, as well as heading over to Murgon on a whole of school excursion.

We will have workmen at school doing some renovations to our classrooms in the final days of the holidays. Please keep an eye out for any suspicious activity on school grounds at other times over the break if you are travelling past.

Yours in Education,

Janelle



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TERM DATES

2024 TERM 2

Monday 15 April	First day of Term 2.
Friday 19 April	Cross Country @ Tingoorra SS
Thursday 25 April	ANZAC Day Public holiday
Monday 29 April	School Review commences
Monday 6 May	Labour Day Public Holiday
Friday 10 May	Mother's Day Afternoon
Saturday 11 May	Burrandowan Races

FOCUS RULES

Holidays: Be good to your parents. No broken bones please.



P & C NEWS

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 May at 4pm in the school library. If there is anything you wish to have placed on the agenda, please contact Nat.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the Students of the Week and Sticker Winners for Week 9.

Week 9 Students of the Week



Congratulations to:

Libby ... Improvement in spelling

Rory ... Well prepared weekly speeches

Alex ... Great story in English assessment

Izzy ... Good clear reading in HaSS

Aarav ... Answering questions in class discussions

Hayley ... Improvement in spelling

Ayari ... Being a focussed learner

Sticker Winners James ... Good manners

William ... Helping others

HPE Helper ... Zoe Mc

CLASSROOM NEWS



Science at School.

The last few weeks have seen our young scientists busy finishing off their biology units and doing assessment tasks.

The Prep boys have started looking at the external features of dinosaurs that helped them eat, move, and defend.

The Year 1-2 group have finished looking at mealworms. The mealworm larvae completed their life cycle by emerging from the pupa stage as Darkling Beetles. The children concluded the biology unit by making the life stages of a mealworm with playdough.



The Year 3-4 group have been busy sorting and grouping animals by observing external features of animals. This week they have used the reliable websites, like the Australian Museum, to identify animals using their scientific names. We have also viewed some news sites to look at a newly discovered here in Queensland.

Year 5-6 have created animals to survive in the Australian deserts. Their creatures and descriptions were presented as PowerPoints. The creatures they have created mostly body features and behaviours that would be good for surviving in a desert.

Next term, we turn our studies to the sky, and what is in our day and night skies, and what is in our solar system. Take time over the Easter break to look up at the skies with your young scientists and see what's there...or just wonder at how vast the night and day skies are.

Design and Technology.

This term, the children have been doing food production units using the Meat and Livestock Australia resource 'Good Meat'.

Prep to Year 2 have looked at seasons, jobs on a farm, who lives on a farm, and will look at farming in the past, present and into the future.

The Year 3-4 group have looked at life cycles on a farm, how producers, consumers and decomposers work together for healthy farms, and a deeper look at dung beetles.

The Year 5-6 group have looked at some favourable adaptations in beef cattle, the supply chain of meat on the farm, processing and different places red meats can be purchased and consumed. They have looked at some of the new technology been developed to be used in meat production. We will continue the food production units through next year.

Digital Technology.

The Prep to Year 2 class have been looking at how technology changes over time. They were able to look at and play with some old(???) telephones. They also looked at how the arcade game Pacman has changed over time. I brought in my 40-year-old plus handheld Pacman game. The children could see how bulky it was, and that it needed batteries, the scores couldn't be stored, and the visuals weren't very exciting. We then looked at a Pacman app on a mobile phone. The children compared handwriting a letter to sending letters electronically. This week we sent emails to each other, using our school emails.



The older children have continued weekly their Digital Technology lesson on-line. They have been working on programming using block code and Python.

Proston Show Prizewinning Entries ... Congratulations to all of our participants



Crazy Hair Day ... Everyone enjoyed this day! We raised \$50 for Cystic Fibrosis Queensland. The students had some very artistic creations – and I think some people may have had to be early risers for the wonderful hair displays.









