CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, 10th February  - Welcome to New Parents & P & C Meeting - 5.30 pm
Thursday, 11th February - Captain and Kinder photos - 10.15 am
Friday, 12th February - Bective Swimming Carnival - 8.30 am
Wednesday, 17th February - Oral Hygiene talks - 9.30 am
Friday, 19th February - Intensive Swimming Lesson - 1.00-2.00 pm
Friday, 26th February - Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday, 4th March - Intensive Swimming Lesson - 1.00-2.00 pm

Bective Swimming Carnival
The Bective Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival with Attunga, Currabubula and Somerton will be held this Friday, 12th February at the Werris Creek Pool. Somerton is organising the day and holding a sausage sizzle for lunch. All permission notes need to be returned tomorrow. The carnival begins at 9.00 am. Please remember sunscreen, hats, shirts, water bottle, towel, lunch, recess and money for sausages and the canteen.

Intensive Swimming
We commenced swimming last Friday. Thank you to Mrs Stokes (our resident lifesaver) who had to jump into the pool fully clothed to save a kinder child. Transport will be by Mrs Rimmer and Mr Johnston’s bus leaving the school at 12.30 pm for a lesson from 1.00-2.00 pm. We will be having an early recess at 10.30 am and an early lunch at 12.00 noon and leaving school at 12.30 pm.

There will be no intensive swimming this Friday due to the Bective Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Parent/Teacher Information Evening
Tonight, Wednesday, 10th February, we are holding a Parent/Teacher Information Evening. The evening will commence at 5.30 pm at school with a sausage sizzle and then parents will have an information session with Mr McDonald and their child’s teacher. The P & C meeting will commence at 7.00 pm. This is a great opportunity for our new parents to familiarise themselves with the organisation of the Duri P & C. Please find a copy of the P & C minutes from the previous meeting included in the newsletter. This will only be a short meeting until 8.00 pm. Your children will be supervised by Mrs Purdy and Mrs McDonald between 7.00-8.00 pm. Sausages, bread, sauces, drinks, tea and coffee will be supplied. Could all parents please bring a salad or a sweet to share.

Captain and Kinder Photos
Tomorrow, Thursday, 11th February at 10.15 am, the Northern Daily Leader will be visiting to take photos of the 2016 Captains and Kindergarten students.
Change of Library Days
Library day has changed this year. The K/1/2 class will have Library on **Monday afternoons** and the 3/4/5/6 class will have library on **Wednesday afternoons**.

Book Club
The first issue of Book Club has been made available to the students and all orders and money should be returned to school by **Monday, 15th February**.

Duri school is a Nut-free School
One of our students has a severe allergy to peanuts and as a consequence, no peanut food items are to brought to school. Please check the labels on food items before sending them to school.

Oral Hygiene Talks
Next **Wednesday, 17th February**, Fiona Robinson from HEALTHWISE in Narrabri will be visiting our school to speak to the students about oral hygiene.

Hayley Hughes
Thursday, 11th February
Saxten Hughes
Thursday, 11th February
Oliver Gerrie
Thursday, 11th February
Angus Urquhart
Friday, 12th February
Jacob Umback
Saturday, 13th February

TITANS VISIT - 4th February
O’Shea Tuiasau, Kailah Frazer, Matt Robinson and Hannah Brown

Even Mr McDonald looks small alongside David Shillington
The bigger they are, the harder they fall.

*Duri Public School - Tolerance, Self Discipline, Independence*
Student Banking
Student Banking with the Commonwealth Bank is on Tuesdays and all the Kinder students received a starter pack in their newsletter last week.

School Choir
Our Duri Primary School Choir has eight students participating and they had their first lesson last Thursday with Michael Cole from the Conservatorium. The students are Charlotte Poole, Isabell Kesby, Breanna Barron, Bonnie Bielefeld, Molly Ison, Sarah Frazer, Jacob Umback and Brodie Hughes.

Friday Night Tennis
Friday Night tennis has commenced at the Duri Tennis courts and everyone is welcome to attend. The Duri P & C are providing a barbecue tea for a small cost and everyone has a great time. For more information, please contact Alli Poole on 0428680252.

Absentee Exemptions
As part of the NSW Department of Education and Communities implementation of the National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of the school vacation periods will now be included as absences. A certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose. Families are encouraged to holiday for travel during school vacations. If travel outside of school vacation periods is necessary, the following considerations apply:-
If the principal accepts the reason for the absence, the absence will be marked as “L” and a certificate of Extended Leave - Holiday is issued.

Media Consent Form
Please return this note to school as soon as possible.

Our School Chaplain
Our school Chaplain, Mrs Chiswell will be working at our school on Mondays and Thursdays.

Educational Assessment Australia
The students in the primary class will have received a letter and entry form regarding the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools in subjects ranging from Digital Technologies to English, Maths, Science, Spelling and Writing. If you are interested in your child competing in any of the assessments, please fill in the form and return it with the money by Monday, 28th March, 2016.

Horse Sports
Willow Tree Horse Sports - 18/3/16
Blandford Horse Sports - 4/3/16
If you need entry information, please see Wendy and she will send it in an email, as there are numerous pages (over 20)for each entry.

MERIT AWARDS
Week 2, Term 1, 2016
Molly Poole - always showing responsibility
Ashton Urquhart - excellent effort in story writing
Jessica Stokes - excellent results in Best Start testing
Sarah Frazer, Charlotte Poole, Breann Barron and Isabell Kesby - a great start to the year
Captain’s Awards to Hannah Brown for a great start at school and Charlotte Poole for helping with the Kinders
Baker’s Delight Award to Angus Urquhart for a great start in 2016

GOLD CERTIFICATES
Molly Poole
William Ramsden (2)
Captains - Charlotte Ramsden and Bonnie Bielefeld

Sports Captains - Breanna Barron, Jacob Umback, Brodie Hughes and William Ramsden

Officers - Shadrach Morgan-Blair, Sarah Frazer, Charlotte Poole, Isabell Kesby, Molly Ison, Angus Urquhart, Blake Christie and Alexander Urquhart