CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, 26th February - Zone Swimming Carnival
- Intensive Swimming Lesson - 1.00-2.00 pm
Friday, 4th March
- Intensive Swimming Lesson - 1.00-2.00 pm
- Tamworth Show
Saturday, 5th March - Tamworth Show
Wednesday, 9th March - P & C Meeting - 7.00 pm
Friday, 11th March - Intensive Swimming Lesson - 1.00-2.00 pm
Friday, 25th March - Good Friday
Monday, 28th March - Easter Monday

Duri Public School - Tolerance, Self Discipline, Independence
**Intensive Swimming**

Our third week of Intensive Swimming will be this **Friday, 26th February**. 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. If you are picking your child up from the pool, please let the school know.

**Dressing at the Pool**

Some of the younger students are having some difficulty getting changed after swimming. Could you please encourage your children to practise dressing themselves and taking care of their belongings. Thank you.

**Duri Swimming Champions**

When we were calculating the champions we neglected the 11 years division and put them with the juniors. The revised champions are as follows:-
- Junior Girl - Breanna Barron
- Junior Boy - William Ramsden
- 11 year Girl - Isabell Kesby
- 11 year Boy - Alexander Urquhart
- Senior Girl - Charlotte Ramsden
- No Senior Boy

We apologise for any confusion and special apologies to Alex and Breanna. The new medallions were presented today.

**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**.

**Bakers Delight Dough Raiser**

Last year our school participated in the Bakers Delight Dough Raiser for Duri School and we received a cheque for $24.10 for our efforts during the year. We are participating in the program again this year and Duri School has been registered with Bakers Delight City Plaza and Bakers Delight Shopping World. Duri School gets a 5% of sales. All you have to do is nominate Duri School when you make any purchase or even start to purchase your bread from Bakers Delight and let your family and friends know of this fantastic promotion to support our school.

**School Hats**

A reminder about school hats. Every child needs a hat or they will have to play in the shade.

**Principal’s Conference**

This **Friday, 26th February**, Mr McDonald is attending a Principal’s Conference. Mrs McDonald will teach the senior class.

**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 be brought to school. Please check the labels on food items before sending them to school.
School Choir
A reminder that the choir costs $8.00 per week or half payment of $40.00 for the term or full payment for the term of $80.00. The students are Charlotte Poole, Isabell Kesby, Breanna Barron, Bonnie Bielefeld, Molly Ison, Sarah Frazer, Jacob Umback and Brodie Hughes.

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.

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.

Our School Chaplain
Our school Chaplain, Mrs Chiswell will be working at our school on Mondays and Thursdays. She has been very impressed with our school and students.

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

MERIT AWARDS
Week 4, Term 1, 2016

Ollie Steele - progression in Study Ladder
Molly Poole - progression in Study Ladder
Genie Stokes - always working to the best of her ability
Henry Crittle - always working to the best of his ability
Zara Kesby - great work in language lessons
Angus Urquhart - a hardworking student
Sarah Frazer - a hardworking student
Taku Wilson-Tihi - Mr Pearson’s assistant on Tuesday to put the seat together
Captain Award to Breanna Barron for trying her best at the Bective Swimming Carnival.
Baker’s Delight Award to Jessica Stokes for trying her best at the Bective Swimming Carnival.
KINDERS 2016
Standing - Cooper Vincent, Billyjack Lees, Lahtrell Morgan-Blair, Jasper Steele, Henry Crittle, and Riley Barratt
Seated - Kailah Frazer, Jessica Stokes and Hannah Brown

Charlotte Ramsden, Charlotte Poole, Jacob Umbach, Will Ramsden, Isabell Kesby and Molly Ison trying out our new seat that was donated by Bunnings.