CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, 4th March  - Intensive Swimming Lesson - 1.00-2.00 pm
- Tamworth Show
Saturday, 5th March  - Tamworth Show
Wednesday, 9th March  - SRC Fruit Salad Cups for sale - $1.00
- P & C AGM and normal monthly Meeting - 7.00 pm
Friday, 11th March  - Last Intensive Swimming Lesson - 1.00-2.00 pm
Friday, 25th March  - Good Friday
Monday, 28th March  - Easter Monday
Saturday, 2nd April  - School Working Bee - 8.00 am to 12 noon

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

P & C Annual General Meeting
Next Wednesday, 9th March is the P & C Annual General Meeting followed by the normal monthly meeting commencing at 7.00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Tamworth Show
The Tamworth Show is this weekend, Friday, 4th March and Saturday, 5th March. The school has entered some artwork as part of our display. If you are going to the show be sure to check out our school display and scarecrow.

School Working Bee
There will be a school working bee on Saturday, 2nd April commencing at 8.00 am to 12 noon. If you could spare an hour or so on this day, it would be appreciated. We need to tidy up the school grounds - weeding, planting and work in the vegetable garden. More information to come.

Zone Swimming Carnival
Thank you to Charmaine Kesby and Delphi Ramsden for supervising the students at the carnival last Friday.

As Jacob was sick, William stepped up and swam in the relay. Our relay team of Charlotte Ramsden, William Ramsden, Charlotte Poole and Isabell Kesby came third in the Nigel Bagley relay.
Other results:-
Charlotte Ramsden - 2nd in Breaststroke heat
William Ramsden - 3rd in Freestyle heat, 1st in Backstroke heat
Charlotte Poole - 2nd in Breaststroke heat
Isabell Kesby - 2nd in Freestyle heat, 2nd in backstroke heat and 1st in breaststroke heat.
Well done, team!

SRC Sale of Fruit Salad Cups
Next Wednesday, 9th March, the SRC are selling fruit salad cups at lunch time for $1.00. We have some watermelons ready in our school vegetable garden which will be the basis for our fruit salad cups.

Intensive Swimming
Our fourth week of Intensive Swimming will be this Friday, 4th March. 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.

**Head Lice**
There has been a couple of cases of head lice in the school. Could all parents please inspect your child’s head and hair and treat if necessary. Thank you.

**Illnesses**
There are a few different illnesses affecting our students at the moment. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home so they do not infect the whole school.

**Thank you**
Thank you to Hannah’s grandfather, Graham Brown who has volunteered some time to help improve our school grounds by mowing, weeding etc.

**Absentee Exemptions**
As part of the NSW Department of Education & 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.

**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.**

**NEEDED - Golf Sticks and Putters**
If you have old or small golf sticks and putters that you could donate to the school, it would be very much appreciated.

**School Hats**
A reminder about school hats. Every child needs a hat or they will have to play in the shade. We have bucket hats available at the school for $5.00.

**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.

**Captain and Kinder Photos**
On **Thursday, 11th February** the Northern Daily Leader took photos of the 2016 Captains and Kindergarten students. The Captains photo will appear in the Northern Daily Leader on **Tuesday, 8th March** and the Kinder photo on **Thursday, 10th March, 2016.**

Sarah Frazer
Sunday, 6th March
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, Isabella Kesby, Breanna Barron, Bonnie Bielefeld, Molly Ison, Sarah Frazer, Jacob Umback and Brodie Hughes.

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.

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH
February, 2016

to
CHARLOTTE RAMSDEN
for
Outstanding commitment and dedication to all aspects of school life

Softball Practice
The students involved in the softball teams with Currabubula will be training every Wednesday. Today and every second Wednesday, we will travel to Currabubula and on the other Wednesdays Currabubula will come to us. Thank you to Mrs Hughes for providing transport today.

MERIT AWARDS
Week 5, Term 1, 2016
Hannah Brown - excellent number writing
Maddison Frazer - joining sounds to make words
Ollie Steele - excellent attitude to school work
Takoda Lees - huge improvement in handwriting
Molly Poole - citizenship
Shadrach Morgan-Blair - excellent work in Maths
Blake Christie - great personality
Alex Urquhart - trying hard to improve his handwriting
Ollie Steele, Molly Poole - Bronze Study Ladder certificates
Shadrach Morgan-Blair, Molly Ison and Isabella Kesby - Silver Study Ladder certificates
Sarah Frazer, Blake Christie, Charlotte Poole and Jacob Umback - Gold Study Ladder certificates
Breanna Barron and Will Ramsden - Platinum Study Ladder certificates

Captain Award to Hayley Hughes for showing respect and to Sarah Frazer for honesty
Baker’s Delight Award to Molly Poole for being nice to others

GOLD CERTIFICATES
Zara Kesby
Sarah Frazer
Ben Crittle
Alexander Urquhart
Duri Swimming Champions - Will Ramsden, Breanna Barron, Charlotte Ramsden, Isabell Kesby and Alex Urquhart

Duri’s Zone Swimming Team - Charlotte Poole, Isabell Kesby, Will Ramsden and Charlotte Ramsden

Duri Public School - Tolerance, Self Discipline, Independence