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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**Kate’s Update**
Kate begins work today, 2.5 days a week as a School Counsellor between two schools, Targo and Warner’s Bay. Who would have thought one year ago this could happen!

**P & C Annual General Meeting**
Tonight, **Wednesday, 9th March** is the P & C Annual General Meeting followed by the normal monthly meeting commencing at 7.00 pm. Please find the minutes from the previous monthly meeting and the previous Annual General Meeting included in the newsletter.

All are welcome to attend.

**Tamworth Show**
We won the school scarecrow competition at the show and received $100 in prize money. Mr McDonald attended the presentation on Friday night. Our display looked fantastic and there have been many positive comments.

**Go the Scarecrow - Best in the Show**

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**Thank You**
A big thank you to Samantha Stokes who has shortened all our curtains to fit the windows in the computer room. We are very happy with the finished product and they will keep that room cooler in summer and warmer in winter.

**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 -

- Path between senior class and library (pavers supplied)
- Pruning and trimming
- Feed plants
- Frog Pond
- General clean up
- Clean Sports Shed
- Clean old Sports Shed
- Tennis Court - blow and sweep
- Remove sand off hit-up wall area
- Dig out khaki burr
- Finish Putt-Putt Golf Course
- Pave around veggie garden.

Morning tea will be supplied by the school.
SRC Sale of Fruit Salad Cups
Today the Student Representative Council sold fruit salad cups at recess for $1.00. They were very popular. Thank you to Mr Bellis and his helpers for making this possible.

Intensive Swimming
Our last week of Intensive Swimming will be this Friday, 11th 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.
Thank you to those parents who have come every week and assisted with supervision and dressing etc.

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.

Book Club
Issue 2 of Book Club are available and all orders and money should be returned to school by Friday, 18th March. Thank you.

Captain and Kinder Photos

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 Friday, 24th 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 school hat or they will have to play in the shade. We have bucket hats available at the school for $5.00.
There will be no more borrowing of school hats, due to the cases of head lice. You must provide your own school hat.

HEALTHY EATING
Choosing Healthy Snacks
Children have small stomachs and often need small snacks between meals to keep them from getting too hungry. Snacks can be an important part of a child’s diet to help meet their energy requirements, particularly in the younger years. Snacking should be seen as an opportunity to fuel your children with nutritious energy. When choosing snacks, try to pick nutritious options from the following five food groups:
Vegetables, Fruit, Breads and Cereals, Dairy, Meat, fish, poultry and alternatives (beans, eggs, tofu and nuts).
Extract from www.healthy-kids.com.au
**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.

**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.
Currabubula School couldn’t join us today, but will be coming next week.

**Easter Break**
A reminder that Easter is during the school term this year. Good Friday is Friday, 25th March and Easter Monday is Monday, 28th March. The students then come back for another couple of weeks and break up on Friday, 8th April until Wednesday, 28th April.

**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.

**School Counsellor**
Our School Counsellor, Jane Bettington, visited our school yesterday and spent time with some of our students.

**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.

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**MERIT AWARDS**
**Week 6, Term 1, 2016**
- Genie Stokes - terrific listening all week
- Savannah Sheridan-Major - independent story writing
- Molly Poole - always organised
- Jasper Steele - great sound work
- Alexander Urquhart - having a positive attitude
- Bonnie Bielefeld - have a positive attitude
- Angus Urquhart - having a positive attitude
- Charlotte Ramsden - having a positive attitude.
- Alaannah Jerrett, Genie Stokes and Takoda Lees - Bronze Studyladder

**GOLD CERTIFICATES**
- GENIE STOKES
- ANGUS URQUHART
- CHARLOTTE POOLE

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Breanna Barron
Wednesday, 16th March
Future choir members practising at recess under the direction of Molly Ison

Our School Art Display with our winning scarecrow at the Tamworth Show

Duri Public School - Tolerance, Self Discipline, Independence