

### Term 1 Week 1 - Thursday 5 February 2015

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BSB: 032 777 Account: 001228

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2	
17 Feb	Years 5/6 excursion to Parliament House.

NOTES/PAYMENT DUE BACK	
<u>12 Feb</u>	Year 5/6 Excursion to Parliament house

LOST & FOUND	
4 Feb	FITBIT.

Dear Families,

We have had a fantastic start to the school year! Thank you to the families that came last night to meet our staff and chat around the BBQ. We are looking forward to an exciting journey ahead.

### Staffing

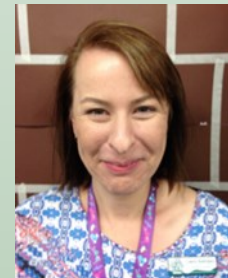
I would like to introduce our Executive staff:



Sarah Harris  
*Deputy Principal*



Ben Roberts  
*Executive Teacher Yrs 3-6*



Laurel Rodrigues  
*Executive Teacher P-Yr 2*

There is a staff list included in this newsletter.

### Communication

Please feel free to contact the school (6205 6022) to speak to any of our Executive staff at any time.

Remember to download our **Duffy Primary School App** and to follow us on **Facebook**.

You will receive an email with a link to our **Newsletter** [http://www.duffyps.act.edu.au/our\\_community/newsletter\\_archives2](http://www.duffyps.act.edu.au/our_community/newsletter_archives2) each week, this will include:

- A highlight Calendar of upcoming events
- Notes due back section
- The front page will have a message from our Executive team
- **Odd weeks** will have a focus on P & C and community events
- **Even weeks** will have a focus on learning updates from each part of the school  
\* with the exception of this week



*Cindie*

Cindie Deeker  
*Principal*

## 2015 Staffing Team



*School Principal* - *Cindie Deeker*  
*Deputy Principal* - *Sarah Harris*  
*Executive Teacher years 3-6* - *Ben Roberts*  
*Executive Teacher years P-2* - *Laurel Rodrigues*  
*Business Manager* - *Alice Lollback*  
*Administration/ Front Office* - *Tracey Burgess*

### *Educators*

*Preschool* - *Nicole McNaughton (Mon,Tues,Wed &Thurs)*  
*Viv Da Deppo (Wed,Thurs & Fri)*  
*Gillian Powell (Mon-Fri)*

*Kindergarten* - *Corin* - *Nicole Bowen & Byron Luck*

*Year 1* - *Cotter* - *Kirrily Bearse, Caprice Morris & Jamie Walkden*

*Year 2* - *Bendora* - *Kai Strugnell & Jessica Symonds*

*Year 3* - *Scrivener* - *Jodie Brown, Kent Scott-McLean & Kaye Wilcox-Chatto*

*Year 4* - *Scrivener* - *Kirsty Martin, Karen Owen*

*Year 5/6* - *Googong* - *Libby baker, Caroline Collins & Emma Parker*

*Griffin* - *LSUA* - *Steph Martin (Jnr) & Shae Souden (Snr)*

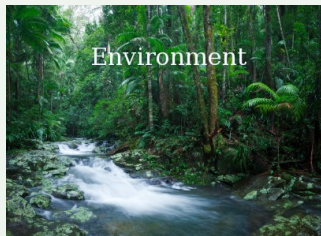
*Enviro Science* - *Enviro Centre* *Greg Pratt*

*Italian* - *Italian Room* *Katrina Sinclair*

*Library* - *Library* - *James Traviss*

*Learning Support Assistants* - *Linda Economopoulos, Karyn Mason, Mark Barnes, Ben Peel, Justine Angus (Tues & Wed LSU) & Debbie Ockerby (Mon,Thurs & Fri LSU)*

*Raelene Farrell-* *Opp Corin* *Psychologist*



## *Enviro Science with Mr. Pratt*

We're back! The score is: one guinea pig (Midnight), 5 chickens (Cow, Phoenix, Caviar, Chicken Boots and Earl Grey), lots of tomatoes, rhubarb, an odd cabbage, random pumpkins, so many weeds, some compost and a chicken run that looks like a corn farm. We have a baby Willy Wagtail too, but I don't think he is a permanent participant in the Enviro program as mum Wagtail keeps asking for him back. :-)

I'll start with thanks to the families that cared for our lonely guinea pig and our 5 chickens that could bankrupt a family with their needs for food. The animals are all happy and settled back into routine here at Duffy Primary after a cared-for holidays. Thanks again for all your kind support.

This year.... Well, lots of plans, starting with the decision on which animals we'd like to have in the Enviro program. We are thinking another guinea pig and a rabbit to replace the much-missed Gypsy. We are looking at hatching some chicks in a new incubator and deciding what to do with the surplus chicks. We may set up a terrarium of some sort, so if you have a large and unwanted fish tank at your home that could be filled with an assortment of frogs, tortoises, fish etc., please get in contact ASAP. We can pay you in cherry tomatoes!

Speaking of buying produce, Monday WOW will include some items, so bring gold coins for some yummy items that will be for sale.

The Environmental Science program starts on Thursday this week and all classes will get a chance to have some Enviro Centre time and some in class lessons, starting this term with concepts involving Waste and Energy usage.

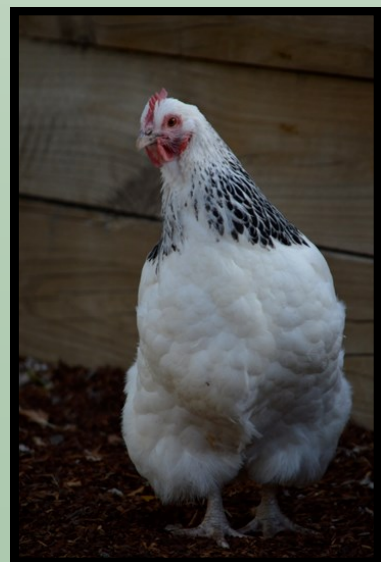
Finally, I love having community involvement to fill my gaps in knowledge and time, so if you have knowledge and/or time up your sleeve, please come in and have a chat about how Duffy Primary can best use your talents!

Thanks again,

Greg Pratt,

Environmental Science.

*"We do have a cow!"*





## 2015 UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open: **Wednesday morning: 8:45 - 9am & Friday morning: 9 - 9.30am.** Uniform shop orders are placed online using Flexischools. This means you can order and pay for your items online at any time from home, work or mobile device, using your credit card or direct debit from your bank account. Once your order is ready for pick up, you can collect it from the uniform shop during opening hours or from the school front office. For more information or to place an order visit [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au).

## School Banking Rewards now available! Term 1

These new rewards have just been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:



ET DVD

and



Planet Handball

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are 2 new items to come in Term 2 as well!

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don't forget that **Wednesdays** is our School Banking day!

## Duffy Community Camping

*Nothing like the great outdoors to build new friends and rekindle old ones. A enthusiastic camping family, The Ross's are keen for others within the Duffy Primary School Community to join them out at Wee Jasper on the last weekend in February (28th Feb -1st Mar). The Billy Grace camping grounds are part of the Wee Jasper reserves (<http://www.weejasperreserves.com.au/>) are just an hour down the road. With good facilities like flushing toilets and hot showers with relative low costs, its ideal for a weekend away. It caters for all styles of campers*

*This is not an officially sponsored event and parents/families will be responsible for paying site fees, supervising their children and providing their own equipment. So if you have a tent, camper or caravan come along and enjoy the great outdoors.*

*If you are keen to come along, lets us know at [rossadventures@gmail.com](mailto:rossadventures@gmail.com)*

*Hope to see you out there!  
Cheers Stuart and Kate*



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## PIANO 2015

We have offered a position of Piano Tutor here at Duffy Primary school to Mr. Daniel Hirst. Daniel comes to us here at Duffy Primary school highly recommended with experience and expertise.

If you would like your child/ren to study piano during school hours, please call Daniel on **0416 835 657** to arrange tuition.

(Dan Hirst is WWVP & insurance approved).

## mojo

**GUITAR TEACHERS**

FOR GUITAR LESSONS AT THE SCHOOL  
CONTACT US NOW

**CAMERON HALL**  
 m 0431 550 005  
 e lessons@mojoguitarteachers.com  
 w mojoguitarteachers.com

All our teachers are registered with the ACT Government and hold working with Vulnerable People cards and have undergone police checks.

An opportunity exists for private guitar lessons to be conducted here at Duffy Primary during school hours **2015**.

As this will be run independently by "MoJo", please make contact with **Cameron Hall on 0431 550 005 for more information.**

(Mojo Teachers Daniel & Ben are WWVP & insurance approved). Tracey



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Please join in the conversation and be updated on upcoming and current events on our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Duffy-Primary-School/342374405859620>

### Our School APP.

For absences and other school related information

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.app\\_duffyps.layout](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.app_duffyps.layout)



Duffy Primary School hours are:

**9:00am—3:00pm.**

Late arrivals are a distraction to teachers and other students.

**ALL** late arrivals & early departures are required to be recorded. Please “sign in & out” at the front office.

If your child is away for any reason, please send an email or go to the Duffy Primary School “APP” & inform us.

Multiple days require a Medical certificate.

### Duffy Primary School Banking details: for school banking & excursions (not uniform/canteen)

BSB:032 777

Acct No: 001 228

Please insert your child's surname & reason for payment as reference. Without this information, your deposit can not be tracked.



**Hats** are required for “outside play” in Terms 1, 2 & 4.

To reduce the chance of sunburn, a wide brimmed hat is highly recommended. “Caps” are not desired.

Name & Class clearly printed on the inside assists with the return of item if lost/found.

Please go to [www.flexischools.com.au/](http://www.flexischools.com.au/) and follow the process to purchase.



**School uniform** is highly recommended here at Duffy Primary School.

We feel it gives our students a sense of pride and belonging.

Our **Summer** uniform consists of a bottle green or white polo top, bottle green bottom halves—shorts, skirts/skorts and a checked tunic style dress.

Our **Winter** uniform consists of bottle green bottom halves—pants or skirt with bottle green tights, polo top and a bottle green jumper/jacket/ vest. Please go to: <http://www.flexischools.com.au/> for uniform ordering information.

Covered footwear (sneakers/school shoes) year round and/or sandals in the hotter summer months. It is important that your child is comfortable and safe at all times.



The “Duffy Daily “ newsletter has been environmentally friendly for two terms now and we would like to carry this on with future editions.

The “Duffy Daily” newsletter is always available for viewing on the Duffy Primary School webpage: [http://www.duffyps.act.edu.au/our\\_community/newsletter\\_archives2](http://www.duffyps.act.edu.au/our_community/newsletter_archives2)

We send out an email letting you know that it is ready for viewing, if you are not receiving this notice, please ensure your email details are correct with the school on (02) 62050 6022.