

Duaringa State School

Newsletter



Term 3 – Week 5

14th August 2025



AIP Priorities for 2025

School Priority 1 - Growing reading through the Australian Curriculum in the Starting Strong years

School Priority 2 - Quality assuring the delivery of the Australian Curriculum through high quality pedagogy.

Explicit Improvement Agenda: Reading

Save the Date

Week 9 is Fine!

Parents, families and community members are welcomed to attend our Week 9 is FINE event and morning tea in conjunction with Are you OK Day?

To be held on Thursday
11th September 2025 from 9:00am

Please follow for more updated details closer to the date.

1. Ask 2. Listen 3. Encourage action 4. Check in

Construction Safety Reminder

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Upcoming Events

AUGUST

18	CAP Track & Field
19	CAP Track & Field
20	Kindy
21	Kindy Tuckshop
22	Kindy Parade—8:30am
25	ICPA Camp
26	ICPA Camp
27	Kindy ICPA Camp
28	Kindy ICPA Camp Tuckshop
29	ICPA Camp

SEPTEMBER

3	Kindy
4	Kindy Tuckshop
5	STUDENT FREE DAY
7	Father's Day
10	Kindy
11	Kindy Week 9 is FINE—morning tea Tuckshop R U Ok? Day
15	RI—1:15pm
17	Kindy BSHS Transition
18	Kindy Tuckshop
19	Kindy Parade—8:30 LAST DAY OF TERM 3

From the Principal

Welcome to our Week 5 Term 3 Newsletter and Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Duaringa Community,

It has been an incredibly busy and exciting start to the term at Duaringa State School.

On Tuesday 12th August, students enjoyed a wonderful cultural experience at the Pilbeam Theatre, viewing *The Gruffalo's Child*. Following the performance, we took advantage of the beautiful weather and had lunch at the Botanical Gardens — a perfect way to combine the arts with time in nature.

School Opinion Survey

Your opinion matters! The School Opinion Survey is now open, and we encourage all parents and caregivers to participate. Your feedback helps shape our school's priorities and improvements. Please complete the survey by **Friday 22nd August**.

Bullying No Way! Week of Action – Week 5

In Week 5, we marked *Bullying No Way! Week of Action*. Students began the week by discussing the official definition of bullying:

"Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm."

We explored the importance of standing together against bullying with the message: **Be bold.**

Be kind. Speak up. Students and staff made a public commitment to kindness and to speaking up if they witness or experience bullying. It was heartening to see our community united in promoting a safe and respectful school environment.

Oval Upgrade

The oval upgrade is progressing well, and it is exciting to see the project coming together. This improvement will greatly enhance our ability to host athletics and sporting events, as well as provide high-quality play spaces for our students. Works are expected to be completed next term, and we look forward to celebrating with our community once the project is finalised.

Assessment and Rating Process

Last week, Duaringa State School underwent its Assessment and Rating process with the regulatory team for our State Delivered Kindergarten. Look forward to sharing the results with our community when we receive them.

I would like to express my pride in our dedicated staff and the work they do every day — especially in the Kindergarten space. Delivering a Kindergarten program within a school setting requires a high level of commitment to meeting the National Quality Framework, and our team continually rises to the challenge. Our Kindergarten children bring something truly special to our school, and we are grateful for the opportunity to support their learning journey.

Kind regards,

Ash-Lee Snow

Principal

Duaringa State School

Attendance

Our **whole school attendance** for our new school year is currently sitting at **88.6%**.

Attendance matters. It is vital that your child is at school to build strong foundations in their learning, build relationships with their peers and foster a sense of belonging within their school community. If your child is absent, it is important that you notifying the school via QParents, texting or leaving a message on the school phone or messaging the absence group on ClassDojo.

A reminder that five days a week attendance at school is the expectation.

Every day counts – consistent attendance sets the stage for future success!

Attendance from Week 1 to Week 4.

Classroom	K-1 – 89.9%	2-4 - 87.9%	5-6 – 94.2%
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Week 1 Winner— 2/3/4 – 94.1%

Week 2 Winner – 5/6 - 97.3%

Week 3 Winner – K/P/1 - 92.3%

Week 4 Winner- K/P/1 – 94.2%



From the Office

Wow, the first five weeks in the term already flown by. Keep an eye on the calendar of events for what's happening this term.

Please Welcome

This term we have welcomed another 4 new families to our school community—Welcome! We have also welcomed Miss Fernie to our staff, who will be on K-1 Class every second Thursday.

Earlier in the term we have had some students attending CQ Regional Netball in Gladstone and some attending the CH Tack and Field events in Emerald. You can all be proud of your achievements. Congratulations to Scarlett, Thomas, Indy and Ella who have been selected in the Central Highlands team and will compete at the Capricornia Track and Field in Mackay in August.

We also had Hear and Say visit to conduct hearing testing for students. Thank you, Thiess, for your ongoing commitment to bring this service to our school at no cost to parents.

School Camp

4-6 students attending School Camp to Canberra in Term Four, Week 4 27th – 31st October. We have 14 students from Dingo and 6 from Duaringa attending. We have sent home invoices for the deposit due on 25th July. Payment plans can be set up should you wish to pay off camp. Please come and see Ash-Lee or myself. Thank you to the parents who have paid the deposit. A huge thank you to our P&C who will be supporting this camp and reducing the cost for Duaringa students.

Letters went home for camp shirts and hats. Please return to the office with sizes as soon as possible. There is no cost to parents.

Kindergarten 2026

Each year we reach out to our community to see who will be coming to Kindy at Duaringa State School in future years. Please email the school admin@duaringass.eq.edu.au with your child's name, date of birth and your contact details.

School Watch

The School Watch program encourages everyone to look out for and report any after-hours crime in our schools.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Protective Services Group, Queensland Police Service, providing a way for members of the community to report anything they see that is suspicious, even if it seems minor.

Look, Listen, Report. Call School Watch on **131788**.

If you see a crime in progress, call Triple Zero (000).



School Opinion Survey

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We want to hear from you in the School Opinion Survey.

We encourage parents and caregivers to have their say, so we can shape better learning environments for our students. Links have been emailed to all participants.

Need more info? Visit the School Opinion Survey webpage or contact your school administration.



<https://qed.qld.gov.au/publications/reports/statistics/schooling/schools/schoolopinionsurvey>

The School Opinion Surveys are designed to obtain the views of parents/caregivers, students and school staff from each school on what they do well and how they can improve. Opinions about the school on a range of topics are sought from a parent/caregiver in all families and from state school students in Years 5, 6, 8 and 11.

School staff and principals are also asked to provide opinions about their school.

The suite of 2025 School Opinion Surveys will be open between **28 July and 22 August 2025**.

Information

A poster for the 'Week 9 is Fine!' event. It has a light blue background with yellow stars and confetti. At the top, a banner says 'Save the Date'. Below it, the text reads: 'Week 9 is Fine! Parents, families and community members are welcomed to attend our Week 9 is FINE event and morning tea in conjunction with Are you OK Day? To be held on Thursday 11th September 2025 from 9:00am Please follow for more updated details closer to the date.' At the bottom, there are four cartoon characters representing the steps: 1. Ask, 2. Listen, 3. Encourage action, 4. Check in.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CLEANING TEAM?



Duaringa State School is seeking someone to join the cleaning team as a casual relief cleaner.

As a cleaner, you'll help the school site operate effectively by providing high-level cleaning support. As part of your role, you'll take on various cleaning duties.

A mandatory requirement of this role is: In accordance with the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000 a person is prohibited from working in regulated child-related employment unless the person holds a current Working with Children Check (P) clearance (blue card) issued by Blue Card Services.

Engagement cannot commence with the department until a determination has been made regarding the relevance of the criminal history to the work being undertaken.

ENQUIRE NOW

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Expression of Interest

At Duaringa State School we are fortunate to have a State Delivery Kindergarten as part of our school. The program not only allows our students to access high quality early childhood education, it facilitates a seamless transition for these students into Prep.

Projected enrolments for Kindy for the next three years at Duaringa State School: Please include the names of your children and any other children in the community, who may not have received this but intend to attend Duaringa State School. Please return to the school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Parent's Name	Child's name	Phone contact	Child's date of birth	Year attending Kindy

Child born	Child can attend kindergarten
1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022	2026
1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023	2027
1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024	2028

School Updates

Progress on the Oval Upgrade



Science

P-2 Physical Science lesson with Mrs R. Students were exploring sinking and floating. They found different objects in the school environment to test in the water. Students discussed what type of materials the objects were made of. They talked about buoyancy and density. Some conclusions they drew during their conversations?

Both big and small can float

Big and small things and also sink



Parade

Parade is held every second Friday from 8:30am on even weeks. Our next parade will be in week 6 of Term 3—Friday 22nd August 2025 .

Week 2 Parade



Week 4 Parade



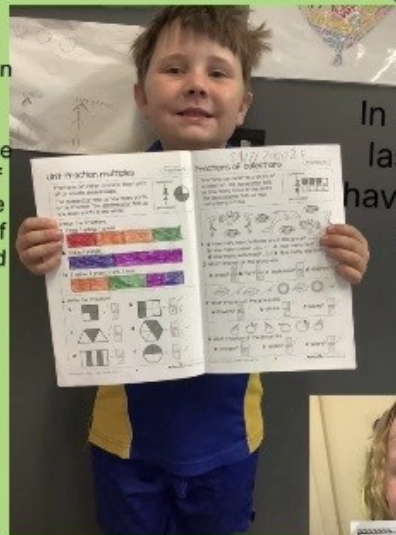
Student of the Week - Kindy - Prep - One Class	
Iva	for working hard on activities and asking questions to learn more about topics
Ivy	being helpful and caring friend to your classmates
Student of the Week - Two - Three - Four Class	
Margaret	For being respectful—For always being respectful towards others in class and on the playground. Fantastic effect!
Kendall	For being respectful—For always being respectful towards others in class and on the playground. Fantastic effect!
Student of the Week - Five - Six Class	
Clancy	For showing outstanding initiative and responsibility by staying after school to help staff pack up equipment following our NAIDOC celebrations
Ella	For showing outstanding initiative and responsibility by staying after school to help staff pack up equipment following our NAIDOC celebrations
Scarlett	For showing outstanding initiative and responsibility by staying after school to help staff pack up equipment following our NAIDOC celebrations
Trevor	For showing outstanding initiative and responsibility by staying after school to help staff pack up equipment following our NAIDOC celebrations
Indy	Congratulations on being a dedicated learner showing a commitment to your English and Math learning.
Clancy	Congratulations for producing an exciting text extension of Chapter 13 of 'War Horse'. Keep your exciting ideas coming
Scarlett	For demonstrating maturity inside and outside the classroom, showing the qualities of a wonderful student leader.

2 / 3 / 4 Classroom



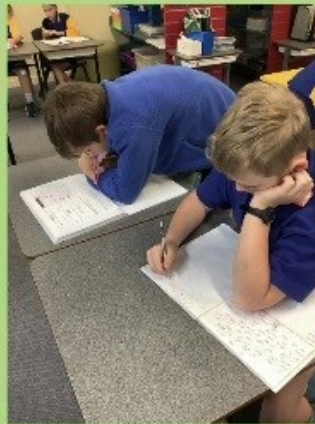
This term in English we have been reading Hatch Saves the Reef

'Hatch is about a loggerhead turtle that is in endangered because of rubbish in the ocean, Hatch is the only hatchling that survived out of her clutch. I'm up to chapter 5 and I'm really love it. I'm looking forward to what Hatch does to save the reef' Poppy Dunne



In Maths over the last 3 weeks we have been working on fractions

I like Hatch the turtle. I want to find out how Hatch saves the reef- Hannah



Everyday we are still starting our day with our PLD, handwriting and maths mentals.



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Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is back in full swing for Term 3, last week children enjoyed muffins for breakfast, they were a hit! Thank you to our year 5—6 helpers for stepping up with breakfast club, we appreciate your help.



Community

Community survey for proposed Boomer Green Energy Hub

Environmental consultancy Attexo is undertaking an independent Social Impact Assessment (SIA) for Ark Energy's Boomer Green Energy Hub, a large-scale wind energy project proposed for a group of pastoral properties about 30 km south west of Marlborough and 35 km north of Duaringa. Interested community members are encouraged to complete the survey and provide valuable input to help inform the project's community benefit program. The survey can be accessed online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/BoomerSIA or via the QR code. Printed versions with reply paid envelopes are also available at the Duaringa Post Office and Duaringa Library, or can be requested by emailing boomerhub_sia@attexo.com.au. For each completed survey Attexo receives, Ark Energy will donate \$50 to the local community service or organisation of the respondent's choice. Surveys are due back by Friday, 19 September 2025.

Kind Regards,
Scott Shearer
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Sports

Upcoming Sporting Events

- ⇒ Capricornia Track & Field Trials—Monday 18 Aug & Tuesday 19 Aug
- ⇒ State Track & Field Trials—Monday 13th Oct to Wednesday 15th Oct

Track & Field

On Thursday 24th July and Friday 27th July we had 9 Students attend the CHSS Track & Field Trials in Emerald. Congratulations to Scarlett on breaking the 11yo record for Discuss.

Of these 9 we have 4 students heading to Mackay next week to compete at the Capricornia Track and Field Trials. Congratulations Indy, Scarlett, Thomas and Ella, all the best and can't wait to hear of your results.



Regional Shield

On Monday 21st July and Tuesday 22nd July -, 3 of our students joined with other Dingo and Blackwater School students to compete. Congratulations on bringing the plate home!



Community Information

Send-Off for Paul James



After almost 34 years as a police officer and just short of 25 years in Duaranga (18 years as Officer in Charge), Paul is retiring. Come and join us to celebrate Paul's years in the QPS and to wish him well in his retirement.

When: 13th September, 2025 - bar opening at 5pm (Eftpos available)

Venue: Duaranga Golf Club, Capricorn Highway, Duaranga

Cost: \$20.00 per adult
\$10.00 per child

Payable to: Duaranga Police Social Club
BSB: 704 052 Acc: 100049086
Reference: Your Name

RSVP by Friday, 5th September, 2025 for catering purposes.
Text or call Keegan (0400 111 983) or Michelle (0428 017 174)
or call the Station on 4935 7429. **Email:** duaranga.station@police.qld.gov.au



Discover Girls Grammar *Tour*

Friday 15 August from 8.45am

Immerse yourself in our vibrant community, connect with students, engage with our dedicated teachers, and explore our outstanding facilities through personalized tours guided by members of the Executive team and student leaders.

RSVP's close Friday 8 August so don't miss your opportunity to experience all Rockhampton Girls Grammar School has to offer.

Register your place by scanning the QR Code or emailing enrolments@rggs.qld.edu.au.



Containers for Change

Duaranga State School P&C is collecting containers for change. Please drop off containers into the pods provided at the EEC Building on the corner of Charlotte and Edward Streets.



Thank you for your support.

Community Grants Program Round one 2025/2026 now open for applications

Local organisations are invited to apply for council's community grants to fund programs and/or equipment/facilities in the following categories:

- Community assistance up to \$5,000
- Sport and recreation up to \$5,000
- Community improvement up to \$20,000

Applications close midnight on Monday 15 September 2025.

Applications via <https://chrc.smartygrants.com.au/>

Guidelines are available from council website, libraries, offices and transaction centres.

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