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Year 6 and Year 10 Graduation/Formal
This year’s Graduation/Formal was a spectacular occasion. The event marked students reaching significant transition junctures in their schooling. Year 6 students transitioning to Junior Secondary and Year 10 students transitioning to Senior Secondary. Students, family, family friends and staff all helped to celebrate this significant milestone in the students’ schooling journey so far.

Prep Orientation and Interviews
This week I have had the pleasure of meeting next year’s Prep students and their families at Prep interviews. All students have been really excited about starting at Dirranbandi P-10 school. We look forward to welcoming them to our school at next week’s Prep orientation days.
Reminder: The Orientation Days for Prep will be held on
- Wednesday 30 November 9.00 -11.00 am
- Thursday 1 December 9.00-11.00am
- Friday 2 December 9.00-12.00noon
The days will give our newest students an opportunity to meet teachers, classmates, play in their new room and become familiar with their new environment. Attending Prep orientation activities will assist students in having a positive experience as they enter into their first year of compulsory. A Prep parent information session will be held on Thursday 1 December from 9.00-9.30am.

Important Dates
- 53rd Annual Speech Night, Friday 25th November, 6pm at the Civic Centre
- Prep Parent Information Session, Thursday 1st December
- Prep Transition Days 30th November, 1st and 2nd December
- Balonne District Swim Trials Friday 2nd December
- End of Term Reward’s Day Friday 9th December

Congratulations To ….
- Year 6 and Year 10 students who attended their Graduation/Formal on Wednesday Night. Students looked spectacular in their formal wear and certainly demonstrated to all who attended, that they are ready to transition on into the next stage of their schooling. Well Done, Students!

Thank You To ….
- Year 6-9 students for your participation in the Year 7-10 Subject Information/Selection session. Students actively listened to staff and showed their interest by posing questions to staff and also to students from older grades.
- Parents, staff and students who assisted with the behind the scenes work to make our Graduation/Formal an amazing night! A special thanks to Mrs Hegarty for coordinating the event and also to Nicky Hoolihan for making and donating the Graduation Cake (it looked and tasted wonderful)!
- Thank you to students, parents, family friends and staff who attended the Graduation/Formal and helped celebrate this special milestone in our graduating students’ schooling journey.

Until next week - Andrea Killen - Principal
INVITATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY

SPEECH NIGHT - Speech Night is a time for us to showcase our school and acknowledge students for their commitment to their education. We would like parents and community members to come and celebrate with the students and staff and reflect upon the year that was ... 2016!

Dirranbandi P-10 State School

Invites the Dirranbandi Community to attend our 53rd Annual Speech Night

Date: Friday 25th November 2016
Venue: Dirranbandi Civic Centre
Time: 6.00 pm

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Tuckshop Special for Wednesday 23rd November
Hotdogs - $2.00 ea

Sold Out Of ...
Potato Wedges

Plenty Of ...
Little Party Pies - $1.00
Large Pies - $2.50
Medium Pies - $2.00
Chicken Burgers - $4.00
Apple Poppers - $1.00
Frozen Yoghurts - $1.50
Fandangles - $1.00

SWIMMING
SWIMMING has started again!
WEEK SIX to WEEK TEN for school PE.
Can parents/guardians please make sure your children have the following items for swimming:
- swimmers
- sun shirt
- towel
- goggles/swim cap
- school hat
- swimming bag
- sunscreen (if a special one is required)

It would also be APPRECIATED if parents/grandparents/guardians could please come along and join in with students lessons, especially in the lower primary school grades.
- PREP – Wednesday 11:30-12:30
- Year One and Two – Wednesday 12:30-1:30
- Year Three and Four – Wednesday 2:00-3:00
- Year Five and Six – Thursday 12:30-1:30
- Year Seven to Ten - Monday 12:30-1:30
YEAR 2 PERSUASIVE TEXTS

Charlie is trying to persuade his little sister Lola to eat certain foods. Here are some interesting ways the Year 2 students have come up with to persuade her to do so...

CHARLIE AND LOLA
By William Anderson
Oh this is not ice-cream. This is cloud fluff from the clouds. If you eat this you will be the most powerful person in the world. You MUST eat this.

CHARLIE AND LOLA
By Sam Persse
Oh this is not sausages on bread. This is shiny and it makes you have fire powers. You MUST EAT IT!

CHARLIE AND LOLA
By Caitlin Murphy
Oh this is not pumpkin. This is carved mermaid snacks. If you eat it you will teleport to the mermaid’s world. You MUST eat it!

CHARLIE AND LOLA
By Matilda Rigby
Oh this is not a banana. This is made of orange carrot and carrot is yummy. Carrot is made of a long orange rainbow full of orange rainbows. You must eat it Lola!

PEACHES
By Caitlin Murphy
Who doesn’t like peaches? Peaches are certainly the MOST popular fruit ever. You MUST eat it because it is good and healthy for you. YOU MUST EAT IT!

APPLES
By Matilda Rigby
How have you never eaten an apple? Apples are the most delicious fruit in the world. Everybody must eat an apple. Apples are sweet and juicy. Apples make you healthy and strong for your body. Everybody likes apples. Apples are the best fruit.

TOMATOES
By William Anderson
Will you ever eat a tomato? Tomatoes are yummy and tasty. It is good for you and it makes you big and strong. It is healthy for you and is soft. You must eat tomatoes they are the best.

CARROTS
By Sam Persse
How have you never eaten a carrot? Carrots are the best food ever. You must eat carrots because you can make you see in the dark. You should eat carrots because they are the best.

BOOK FAIR THANK YOU’S - UPDATE

I made an early guesstimate of how much would be spent at book fair and how wrong I was …. Massive sales were made on Thursday and Friday raising our total to a whopping $2781 giving us a huge $973 in commission. I had great fun spending this money on new books and resources for our school. I would also like to thank some more people who donated books to our library... Thank you to the Price family, the Dowton Family and Miss Amber. It is amazing how generous our small school community is and it is obvious that we value reading at Dirranbandi school. Once again thank you everyone for your support! Sheldon

SECONDARY SNAPSHOT

Graduation: Oh what a night! Graduation was a fantastic celebration. Graduating students were joined by many friends, family and school staff to mark this important education milestone. Finishing primary school and movement within the senior schooling is certainly worth celebrating. I would like to personally thank our waitresses and waiters who worked tirelessly in the kitchen behind the scenes, this act of volunteering certainly goes to show that we work as a team at Dirranbandi school. Thank you to all for making the night, not only a great showcase event for our school but also creating many memories.

Active Learners: In Science students have been creating balloon cars. The testing process has occurred today. Ready Set Go! In maths we have been investigating venn diagrams and then organising our data in two-way tables. Well done students for your active learning behaviours.

This week we held our secondary subject selection information session. All subject selection forms were due to school Friday 18th. If you were not able to return your form by the due date, please complete and send it into school as soon as possible. This assists us in planning for the 2017 school year.