



# Newsletter 2018

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## LEST WE FORGET

Tuesday 1st May 2018

### Dates to Note:

- Tues 1st May  
Students commence term 2 -winter uniform
- Tues 8th May  
P & C Meeting 7 pm
- Wed 9th May  
Combined Cross Country Carnival- MDPS
- Thurs 10th May  
Long Neck Lagoon—selected Year 5/6 students
- Tues 15th May-  
Thurs 17th May  
NAPLAN for Yrs 3 & 5
- Thurs 17th May  
Assembly Special Mothers Day High Tea 2:15pm
- Friday 18th May  
Badminton -Sport Program
- Tues 22nd May  
Footsteps Dance -2pm
- Wed 23rd May  
Zone Cross Country

**ANZAC Day:** What a turn up! A huge thank you to our wonderful parents for ensuring so many of our children were not only in attendance but also beautifully attired in correct winter uniform. Students, your exemplary behavior did not go unnoticed. I am extremely proud to be the Principal of a school whose students demonstrate such respectful conduct on such important public occasions. I wish also to thank and compliment our captains, Caleb and Arthur, for their amazing delivery of the ANZAC readings. Their lengthy reading was faultless; not an easy task when you consider the immense audience in attendance.

**Cross Country:** Our combined Cross Country Carnival will be held here at Middle Dural next Wednesday 9th May. We hope our students are continuing to train for this event. We welcome parents to come along and watch your child run, sharing a lunch together. Permission notes have been sent out along with a canteen order form for the day.

**SDD:** Mrs McLennan and I attended an excellent, informative day yesterday learning about improving student writing. This was a shared experience with some of our local schools. We are armed with some fresh ideas that align perfectly with our existing ideas, practices and values.

**iCode Next:** This looks rather promising at this stage to commence shortly. Please if you are considering sending your child to these coding classes, we would like your enrolment form completed and returned before Friday of this week so that we can confirm our numbers with iCode Next.

**Assemblies:** The first of our fortnightly assemblies commences in week 3, Thursday 17th May, with a special dedication to our mums (and Grandmas). We welcome you all to share in a High Tea for Mothers' Day. This special assembly will commence at 2:15pm... a little earlier than usual to allow you all time to relax, nibble, sip and enjoy. We hope you will join us for this special event. See separate note for catering purposes.

**Parent Information Sessions:** These were held on the last Tuesday and Thursday of last term. I thank all of those parents who were able to attend. Thank you also for your positive feedback. Some follow-up from these meetings will commence with the next newsletter.

**Homework Policy:** As mentioned during the information sessions, we have recently reviewed our school's Homework Policy. We will be sending you all an emailed copy of this policy for your perusal. We welcome any comments or feedback before our final approval. Please be on the lookout for this email.

**Longneck Lagoon:** This is an enrichment day for selected students in Yrs 5 and 6 to experience. Participating students have already been notified and need to have returned their permission notes and payment before the end of this week.

**Sporting Schools Australia:** Our school has received a grant that has allowed us to purchase some equipment and a series of coaching sessions in the fine sport of Badminton. There will be no cost for this event which will commence on Friday 18th May (Week 3) and continue for 6 weeks.

**Footsteps Dance:** As part of our PDHPE studies, students will be participating once again in Footsteps Dance sessions. This will commence on Tuesday 22nd May and continue weekly for 5 weeks. The permission slip and information around cost of this activity will accompany this newsletter.



*George's  
Marvellous  
Medicine  
Excursion*

*Please return permission notes  
and payment as soon as possible.*

**ICE BLOCKS**

**50c**

**Lunch times**

Thank you to those families who have already donated some ice blocks. They are greatly appreciated.

**Thursday 17th May  
Assembly 2:15pm**



**Mums and Grandmothers are  
invited to our special  
“High Tea”**

Our P&C will be meeting on  
**Tuesday 8th May at 7:00pm**  
in the school library.

These meetings are short, fun and best of all .....

**PRODUCTIVE!!!**

We would love you to join us to help keep this school the amazing place it is and to ensure your children gain the benefits that previous years have been able to experience through the many efforts of P&C participation and guidance.

We have found that enormous tasks have fallen on but a few. It's time we all shared the load a little.

Why not come along to be a voice to be heard. Share your thoughts. Maybe offer some assistance in some small way. We would really enjoy your company.

**Education is not the filling of  
a pail, but the lighting of a  
fire.**

*William Butler Yeats*

An important reminder to parents that if you have any concerns at all regarding your child, their work or an issue with another child in the school, we ask that you please speak to the class teacher to clarify the situation. Sometimes things are not quite as they seem.

Do remember that in a small school, teachers are extremely busy, covering anything from 2 to 4 duties a day as well as preparation and marking. It may be, therefore, better to make an appointment to ensure satisfaction all round.

*Ann Mills*

*Principal*

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