

Newsletter 2018

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We Love our Mums

NAPLAN: Today, tomorrow and Thursday our Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting the NAPLAN test. Students in other grades will be supervised by Mrs Mills. We ask if you are visiting the school in the morning of these days that you do not enter the senior classroom, so as not to disturb these students.

Principal: Ann Mills

iCode Next: At this stage we should be going ahead. Please if you are considering sending your child to these coding classes, we would like your enrolment form completed and returned immediately. We are now in contact with iCodeNext.

Assemblies: The first of our fortnightly assemblies commences this week 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.

School Photos: Monday 25th June, children will need to be in full winter uniform and arrive on time at school. The photo envelopes for each student will be sent home soon.

OBSTACOOL Fun Day event: Our Small School's Learning Alliance consisting of Annangrove, P.S, Arcadia P.S, Hillside P.S and us are excited to announce our first combined school event. Middle Dural is hosting an OBSTACOOL Fun Day on Tuesday 26th June. This fun day will give our students and communities the opportunity to socialize, encourage student fitness and wellbeing, develop personal relationships, increase student leadership skills and make friends and connections within the wider community as well as raise funds for our school. As well as the OBSTACOOL course students will participate in a STEM, challenge, Environmental Challenge and a fitness activity. All students will receive an individual sponsorship form. Please support them in gaining sponsorship from family and friends. The amount sponsored is an amount for participation not for laps. Our P & C will be collecting the sponsorship money, sponsorship can be directly deposited into the schools P & C account or by cheque made payable to the P & C or by cash. Parents and family members are invited to come along and support the students. Information on this event and the Sponsorship Form is attached to this newsletter. We ask that the Sponsorship Forms be returned by Tuesday 19th June. More information on how this event will be run on the day will be sent home closer to the day.

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 from the P & C email address.

Cross Country: Thankyou to everyone for making our Cross Country another successful day. Great weather and great running was the order of the day. The Zone Cross Country notes will be going home to those who were selected to represent our school on Wednesday 23rd May at Fagan Park.

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 note and payment needs to be returned promptly.

SORRY FOR THE LATENESS OF THIS NEWSLETTER

Dates to Note:

 Tues 15th May-Thurs 17th May

NAPLAN for Yrs 3 & 5

• Thurs 17th May

Assembly Special Mothers Day High Tea 2:15pm

- <u>Friday 18th May</u>
 Badminton -Sport Program
- <u>Tues 22nd May</u>
 Footsteps Dance -2pm
- Wed 23rd May

Zone Cross Country

• Tues 5th June

Footsteps Dance -2pm

Mon 10th June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tues 12th June

Footsteps Dance

P & C Meeting 7pm

Tues 19th June

Footsteps Dance—2pm

Mon 25th June

School Photos -Winter Uniform

Tues 26th June

OBSTACOOL Fun Day at Middle Dural P.S



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 next P&C will be meeting on

Tuesday 12th June 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.

"The mind is like a parachute. It doesn't work unless it 's open"

-Frank Zappa

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

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
Middle Dural PS