



# Newsletter 2019

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## New Year, New Kids, New Teachers

### Dates to Note:

- Feb 6th-8th  
Leadership Camp (Captains)
- Tues Feb 12th  
P&C meeting 7:00pm  
Staff PL 4-6pm
- Wed Feb 13th  
Scripture begins
- Thurs Feb 14th  
Assembly 2:30pm
- Feb 15th  
Swimming Carnival 9:30-2:00
- Thursday Feb 28th  
Assembly 2:30pm
- Monday 11th March  
Helping Hands morning tea  
9:00am– around 10:30am
- Thursday 14th March  
Assembly 2:30pm
- Tuesday 19th March  
Staff PL 4-6pm
- Thursday 21st March  
Harmony Day
- Thursday 28th March  
Assembly 2:30pm
- Thursday April 11th  
Easter activities (TBC)
- Friday 12th April  
Last day of Term 1

We offer a very warm welcome to our beautiful new students throughout the school and their families. We hope you enjoy and make the most of your time in our wonderful small school. We also welcome teachers new to our school who will be assisting this year. Welcome Mrs Sprague, Mrs Clare and Miss Roberts.

**Anaphylaxis:** Just letting all families know that we do have some students at school this year with severe food allergies... in particular nuts/eggs. We have spoken to the children about not sharing any food items and being mindful of what they are eating/alternative choices, and with whom they are sitting. I look forward to parent support in this matter.

**Our Staff:** Mrs Moss is our School Administrative Manager (SAM) working on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (half day); Mrs Sprague is teaching Library on Mondays as well as Learning Support; Mrs Clare is teaching PDHPE on Tuesdays as well as Learning Support; K/1/2 have Miss Roberts on Wednesdays (Principal's Release time); Mrs McLennan has Years 3-6 and I have K/1/2. Our School Learning Support Officer (SLSO) is Bec Mills. ...days to be nominated shortly. Mr Tyszyk is our General Assistant (GA) and works at our school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have a school counsellor visit for half a day every 2nd Friday– Ms Grunsell– and is available by appointment through the front office or class teacher.

**Best Start Assessments:** Our 9 Kindy students have participated in Literacy assessments for Best Start and this Wednesday will give us the opportunity for aspects of Numeracy. It is wonderful to see students new to the school, and school situations, feeling so at ease during this process as they felt supported by their friendship partners in this setting. Well done Yrs 1 and 2 in supporting our Kindies and well done Kindy for such a fine start to your schooling. The valuable information gleaned from this assessment not only gives us baseline data but allows us insights into individual strengths and areas of greater need or support. Reporting to parents should be forthcoming before week 5 of this term.

**Swimming Carnival:** This year we will again be combining with Hillside PS and Annangrove PS in our annual swimming carnival on **Friday 15th February**. As usual this event will be held at Galston Aquatic Centre. Students from K-6 participate in this event. Parents are requested to take their child directly to the pool **by 9.15** and pick them up from the pool **at around 2pm**. Of course parents are always welcome, and indeed encouraged, to stay and cheer their children on!! A special note explaining procedures will come home shortly.

**General Permission to Publish:** Please note that we have attached a "Permission to publish" note. This covers the school website, Newsletters and any school promotional material. Please note that surnames are not used in any publications. Please read the information carefully and return to school as soon as possible. With this also comes permission for Child Protection, Photographs and to leave the school grounds under teacher supervision to visit local area facilities. Contact information will also come home to ensure we have your most current contact details.

**Assemblies:** Our first assembly will be commencing *Thursday 14th February*. We hope you will be there! The K-6 assemblies will be fortnightly events as noted on our side section. *Parents and family are always welcome*. Assemblies commence at 2:30pm in the 3-6 classroom.

**Helping Hands Morning Tea:** Each term we hold a special morning tea in the library where our parents can meet over "a cuppa" and a chat while they assist us by covering books and laminating resources. It's a fun way to help the school and mix with others at the same time. This special morning tea (provided by us) will be held on Monday 11th March 2019 commencing at around 9:00am. Parents usually stay for around an hour to an hour and a half.



### Days to note:

Mondays = Library, Canteen

Tuesday = PE (sports uniform)

Wednesdays = Scripture

Thursdays = Assembly every 2nd week

Friday = Sports day



### Professional Learning Twilight Sessions

Staff at Middle Dural PS will be undertaking Professional Learning sessions from 4pm to 6pm throughout semester 1 2019. This will be extra PL in lieu of the additional pupil free day on December 20th 2019. This will not impact upon students/ student learning in any way.

PL sessions are:

Tuesday 12/2/2019 , 19/3/2019, 14/5/2019 4pm-6pm

## Leadership Camp:

This week two of our school captains will be heading off to Vision Valley for the Combined Networks Primary SRC Leadership Camp.

Our captains are very fortunate to be guided in leadership skills from such experienced and dedicated teachers. Not only will they gain many desirable skills to assist them in their roles as captains, but they will be able to mix with leaders from other schools in the region, making connections with students and other teachers.

I know they will have a great time. We will all look forward to hearing about their experiences upon their return, and to the sharing of skills with their fellow students.



Our P&C will be meeting on

**Tuesday 12th February 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.



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## How wonderful.....



To see last year's Kindy students stepping up to the mark; dishing out the same care, respect and support that they themselves received only last year.

A small 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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