



# Newsletter 2021

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## Back in full swing!

### Dates to Note

- Tues 9th Nov**

7pm meeting AGM venue/  
Zoom to be announced

**NO CANTEEN** this term

**No Scripture** this term

## New Kindies for 2022??



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school website.*

It is absolutely wonderful to be feeling aspects of normality returning, especially within our school. Children have returned to the classrooms and it really feels amazing to be back to the normal role of “teacher” again. Our students have been very responsive and so incredibly supportive of our newer students to this school. Speaking of which, we welcome, today, the arrival of Maya in Year 5 and hope she and her family will enjoy being a part of the Middle Dural School Community.

**Check-In Assessment:** Students in Years 3– 6 will be participating in online Check-In assessments next week. This will be undertaken over a few days to ensure the participation of all grades.

**Phonics Assessment Checklist:** This snapshot of Year 1 students was completed by our Year 1 students today.

**NAPLAN Results:** Congratulations to our students in Years 3 and 5 who participated in the NAPLAN assessments earlier this year. Our results were most pleasing with some significant growth noted in the Year 5 cohort. Great work Mrs McLennan on ensuring these students are developing essential Literacy and Numeracy skills.

**Yarning Circle:** Tomorrow (Wednesday) we will be having the trees in this area dead-headed and saplings removed to ensure that this area is safe for our students. McArdles will be working in this area from around 10am to 3pm. Please be mindful of this when picking up your children at the end of the day.

**Student Fees:** A reminder that student fees are well and truly due ( in fact overdue). This is to pay for the text books that your children have been using all year along with online access to things like Reading Eggs/ Matific and other resources shared at school. We realise that due to COVID some people may be experiencing difficulty. We are happy to accept part payments in instalments. Just let Mrs Moss, in the office, know your intentions. Anyone experiencing extreme difficulty in making these payments are requested to speak with me (Mrs Mills) so that arrangements can be made.

**Parent Surveys:** Our end of year survey has been organised through the Learning Bar and is called “Tell Them From Me”. Some of our students participated in this survey earlier this year. It gives us a snapshot of parent thoughts in answer to specific questions. The link for the survey is <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/py5f5> We hope we are able to get the majority of our families responding to this survey before Friday 19th November.

**COVID News:** Teachers are now permitted to wear masks inside only as long as they carry one with them when outdoors in case its needed. Students have the option to wear masks and it is recommended that students in Yrs 3-6 do so, but again not mandatory. Students are still expected to be washing their hands before eating and this is a regular practice supervised by staff to ensure all students are mindful of this. Hand sanitiser, wipes and soap are all provided and our cleaner ensures our bathrooms, desks and other surfaces are clean throughout the day.

## Days to note:

**Mondays = K-2 PE**

**Tuesday = Library (K-6)**

**Wednesdays = 3-6 PE**

**Thursdays = Assemblies cancelled**

**Friday = Sports day**



**STUDENT HEALTH:** Any child suffering cold or flu like symptoms, runny nose, sore throats or headaches should not attend school. They are also required to have a COVID test. Students are not to return until the school has been given evidence of a negative result and is not experiencing any symptoms. This still applies until further notice. I thank all of you for your continued vigilance in this area.

## Parents Please Note:

The MDPS Newsletter will now be emailed to parents.

If you wish to receive a paper copy please let the school know by email or phone.

Thankyou for your co-operation



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Middle Dural

Middle Dural

NSW 2158

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Ph: 9653 9966

Our P&C will be meeting for our **AGM** on

**Tuesday 9th November 7pm**

**Venue/ Zoom To be announced.**

**ALL WELCOME!**

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 join in 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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If you see someone falling behind, walk beside them.

If you see someone being ignored, find a way to include them.

Always remind people of their worth. One small act could mean the world to them.

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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