



Newsletter 2021

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Locking down harder!

Dates to Note:

Friday 30th July...

Last day of full LOCK-DOWN??????????



Let's hope!!!!

We will find out more as the time progresses.

We really miss you all... But especially our wonderful students who make this such a rewarding profession.

Stay safe everyone.

"Parents must keep children - of all ages, across primary and secondary schooling and early childcare - home if they can. Students will be supported to learn from home. Schools and early childhood education and care services, including Out Of School Hours Care services are open for any child that needs it." Thank you for your support.

This was the important message you would have received on Sunday evening. We, as a staff, have also been advised to restrict our numbers, so you will not always see those familiar cars in the carpark for all hours of the day and night, nor those familiar faces you are expecting at school. Over the next two weeks we will have minimal staff on site... some at school to meet the needs of children of essential workers and some will be working from home. We appreciate your support in this crucial time. We have already noticed a significant drop in numbers of students attending.

Please remember if at any time you have any concerns, you may telephone to request a phone conversation with your child's teacher.

School Photos: Unfortunately these have had to be postponed. At this stage we are hoping for August 6th... but time will tell. Our apologies for any confusion but this is beyond our control.

Playground Changes: Our new concreted area is amazing! No longer patchwork but a wonderful smooth spread of concrete that will allow for skipping and games to take place. We are beyond delighted with the work completed.

Yarning Circle: Speaking of "beyond delighted"... we are indeed thrilled with the progress made in the development of our Yarning Circle. Thank you SAMSCAPES for the excellent care and effort you have taken in the forming of this special place. We are still awaiting the arrival of seating which SAMSCAPES will install for us. This is a very special place and we will be developing our own set of expectations when all of our students are back on the premises. We will be using the Landcare Grant to assist with the planting out and mulching of this area.

Student Packages and Google Classroom: Attendance is marked each day by an indication that work sent home is being completed. This is visible to us through responses in Google Classroom along with activity visible on Matific, Reading Eggs and Study Ladder. If there has been no "action" from your child in any of these areas, you will receive a phone call from your child's teacher to see if we can help in any way. The work set is not just "busy work" but set from Teacher programs for this term. We expect the work to be attempted. Any issues can be discussed with your child's teacher. Please DO NOT STRESS over anything! Reach out to us. We are here to support both you and your child through this difficult time.

Sick: If at any time your child is unwell and unable to work on the tasks on a particular day, please notify the school and it will be noted as an absence.

Days to note:

Mondays = K-2 PE, Canteen

Tuesday = Library (K-6)

Wednesdays = Scripture (T3), 3-6 PE

Thursdays = Assembly every 2nd week

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.



Dooral Early Learning Centre

774 Old Northern Rd,
Middle Dural
NSW 2158

Before and After School is available
For pricing details ring Silvia Li.

Ph: 9653 9966

Our next P&C will be meeting on



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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together we are stronger

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.



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