

# Newsletter 2022

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## Welcome Mrs Horrocks

### Dates to Note:

- **Wed 27th July**  
Yarning Circle Smoking Ceremony
- **Thurs 28th July**  
Helping Hands Morning 9am
- **Fri 29th July**  
K to 6 Athletics Carnival at Annangrove Park
- **Mon 1st August**  
Canteen
- **Thurs 4th August**  
Assembly 2:30pm
- **Tues 9th August**  
P & C Meeting 7PM  
All welcome
- **Thurs 11th August**  
Sporting School Tennis Clinic for 6 weeks
- **Tues 16th August**  
Design Tasks due
- **Wed 31st August**  
PSSA Zone Athletics

**Welcome:** A very warm welcome to Mrs Horrocks who has taken up the position as the additional second teacher at Middle Dural in a permanent capacity. We hope you will enjoy being a part of this beautiful school and community.

**Smoking Ceremony:** We are all looking forward to our smoking ceremony to go ahead on Wednesday 27th July commencing at around 10:20. This will of course be held in our Yarning Circle where our students will be seated within the circle. We welcome any visitors who wish to attend where you will be able to stand around the circle to watch the proceedings.

**Athletics Carnival:** This Friday at Annangrove Park. Please remember that you are taking your children straight to the park at Annangrove (not to school). We have suggested to arrive at 9:15 as parking will be limited. That will give us time to find our school area and set up for the day. Mrs Clare and Mrs Horrocks will be there to meet the students. Please ensure that all permission notes are returned by Wednesday.

**Education Week:** Although this week is officially Education Week we have decided to hold off celebrations to coincide with our Book Week Celebrations in Week 6, thereby allowing time for everyone to settle into the changes within our setting. We will still be having a normal assembly on the Thursday of next week to which you are always welcome to attend.

**Science Design Task:** This year's Science Design Task is around the "SOUND". Students will be required to design and make a functioning model demonstrating variance in pitch using everyday materials. (eg recycling materials, boxes, tins etc) Family assistance allowed, and even encouraged, but the student must be involved in every step of the process. They will need to be brought back by Tuesday 16th August ready for display. Task sheet coming home today.

**Talent Show:** Such a fabulous event with everyone deserving congratulations... our audiences (parents and students) our comperes and our "STARS" on stage! Thank you all for such a variety of performances and for pushing past the "nerve" barrier. We were delightfully entertained.

**Before & After School Care:** We are exploring the possibility of MDPS having our own onsite Before and After School care facility. There is a lengthy process with the Department of Education that needs to be followed and the beginning steps involve asking our current families to complete a survey so we can document the need for this service. We have put the required questions into an online survey, the link was shared with all parents on the Facebook group and via an email.

**Jollybops:** This was an excellent excursion relating to Science and Environmental Education and was well-received by all students.

**Secure Fencing:** From Thursday we will start to see some action around this with delivery of items/ work fencing etc. They will be commencing on the Old Northern Rd side of the school.

**Attendance:** Please take the time to read the accompanying information sheet around compulsory attendance at school and notification of absences.



### Days to note:

Mondays = K-2 PE, Canteen

Tuesday = 3-6 PE

Wednesdays = Scripture, Library K-6

Thursdays = Assembly every 2nd week

Friday = Sports day



## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2022

Annangrove Park

Friday 29th July

K-6

**YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER**  
**BAGS OF HOME GROWN**  
**MDPS ORANGES**  
**\$2:00 A BAG**  
**BE QUICK**  
**LIMITED NUMBER**

Our P&C will be meeting on

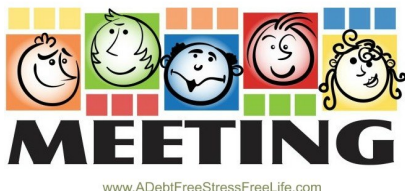
**Tuesday 9th August**

**7pm 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.



*Some people could be given an entire field of roses  
 and only see the thorns in it. Others could be given a  
 single weed and only see the wildflower in it. Perception  
 is a key component to gratitude and gratitude a  
 key component to joy.*

Amy Weatherly

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*

*Middle Dural PS*