

# Newsletter 2018

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## Get in the SWIM of things!!

### Dates to Note:

- Tue 6th Nov

Kindy Early birds afternoon session 2:00-3:05pm

- Thurs 8th Nov

Kindy Early Birds morning session 10:00-11:30 (includes recess)

- Tues 13th Nov

P&C meeting 7pm

- Thurs 15th Nov

Assembly 2:30pm

- Tues 11th Dec

Presentation Evening 7pm

- Wed 12th Dec

Yr 6 Farewell/Disco

- Tues 18th Dec

Putt-Putt

- Wed 19th Dec

Last day of school for students.



**Swim Scheme:** Last week before this valuable program commences!! We are hoping to involve as many of our students as possible K-6. Swimming is such a vital skill for all of our students, particularly when we live in an area with dams, creeks, rivers and backyard pools so close. While many children love to splash around in the pool, would they have the knowledge, skill and endurance to save themselves in difficult situations?? The Swim program takes all children through various potential dangers, what to be aware of and what to do about it, at the beginning of every lesson. This is followed by concentrated group tuition each day for ten days at their level. Such a valuable resource at no cost is not to be dismissed. Please consider being a part of this important event.

This annual program run by the Department of Education will be held again at Galston Aquatic Centre for ten school days from Monday 12th November, concluding on Friday 23rd November. We encourage our students to attend this valuable course.

*We will be needing parent assistance with Transport to and from the pool on Wed 21st November (as the community bus is not available on that date). Please let us know if you will be able to assist with driving –leaving school around 12:30PM AND RETURNING AT AROUND 2:00PM. Thank you.*

**Congratulations Emelia and Olivia:** Last weekend these two lovely young ladies underwent a haircut, donating those beautiful, glossy locks to making wigs for cancer patients as well as raising funds for Brain Cancer research! Our own students and staff have shown their support by raising an additional \$121.50 for this very worthwhile cause. So proud of you girls for your selfless acts of kindness.

**Kindy Transitions:** Our Early Birds program to assist in the smooth transition of our young Kindies for next year is proving to be most worthwhile. Our eight young future students are already mixing well with their peers and future class members, actively participating in all activities and showing a clear understanding of their role at big school. A huge thank you to the K/1 students who have been my biggest helpers in ensuring our new Kindy students have a sense of belonging, feeling included and valued.

**Presentation Evening:** Please lock in the date for this year's Presentation Evening. It will be held on Tuesday 11th December commencing at 7:00pm. It is a night for all of our students and families where we recognise the many achievements at this beautiful school. The night usually concludes at around 9:00pm.

**P&C Meeting:** Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th November 2018 at 7pm in the school library. **Our AGM will be held on November 30th at 6:30 before the parent dinner.**

**Yr 6 Farewell and End of year Disco:** This will be held on the afternoon after presentation night, Wednesday 12th December. More information later. It is a night for the whole school to farewell Yr 6 and to celebrate the end of another year together. Our P&C provide a lovely dinner for all students before we dance the night away in the senior classroom. The night is run by our P&C and supervised by teaching staff.

**PUTT-PUTT:** As an end of year fun activity, we have organised a day at our local Putt-Putt. A lovely walk to and from the venue, along with 2 rounds of mini-golf all washed down with a nice ice-cream treat...all for just \$10 per child. This event will be held on Tuesday 18th December for all students.

### **Our School Day:**

The morning bell rings at **9:00am**, giving students time to prepare and assemble for a **9:05** start in the classroom.

Recess commences at **11:05am** and concludes at **11:30am**.

Lunch is from **1:05pm** to **1:55pm**. The school day concludes at **3:05pm**.



## **P&C Annual General Meeting Fri 30th Nov 6:30pm? library**

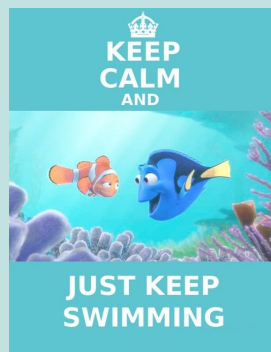
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**Tuesday 13th November at 7:00pm**  
in the school library.

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.

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.



## **SCHOOL SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM**

*Together with Hillside Public School, Middle Dural students will be participating in the Swimming School to be held at Galston Aquatic Centre in weeks five and six of this term.*

*\$40 per child for 10 days*

**Put your heart, mind, and soul  
into even your smallest acts. This  
is the secret of success.**

*Swami Sivananda*

An important 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 3 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*