



Dural Public School Newsletter



30th January 2020 ~ TERM 1, WEEK 1

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DATES TO REMEMBER

THIS
WEEK
AT DURAL
FRI 31 JAN

MON 3 FEB
Kindergarten
Students Begin

TUE 4 FEB

WED 5 FEB
Sport 2-6
Assembly 2.05

THU 6 FEB

FRI 7 FEB
Sport 2-6

WED 19 FEB
Parent
Information
Evening

Principal's Report ~ Milly Stone

Welcome to 2020!

I trust everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday and that you are ready for an exciting 2020. I would like to welcome all the families of Dural and especially the new families who have joined us this year. Dural prides itself in being a very welcoming and inclusive community. Dural Public School is a wonderful and engaging learning environment with a very supportive staff and parent community.

On Wednesday, the students were placed in their classes for 2020. At the end of 2019, staff and Assistant Principals spent many hours and days entering academic, social, emotional and behavioural data about all the students into the class builder program. Classes are formed fairly and students are not assigned to teachers, teachers are assigned to classes using the same program. Please be aware that students will not be moved from their allocated class under any circumstance. Your support and understanding is greatly appreciated in this matter. Your child is excited about his/her new class and teacher and they will benefit greatly from a positive parent response to their class for 2020.

Staff and Classes for 2020

Class Teachers

KC	Miss Cassie McElroy	KN	Mrs Jodie Norrish
1H	Miss Caitlin Hainke	1P	Mrs Monalisa Philippou
2C	Mr David Cowell	2M	Mrs Elen Moore
3A	Mrs Amy Anderson	3R	Miss Jessica Ridley
4F	Mr Justin Field	4S	Miss Sophie Fisher
5B	Mrs Salli-Anne Barhon	5D	Mrs Margie Dwyer
5L	Mrs Annabelle Lee	6A	Mrs Chloe Altinoglu
6H	Mrs Sabina Heinrichson	6S	Miss Susie Airey
Visual Arts	Miss Michelle Candutti	Library	Mrs Beverley Moore
Learning and Support Teacher			Mrs Jacqui Tilbrook
English as Additional Language/Dialect			Mrs Kelly Frost

Assistant Principals:

ES1 & Stage 1	Mrs Jodie Norrish
Stage 2	Miss Jessica Ridley
Stage 3	Mrs Sabina Heinrichson
Relieving AP for Semester 1:	Mr Justin Field

If you have any issues concerns or questions please contact your class teacher first, then the Stage Assistant Principal. Please ring the office for an appointment. At the Information Evening to be held on Wednesday the 19 February, your teachers will inform you of the best method to contact them. **It is imperative that you follow this process when discussing the needs of your child/children.**

Wednesday Afternoon Assembly

These are held on even weeks of term at 2.05 in the hall. Children MUST return to class and not be collected by parents to go home early. Students need to remain at school till the bell rings. There will be no exceptions.

Sports Uniforms

Years 2-6 is Wednesday and Friday. Kindy and Year 1 TBA.

Parent Information Evening

This will be held on Wednesday 19 February. At this time you will meet your child/children's teacher and you will find out what happens in your classroom. During this meeting, many questions will be answered and it is very important that you attend. More details will come out in a separate invitation. Save this date!

Invoices

Invoices and permission notes are published on the school website at the beginning of each term and prompt payment is appreciated. The Term 1 invoice will be published as soon as possible. This will include the date when payment must be received. If payment is not received by that due date then your child/children will not be attending the activities or excursions. **There will be no exceptions.** Permission notes need to be printed, signed and returned to the school office before the due date. Reminder Apps will be sent out to remind you that final payment is due.

Kindergarten Early Departure

For the first two weeks of Kindergarten students finish at 2.50pm. This enables correct picking up routines to be established. Early departure will commence on Monday 3 February till Friday 14 February.

Children Collection Areas

K-2 All K-2 children are dismissed under the shade shelter on the top playground. Parents are asked to wait in this area so that teachers are assured that the children are collected safely. This is a very important safety aspect to children leaving at the end of the school day.

3-6 Parents are asked to wait near the vegetable gardens so as not to disturb teaching. Please feel free to weed or do some gardening while waiting!

Arrival and Departure

Students are not supervised until 8.50am when the teacher goes on duty. If students are a few minutes earlier than that they must sit in the bus shelter. Leaving your children at school earlier than 8.50am means your children are not supervised. The school bell goes at 3.20pm and as Old Northern Road is very busy I give parents between 3.20pm and 3.45pm to collect their child/children. Children must sit on the silver seats and look for their parent's car. If you are going to be later than that please enrol your child/children at Jigsaw OOSH.

Early Bus Departure

I supervise the children who catch the 3576, 3562 and the 3554. They need to leave their rooms at 3.10pm and they are the only ones who leave their class early. All the other buses come after the bell rings, but children must be prompt in getting to their buses. ALL children catching buses must have an Opal Card. This ensures the bus services will continue.

Dural APP

Please ensure that you upload the Dural App onto your phones. The Dural App, the school website and the newsletter which is emailed out every Thursday are the ways we communicate. The Dural App is used extensively for important information and reminders.

Carpark

Please DO NOT use the staff carpark in the mornings or afternoons for any reason at all. This is a safety issue and we have walking paths to enter the school grounds.

Updating Information

If there are any changes in phone numbers, address, email address, emergency contacts or medication, please notify the office immediately.



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Beecroft Zone Basketball Trial

The Zone Convenor is asking for nominations from boys and girls in year 5 and/or 6 who are Representative basketball players and have a very high knowledge and understanding of basketball.

The Zone Convenor is not asking for nominations from average or above average players.

If your child meets the above criteria they need to see Mr Field ASAP

Beecroft Zone Boys Cricket Trial

The Zone Convenor is asking for nominations from boys in year 5 and/or 6 who are Representative cricket players and have a very high knowledge and understanding of cricket.

The Zone Convenor is not asking for nominations from average or above average players.

If your child meets the above criteria they need to see Mr Field ASAP



DPS Beginner Band commence band practise Wednesday, 5th February, 2020 at 7:45am

DPS Senior Band commence band practise Thursday, 6th February, 2020 at 7:45am



CHESS!!

Learn how to be a Chess champion! Coaching for students at Dural Public School is held on **Thursdays** from **1:00pm – 2:00pm in the Library**. Term 1 lessons will commence on 13th February.

Chess is the world's most loved board game. Learning and playing Chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment! Activities include group lessons on a demonstration Chessboard or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games, with personal feedback from the coach.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, solving puzzles, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good Chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can pick up an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



NSWPSSA Representative Sport Pathway

Throughout the first semester of this year various NSWPSSA sport trials/carnivals will be conducted throughout the state depending on the level of representation. These start off at Zone level, then progress to Area level, then finally the State level.

NSWPSSA Sports:

AFL, Basketball Boys, Basketball Girls, Cricket Boys, Cricket Girls, Diving Boys, Diving Girls, Football Boys, Football Girls, Golf Boys, Golf Girls, Hockey Boys, Hockey Girls, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Rugby Union 7s Girls, Softball Boys, Softball Girls, Tennis Boys, Tennis Girls, Touch Football Boys and Touch Football Girls.

Dural Public School will inform parents and students about these trials in the following ways:

1. In the weekly emailed newsletter,
2. To students through in-school Sentral communications delivered via their classroom teacher at eating time,
3. In the fortnightly sport report at assemblies,
4. Through the Beecroft Zone Facebook Page.



Like Beecroft Zone PSSA on Facebook to stay up to date with all the latest Zone: Trial, Carnival, Friday PSSA and wet weather information.

Beecroft Zone and Sydney North Area Trial Information

Before any selections are made to represent Dural Public School at Beecroft Zone or Sydney North this year we felt the need to clear up any misconceptions regarding the selection processes for these sports. To avoid any confusion, disappointment and frustration by yourself and your child in the school selection process or the subsequent trial selection processes, below is a guide on how these selections typically operate.

Beecroft Zone and Sydney North Area Sport Trial general information:

- There are 21 schools in Beecroft Zone.
- There are 12 Zones within Sydney North.
- Sydney North Trials are typically held close to the convenor's school. A very large percentage of Sydney North Trials have been held on the central coast over the last few years.

The convenors (teachers who are selecting the team) are typically interested in students who:

- **Firstly**, are **REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS**.
- **Secondly**, players who possess a **VERY HIGH** level of skill and understanding in that sport.
- Convenors typically do not want average or above average players to trial.

Each school in the zone can nominate a maximum of 2-3 players of **elite sporting ability**. That could mean that 50+ students are trying out for approx. 12 positions on a Zone or Area team.

These trials are for sport's Gifted and Talented athletes, they are not designed to be a "have a go and see how you go" or "fun day". They have one focus: to pick the best players to represent the Zone and Area.

Some sports require a Combined Zone Trial. This means an extra selection in the process, e.g. 2 Zones select a team each and from that, one team is selected. So you may be selected in the Beecroft Zone Team but not selected in the Combined Zone Team.

Teachers from Dural Public School will not be present at the trial unless one of them is convening the sport or assisting in the selection process. As a parent or caregiver, you need to organise transport for your child to and from the venue (this is the biggest bugbear in the whole process and typically stops most students from trialling). Also, every student must provide their own playing equipment e.g. at the Zone Cricket Trials everyone must bring a brand new cricket ball.

To ensure we always send the most willing and talented students we have created a Sport Trial Note that will be given to all interested students to assist in the school selection process. This note details the student's representative experience, club, years of playing experience, transport etc.

Once Mr Field receives this completed form, he will liaise with the teacher/s that coach this sport within the school. Then select the best player/s and forward their names to the convenor. Your child, if selected, will then receive a Zone/Area Trial Permission note which **MUST** be signed by Mr Field and Ms Stone. It is your child's responsibility to get this signed during recess, lunch or before school. This note has to be taken to the trial and given to the convenor.

Ms Milly Stone
Principal

Mr Justin Field
Sports Coordinator

Dural Public School Carnival Information

The following is general information about Dural Public School Carnivals and progression to Beecroft PSSA Zone Carnivals.

Carnivals at Dural Public School follow the NSWPSA rules and guidelines.

Dural Public School Carnivals reflect Beecroft Zone, who reflect Sydney North Area, who reflect NSW State who reflect National Carnivals.

Student Age according to the NSWPSA is the age the student turns in this calendar year.

Age Categories:

- Juniors, students who turn 8, 9 or 10 in this calendar year
- 11 Year Olds, students who turn 11 in this calendar year
- 12/13 Year Olds, students who turn 12 or 13 in this calendar year.

Age Races: 8 years, 9 years, 10 years, 11 years, 12 years and 13 years.

Year Groups: Kindy, Year 1 or Year 2.

Dural Public School Swimming Carnival

This carnival is open to any student who turns 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 in this calendar year.

Age Category: backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly

Age Races: freestyle

Open 100m Freestyle: this is the only open event without any age restrictions.

Medley: Junior (8, 9 and 10), Senior (11, 12 and 13).

Qualification to The Beecroft Zone Swimming Carnival: your child must finish first overall on times or win their final. We are allowed to send a 2nd qualifier if they beat the qualifying time stipulated by Beecroft Zone. All students need to meet the qualifying times for medley and open 100m. **Relay** qualification is the fastest 4 freestyle times: Junior (8, 9 and 10), Senior (11, 12 and 13).

Dural Public School Cross Country Carnival

This carnival is for every student from K-6 with a mixture of Year Groups and Age Races.

Year Groups: Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 who are not 8 year olds.

Age Races: 8/9 Year Olds, 10 Year Olds, 11 Year Olds and 12/13 Year Olds.

Qualification for The Beecroft Zone Cross Country Carnival is only for the first 5 students in the Age Races.

Dural Public School Athletics Carnival

This carnival is open to all students from years 2-6. It's a mixture of Age Races and Age Categories.

Age Races: 100m, with the added Age Race year 2s who are 7.

Age Categories: high jump, long jump, shot put, discus, 200m and 800m.

High jump, long jump and shot put qualification takes place in the weeks prior to the carnival with your child's classroom teacher. Typically, the top 6 students in each category qualify for the carnival. These results are posted on the sports board with students constantly reminded to check the board.

Discus is an Age Category event we do not hold for safety reasons but students can qualify for the Beecroft Zone Athletics Carnival through a school trial. If your child is highly proficient at discus, they need to listen out for trial information and then physically demonstrate they can exceed the qualifying distance stipulated by Beecroft Zone. The best 2 students who exceed the qualifying distance are sent to The Beecroft Zone Discus Session, which typically is held the day before the Beecroft Zone Field Events Carnival.

Qualification for the Beecroft Zone Athletics Field Carnival for the Field Events is dependent on whether your child has met the Beecroft Zone qualifying standard, with a maximum of 2 students per event.

Qualifying for The Beecroft Zone Athletics Track Carnival is for the fastest 3 students in the 100m Age Race finals and the fastest 2 students in the Age Categories for the 200m finals and 800m finals.

Relay qualification is the fastest 4 freestyle times: Junior (8, 9 and 10), Senior (11, 12 and 13).

PSSA, Knock Out and Gala Day Selections.

Dear Parents,

Before selections are made for Term 1 PSSA Sport and NSWPSA Knock-Outs, we felt the need to clear up any confusion regarding selections for these sports.

NSWPSA Knock-out Policy:

The school policy has always been for K.O. competitions, that teams will be chosen on elite sporting ability. This could involve looking at students in Year 4 who show exceptional talent/ability if needed. These students show such exceptional ability that they will be considered ahead of a Year 5 or 6 student.

The majority of teams however are comprised of the most talented Year 5 and Year 6 students.

Friday PSSA Sport Policy:

The PSSA competition is **EXCLUSIVELY** for students in Years 3 - 6. Year 2 students cannot compete in Friday PSSA competitions under the Beecroft Zone PSSA rules. Each team member is required to sign a "code of conduct". This ensures that Dural Public School will take students to compete against other schools in our zone who exhibit the following:

- Sportsmanship with own team members and other school team members
- Exhibit behaviour at school deemed to be fitting a team member representing our school
- Compete by the rules and always abide by the referee's/umpire's decisions
- Be a good sport and encourage fellow team members
- Control of temper and make no criticism either by word or gesture

Gala Day Selections will be based on age groups and team numbers offered by the various Gala Day providers.

The principal and sports coordinator have the right to withdraw any student from a team sport where their behaviour within the school or at Knock Out, PSSA or Gala Day sporting events is called into question.

This can also involve the actual selections for these teams.

Thanking you

Mr Justin Field
Sports Coordinator

Ms Milly Stone
Principal

Dural Public School

Swimming Carnival Program

25th February, 2020

Approximate start time is 10am

Program of Events

1.	Junior	4 x 50m Medley	Timed Final
2.	Senior	4 x 50m Medley	Timed Final
3.	8 yrs	50m Freestyle	Timed Final
4.	9 yrs	50m Freestyle	Timed Final
5.	10 yrs	50m Freestyle	Timed Final
6.	11 yrs	50m Freestyle	Timed Final
7.	12 yrs	50m Freestyle	Timed Final
8.	8/9/10 yrs	50m Breaststroke	Timed Final
9.	11 yrs	50m Breaststroke	Timed Final
10.	12/13 yrs	50m Breaststroke	Timed Final
11.	8/9/10 yrs	50m Backstroke	Timed Final
12.	11 yrs	50m Backstroke	Timed Final
13.	12/13 yrs	50m Backstroke	Timed Final
14.	8/9/10 yrs	50m Butterfly	Timed Final
15.	11 yrs	50m Butterfly	Timed Final
16.	12/13 yrs	50m Butterfly	Timed Final
17.	Open	100m Freestyle	Timed Final

Dural Public School Swimming Carnival

**Epping Aquatic Centre
25th February, 2020**

Parent Helpers Needed

Do you have the skills or interest to help as a Swimming Carnival Official?

Sport carnivals are successful because of assistance from parents acting as Officials. Volunteer officials are an essential part of any successful carnival. Once again, if you have an interest in this area, your help is sought and very much appreciated.

Please enter your name below and your area of expertise:

Your Name _____

Child's Name _____ Class: _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Preference (please tick)

Carnival Helper Jobs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Helper	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ribbon Distribution	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marshall at Finish	<input type="checkbox"/>
Time Keeper	<input type="checkbox"/>
House Points Tally	<input type="checkbox"/>

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER FORM 2020

The Canteen provides a vital service to not only the children and the parents of Dural Public School, but also provides funds for the school to help with the purchase of teaching aids etc. We have a very busy canteen, which cannot operate without the valued support of parents, grandparents, family and friends who volunteer. We offer you lunch and an endless supply of tea, coffee and conversation. This is a great way of meeting other new families to the school and the students really enjoy seeing their loved ones help out in the canteen.

The canteen can only run with the help of our wonderful volunteers, without which, the canteen would have to close. If each family of Dural Public School volunteered once, you would only have to be rostered on ONCE per year.

We look forward to welcoming new and returning volunteers!

Volunteers Name:

Student/s Name & Year 2020:

Mobile Phone Number: *(Please include so that we may confirm prior to your rostered day)*

Email: _____

Future Days of availability: Monday Wednesday Friday

Future Frequency of availability: Once a month Once a term

Other _____

TIMES AVAILABLE: ALL DAY (GENERALLY 9.30AM-3PM) 10AM – 2PM OTHER

Any other notes/special requests:

If possible, I would like to work with:

Are you happy to have your contact details shared with others on the roster?

Yes / No

Please return completed form to the office or canteen, or contact Trudi Billington by email:
duralcanteennews@gmail.com



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CANTEEN

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

DPS Canteen operates each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The canteen will commence operation next MONDAY 3RD FEB.

Lunches can be ordered in one of 2 ways:

1) Online using Flexischool's (mobile phone app or computer). You can register at <http://www.flexischools.com.au> Currently, orders need to be completed by 8:30am.

2) By writing order details on a lunch bag.

* The order needs to be delivered to the canteen before the 9.20am bell.

* Any change will be given to the student when they hand in the lunch order. To assist the canteen, please try and have the correct change or the closest amount possible in the bag. *Large notes may not be able to be changed early in the day.*

* Please write on the lower half of the bag your child's name, class and item requested for lunch and total payment.

* Drinks will need to have their own separate bag. Please write all information on the lower half of the bag.

* You may purchase (brown) paper bags, or the canteen will provide a bag for 10¢.

* All lunch menu items can be ordered on the day including Sushi.

Lunches are delivered in baskets to classrooms at lunchtime.

Only Lunchtime meals and drinks can be pre-ordered.

Recess and Lunch snack items need to be purchased over the counter during the breaks.

We really need new Canteen Volunteers as a number of our regular helpers have either left (with Year 6) or their work commitments have changed. Please see the Canteen Volunteer Form included with the Newsletter. We would love to hear from you!

Shelley & Trudi

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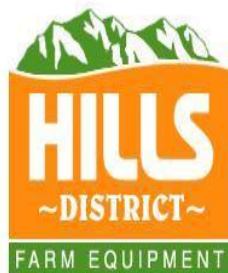


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and then every Thursday from 5.30pm, Dural Park

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