



# Dural Public School Newsletter



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

THIS  
WEEK  
AT DURAL

THIS  
WEEK  
AT DURAL

FRI 28 FEB



Term 1 Fees  
are due  
tomorrow  
28<sup>th</sup>  
February  
Year 6 Jackets  
and Brick  
Facings  
Payment due  
tomorrow

MON 2 MAR

TUE 3 MAR

WED 4 MAR

Sport

THU 5 MAR

Zone Swimming  
Carnival

FRI 6 MAR

Sport 2-6

SUN 8 MAR



Working Bee

## Principal's Report ~ Milly Stone

### Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday, our annual swimming carnival was held at the Epping Aquatic Centre. The carnival was extremely well organised by Mr Justin Field and the day ran perfectly. Thank you to the staff and parent helpers who ensured the success of the swimming carnival. To all the wonderful children who competed and/or supported their house teams, you certainly showed respect, responsibility and had a very successful carnival. Congratulations Dural!

### Year 5 Pt. Wolstoncroft Camp.

The year 5 camp is not very far away. Check your packing list and make sure that everything is labelled very clearly!

### Reading to your children

This is such an important activity and the benefits are numerous. Reading to children of any age, exposes them to a richer vocabulary and has positive impacts on their language, intelligence and development of a love of literacy. The library is a wonderful resource of books as is the Children's Book Council website. Please take the time to read to your child/children every day.

### Cyber safety

I am very concerned that we have many of our students on social network sites, wearing their school/sport uniforms, where it is easy to read the name of our school. A greater concern is that many had public settings, which means anyone can access information. Children should not be on these sites and parents it is important that you are aware of what your child/children are posting. This is a very serious matter. It is important for parents to be aware of cyber safety and this website is a great read. [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au) Keep that website saved as a favourite.

### Absences

When your child is absent from school you need to justify their absence within 7 days with an email/note. After 7 days this absence remains Unjustified permanently. The best practice is to use the School App on the day of their absence. When using the School App to record an absence for your child e.g. Johnny was away 7.3.18 so his first day of absence is 7.3.18 and last day is 7.3.18 – this equates to 1 whole day absent. For multiple days you put the first day they are absent and the last day they are away (not the date they return to school). If your child is ill or absent for more than 3 days, you will need to provide a doctor's certificate. If you are travelling overseas, please provide the itinerary for your trip with the absence note. **Please note – late arrivals and early departures are also recorded as partial absences.**

### Working Bee

Our first working bee will be held on Sunday 8 March commencing at 8.00am. Our focus is to trim back all the summer growth, mulching, planting new plants and a general tidy up of the school grounds. Your help is really needed to help our school looking fantastic.



# - Strive for Success -



## The Dural Diamonds

Respect Responsibility Success

**Congratulations  
to our Diamond Pin Students**

<b>BLUE</b>	<b>RED</b>	<b>GREEN</b>
Adam J 1H Zara M 1H		Blake B 5D
<b>PINK</b>	<b>ORANGE</b>	<b>YELLOW</b>
<b>WHITE</b>	<b>DOUBLE BLUE</b>	<b>DOUBLE RED</b>
	Tom L 5L	
<b>DOUBLE GREEN</b>	<b>DOUBLE PINK</b>	<b>DOUBLE ORANGE</b>

### Beecroft Zone Field Hockey Trial

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

### Beecroft Zone Netball Trials

The Zone Convenor is asking for nominations from girls in year 5 or 6 who are Association Representative Players, Development squad players or Division 1 netball players.

### Beecroft Zone Boys Soccer Trials

The Zone Convenor is asking for nominations from boys in year 5 and/or 6 who are:

- \* Representative soccer players
- \* Division 1 Players
- \* Have a very high knowledge and understanding of soccer.

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

If you meet the above criteria you need to see Mr Field ASAP.

### Beecroft Diving Trial

The Zone Convenor is also asking for nominations from boys and girls in year 5 and/or 6 who are competitive divers and have a very high knowledge and understanding of diving.

### **Year 6 Jackets and Brick Facings**

The order goes in tomorrow for both the Year 6 jackets and brick facings, please make sure you have paid so your child doesn't miss out!

**WORKING BEE**

**RAIN GLORIOUS RAIN**

### **Sunday 8th March**

From 8.00am – 12.30pm (if you can't come for the whole time – that's OK)

Lunch & Morning Tea provided

#### **WEEDING, TIDYING AND PLANTING**

Our school is in desperate need of a tidy up. The crazy weather has left fallen branches and too much leaf litter which we need to clear. Please come along and help make our school lovely and safe.

Bring your gardening tools (rakes), gloves,

Kids and bikes very welcome.

Enjoy some fresh air and get everyone outside for a while.



### Dural Public School Swimming Carnival

Well done Dural on another excellent carnival earlier this week. The events were fiercely contested and competitors showed great camaraderie and sportsmanship throughout the day. Great to see all students knowing their age and house.

As always, a huge thank you to all the parent helpers who acted as timekeepers, marshals, ribbons and house point talliers. Events like these cannot be held successfully without your help and support. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the students, staff and myself. Age champion and runner-up medallions will be presented at the next Wednesday assembly. Zone Swimming Carnival notes will go home this week. Zone Swimming is at Homebush Aquatic Centre on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 starting at 9am.

Mr Justin Field  
Sports Coordinator



## Ethics classes at Dural Public School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Could you be an ethics teacher for Dural Public School?

We are seeking volunteers so that we can provide ethics classes for all the families who have requested it for their children.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a two day workshop and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and must be available at 9:20-10:00am and/or 10:00-10:40am each Friday.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topic such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) and/or contact the current ethics teacher Dr Jacqui Greig at email: [jcgreig@gmail.com](mailto:jcgreig@gmail.com)



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### CANTEEN

Nearly half way through Term 1 already so we thought it might be timely for a few reminders concerning lunch orders...

1. Discuss with your children beforehand what you have ordered them for the day so they are reassured what to expect.
2. Soy sauce comes standard with all sushi orders so no need to order as an additional item.
3. Over the counter orders for drinks need to be written on separate bags from food items.
4. If ordering a birthday bucket please check beforehand with your child's teacher what time they would like it delivered.
5. If your child forgets their lunch or you have forgotten to place a Flexischools order for them, an invoice for the lunch provided will be sent home so please look out for it and prompt payment of the outstanding amount would be appreciated.

Rostered this week are:

#### FRIDAY 28 FEB (SHELLEY)

- 1) HEIDI DICKSON
- 2) NARELLE DEARDEN

#### MONDAY 2 MAR (TRUDI)

- 1) DANIELLE VASSALLO

#### WEDNESDAY 4 MAR (TRUDI)

- 1) HELEN RALPH

#### FRIDAY 6 MAR (SHELLEY)

- 1) SARAH MELLON
- 2) NIKKI PATTEN-DILLURY

Shelley & Trudi  
[duralcanteennews@gmail.com](mailto:duralcanteennews@gmail.com)



We've had such busy week at OOSH. Last Friday we celebrated International Mother Language Day and the kindergarten students treated us to a lovely rendition of the Torres Strait Island song 'Taba Naba'.

This week we've been looking at different animal habitats - we've created a glow in the dark bat cave, swinging monkeys and a colourful pipe cleaner coral reef. Today is International Polar Bear Day and we are going arctic!

We are currently planning our April school holidays and will have some information next week. As we are at capacity we are expecting a busy vacation care so make sure you get in early and take advantage of the early bird offers.



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## Open Day

SATURDAY 7 MARCH | 11AM - 3PM

Open Day is a wonderful opportunity to experience a day in the life of Loreto Normanhurst

Highlights include the Principal's presentation, tours of the school, classroom demonstrations, student music & drama performances, cake & food stalls in the gardens, BBQ, animal farm, train rides & more...

91-93 Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst  
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**ST BENEDICT'S ANNUAL FETE**

10th March, 2019  
9 Fagan Road, Arcadia 10 am - 3 pm

RIDES • ANIMAL FARM  
FACE PAINTING  
FOOD • BBQ  
CHOCOLATE WHEEL • FAIRY FLOSS  
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**Galston Uniting Church**  
11 School Rd, Galston  
Ph. 9653 2039  
0413 245 986

**Star Wars**  
*May the force be with you*  
Friday 28th February, 2020  
5:00 - 6:30pm

All kids Kinder to Year 6 are welcome      Cost \$5

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## Hillside Church

Sunday 10am

Galston Public School Hall  
School Road, Galston

## KIDS ALIVE!

Primary age program combining sports, craft and a bible-based message.

For more information contact Meri Byrne  
0414487264

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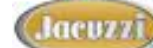
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