

DURAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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4th February 2021 ~ TERM 1, WEEK 2

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FRI 5 FEB

MON 8 FEB

TUE 9 FEB

WED 10 FEB

K-6 Sport Sports Uniform

THU 11 FEB

FRI 12 FEB

K-6 Sport Sports Uniform Book Club Orders Due

REMINDER

Please
wash
hands and
sanitise at
all times!

Principal's Report ~ Milly Stone

Welcome to 2021

I trust everyone had a safe and much-needed holiday after last year. 2021 is going to be a fantastic year! I would like to welcome back all the families of Dural and especially the new families who have joined us this year. Dural prides itself on being a very welcoming and inclusive community. Dural Public School is a wonderfully engaging learning environment with a very supportive staff and parent community.

On Friday, the students were placed in their classes for 2021. At the end of 2020, staff and Assistant Principals spent many hours and days entering academic, social, emotional and behavioural data about all the students. Classes are formed fairly and students are not assigned to teachers, teachers are assigned to classes. Please be aware that students will not be moved from their allocated class under any circumstance. Your support and understanding are 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 2021.

Staff and Classes for 2021

Class Teachers

KC	Miss Cassie McElroy	KN	Mrs Jodie Norrish
1A	Mrs Amy Anderson	1H	Miss Caitlin Hainke

2PS Mrs Sarah Peterson (M. T. W.) Mrs Jenniene Spall (Th. F)

2R Miss Hannah Rosolen

3C Mr David Cowell 3F Mr Justin Field

4E Mrs Elen Moore (M.T.W.Th.) Mrs Samantha Ellis (Friday)

4S Miss Sophie Fisher

5BMrs Salli-Anne Barhon5DMrs Margie Dwyer5FMiss Kate Fitzgerald6AMiss Susie Airey6HMrs Sabina Heinrichson6SMr Thomas Smith

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 Mrs Salli-Anne Barhon (Relieving AP)

Stage 3 Mrs Sabina Heinrichson Instructional Leader Miss Jessica Ridley

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.

Congratulations to Mrs Amy Anderson and Miss Hannah Rosolen who have been appointed as permanent members of staff. We also welcome Miss Kate Fitzgerald and Mr Thomas Smith to Dural Public School. Mrs Annabelle Lee is on leave for 2021.

Sports Uniforms

Sports uniforms are to be worn every Wednesday and Friday by all students.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

Thursday 11 February

5.00pm 5B

Tuesday 16 February

4.00pm Years 1 and 2 4.30pm Year 3 5.00pm Year 4

Wednesday 17 February

4.00pm Kindergarten 4.30pm Year 5 5.00pm Year 6

Statement of Accounts (formerly referred to as Invoices)

This year we are doing things a little differently. Permission notes and a Stage Cover Note listing all activities and excursions for the term, as well as a due date for payment, will be published on the school website at the beginning of each term and a Statement of Account will be sent home. You will receive the Term 1 Statement of Account shortly advising you of any debit or credit balance remaining from 2020 as well as the Term 1 amount payable. Prompt payment is appreciated. If payment is not received by that due date then your child/children will not be attending the additional activities or excursions. Permission notes need to be printed from the school website, signed and returned to the school office before the due date.

NUT FREE SCHOOL - IMPORTANT

We have a no nut policy to protect students with severe allergies. We ask parents to NOT pack peanuts, peanut products or tree nuts in lunch boxes. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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 parents are not here by this time, the office will contact parents. 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 buses. Children need to leave their classrooms 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. Parents need to go to the Opal website to order and obtain Opal Cards. It is a good idea to write your child's name on their Opal card in case of loss.

Dural APP

Please ensure that you upload the Dural App onto your phones. The Dural App, ClassDojo, 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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Dear parents and carers,

As we all know, 2020 was a tough year.

This is particularly so for our students and teachers who rose to the challenges in a disrupted year that included seven weeks of remote learning due to COVID-19.

For our students, this has been an unsettling time.

The government and department have recognised this with the announcement of a \$337 million program aimed at ensuring that schools can identify students who would benefit the most from intensive support. This will be tailored to their requirements to ensure that students' educational outcomes continue to improve in 2021. Our school-based funding allocation allows for support two days a week.

The 2021 COVID intensive learning support program will provide small group tuition for students who need it most across NSW primary, secondary and specialist schools.

All public schools across the state will benefit with an allocation to employ additional teachers and educators to support student learning. At Dural Public School Miss Ridley will be implementing this program two days a week in addition to her role as Instructional Leader, focusing on supporting our teachers and students in the classroom.

Our school Executive Team have started planning for the implementation of small group tuition program in our school. The Department of Education has provided schools with the options to run these programs before, during and after schools. At Dural Public School this program will be conducted **during school hours**. Although we will be focusing on literacy and numeracy, we are considering a number of subject areas.

The COVID intensive learning support program is for the full year. Schools are supported in using class, grade and school based assessments, as well as teacher input, to identify students for the program. Miss Ridley will work in partnership with classroom teachers to provide high quality literacy, numeracy or subject specific support.

We will keep you updated on the implementation of this program. In the meantime the <u>department's website</u> has more information on this high-quality literacy, numeracy or specific subject area in small group tuition program.

Ms Stone



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SAVE THE DATE -

Second hand uniform sale.
Tuesday 16th February 2-4pm
Outside the uniform shop.
3 items for \$10 excluding jackets and dresses.

Stay tuned for more details next week.

Thank you Dural P and C

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.

Beecroft Zone Boys and Girls Tennis Trial

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

Students must be strong players who can serve, play sets and understand scoring.

The Zone Convenor is not asking for nominations from average or above average players or those who just take tennis lessons.

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



The Department of Education still requires you to use our existing sign in processes in addition to the NSW Services Safe Check In app. The Dural QR sign is aligned with the Department's existing sign-in processes with our digital visitor's logbook to be used to keep a record of school visitors for safety reasons, such as in the event of emergency procedures. The NSW Services Check in app is for contact tracing purposes. Please ensure you sign in using BOTH QRs.



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Bev Moore - Librarian

PSSA, Knock Out and Gala Day Selections

Dear Parents,

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

NSWPSSA Knock-Out Policy:

The school policy has always been for K.O. competition the 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 <u>EXCLUSIVELY</u> **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.

Zone/Area Trials Policy:

Students nominate themselves and are then assessed against the criteria outlined by the trial convenor. This may involve a physical trial at school to ensure we only send elite level students with some of the more popular sports. This is outlined in more detail later in this document.

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 as well.

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 NSWPSSA 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 NSWPSSA 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 100m times: Junior (8, 9 and 10), Senior (11, 12 and 13).

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.



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 in 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 <u>elite sporting ability</u>. 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, for example, 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. For Example, at the Zone Cricket Trials everyone must bring a brandnew 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, sport club, years of playing experience, transport arrangements 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. This note has to be taken to the trial and given to the convenor.

Ms Milly Stone Mr Justin Field Principal Sports Coordinator



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CANTEEN

WELCOME BACK to Term 1, 2021!!!

I am looking forward to meeting all the new kindy kids and talking to them about what they can get for 50c, with change!!!

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Parents new to the school, canteen lunch orders are done via the Flexischools app. Please see below for instructions on how to use Flexischools.

You will find an updated canteen menu attached with this email. Please note there have been a few price changes.

Super excited to have all our new Canteen Monitors working in the canteen this term.

Fri. 5th Feb: Blake B & Cooper M (6A) Mon. 8th Feb: Cooper M (6S) & Cooper K Wed. 10th Feb: Eric W & Terrance F Fri. 12th Feb: Stephanie L & Claire L

Parent Helpers:

Friday 5th Feb: Monique Damon & Cassy

Billingsley

Monday 8th Feb: Nikki Hokin

Wednesday 10th Feb: Lisa Schilling &

Belinda Whittaker

Friday 12th February: Maria Giuffre &

Diem Moussa

This term's roster is also attached to the email - Could I please have a volunteer for Monday 22nd March.

Thanks, Clancy.



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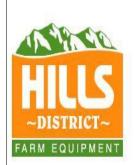
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