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25th February 2021 ~ TERM 1, WEEK 5

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FRI 26 FEB

K-6 Sport
Sports Uniform
Scripture
Begins

MON 1 MAR

P&C AGM
7.30pm in
Library

TUE 2 MAR

WED 3 MAR

K-6 Sport
Sports Uniform
Zone
Swimming
Carnival

THU 4 MAR

FRI 5 MAR

K-6 Sport
Sports Uniform

REMINDER

**Please
wash
hands and
sanitise at
all times!**

Principal's Report ~ Milly Stone

Strategic Improvement Plan

This was formerly known as the School Plan. The school is currently developing a school plan for the next four years. School staff have looked at various forms of data and other evidence from students, staff and the community to design a plan to enhance individual learning outcomes for our students. I am sure that you would agree, our focus will be on delivering quality teaching and learning while promoting high expectations. For all NSW schools the plan will also include set Department of Education expected targets for NAPLAN growth for the school and a better attendance rate for students. The school plan will be published and come into effect in Term 2.

Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday, we held our Annual Swimming Carnival at Epping Aquatic Centre. Mr. Field organised a fantastic program and the day was an outstanding success. All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons were handed out on the day. Trophies will be presented at Monday Morning Assembly. Mr Field will meet with those successful students today who are going to the Zone Swimming Carnival. This will be held on Wednesday 3 March at Homebush.

Scripture Classes

Scripture classes will start this Friday. We are grateful to the volunteers available to deliver these services to our students upon parent consent. Please understand that coordinating class placements during this time and catering for non-scripture students is problematic. We thank you for your understanding.

Custody Orders

If your child is covered by parenting (plan) agreements or consent (custody) orders can you please provide an updated copy to the school office as soon as possible?

Parent and Teacher Meeting – Weeks 9 and 10

At the end of next week you will receive information inviting all parents/carers to book an interview time to meet with their child's teacher, between 22 March-1 April (in school weeks 9-10). This meeting is a two-way meeting for the sharing of information from not only the teacher but parents/carers too. By holding these meetings it will reveal information and direction which will benefit your child's learning progress at Dural Public School. Meeting times will vary from teacher to teacher depending on their availability.



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The Dural Diamonds

Respect Responsibility Success

Congratulations

to our Diamond Pin Students

BLUE		RED		GREEN	
Joshua H	3F	Blair K	3F	Claire L	6H
PINK		ORANGE		YELLOW	
Archer C	3F			Hazel C-W	3F
WHITE		DOUBLE BLUE		DOUBLE RED	
Cian C	5D				
Angelo C	5D				
DOUBLE GREEN		DOUBLE PINK			

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.

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

Sydney North Area Girls Cricket Trial

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

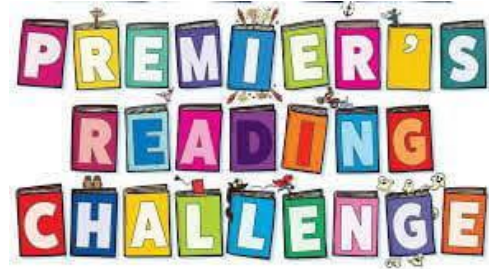
The Sydney North Convenor is not asking for nominations from average or above average players.

Beecroft Diving Trial

The Zone Convenor is 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.

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

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



The 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge is open to students from 1st March! The children are already borrowing and reading books for the challenge in the Library and in Kindergarten and Year 1 classrooms.

Books can be entered online at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> by using your child's school user name and password to login. Students will also be able to enter books by going to their Student Portal and clicking on the Premier's Reading Challenge icon. Alternatively, if you have no access to the internet, a form is available at the library and books can be written in and, when complete, can be handed to Mrs Moore or Mrs Phillips in the Library.

Kindergarten and Year 1 students are required to read 30 books. These books can be read to them by the teacher, parents, carers, grandparents etc.

Yrs 2-6 students are required to read 20 books. Only three books can be read from a series.

All students are encouraged to complete the Challenge. If your child requires extra help with reading please let us know. We are able to help in a variety of ways so that they do not miss out or feel pressured. **Reading should be FUN!**





Learning and Teaching at DPS

Mathematics in real life

Have you checked out the new Everyday Maths Hub available on the NSW Department of Education's website?

It is designed to help parents build meaningful conversations about maths in everyday life with your children.

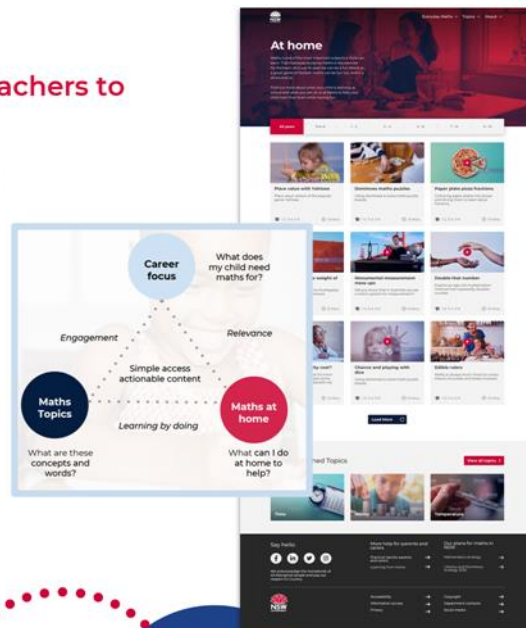
NSW Department of Education

Everyday Maths Hub

Designed by department mathematics teachers to engage, inform and inspire

The Hub aims to help parents and carers trigger positive engagement and conversations with their children about mathematics through everyday activities:

- **easy explainers** to remind parents and carers of key mathematics topics
- **fun and useful resources** to help engage with their child in using mathematics outside of school, for example, at home and hobbies
- **guidance on careers** where mathematics is important and valuable (next release)
- **personalisation** filter by year group, topics and scenarios.



Key benefits

Parents, carers and teachers

For parents and carers:

- Helps parents and carers to see mathematics in their everyday lives
- Helps support a positive mindset towards mathematics
- Helps build parents and carers' confidence in talking with their child about mathematics in everyday life, through books, videos, games and activities
- A 'go-to-place' to help provide resources and information parents and carers can use to explore (and play with) mathematical skills and ideas
- Easily accessible across devices – anytime, anywhere



You can check out the Everyday Maths Hub here:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/mathematics/domain>

Or you can access it through the link on our school website here:

<https://dural-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/doe/sws/schools/d/dural-p/www/news/2020/10/math-trains-brains-for-the-future.html>



Learning and Teaching at DPS Technology Updates 2021



At Dural Public School we are thankful for our wonderful P&C who help Dural students thrive and succeed! Thank you to the P&C who generously bought 30 new laptops this year for our students. These laptops have been distributed between Stage 3 and Stage 1 students.



Year 1 students using their new laptops! IA practised signing into their school accounts and typing sentences on Microsoft Word!

Year 5 students using their new laptops to create presentations on Google Slides.



At Dural we strive to integrate technology meaningfully into key learning areas.



Year 4 using the laptops for their history presentations.

We have been building our technology resources over the last few years and we now have 15 laptops for each Year 5 and 6 class, 15 for Year 3 classes to share, 15 for Year 4 to share and 10 per grade in Years 1 and 2. That's 90 laptops in Stage 3, 30 laptops in Stage 2 and 20 laptops in Stage 1! Our Kindergarten classes have a set of 10 iPads for each class. This is in addition to the 30 desktops in the library, 30 laptops for classes to book in and over 100 iPads distributed across the school. In 2019 the Department of Education reported that public schools across NSW have an average of 1 device (*laptop or tablet*) for every 4 children. At Dural Public School our ratio is almost 1:2 (*1 laptop per every two students*). Our next technology goal is to replenish our aging iPad fleet and continue to rollover the older laptop models to newer models, as well as build our teacher laptop capacity.

We thank the P&C for supplementing our technology resources to ensure our students are able to strive for success in an ever-evolving digital world.

Miss Ridley
Technology Coordinator

Interested in learning more about Digital Citizenship tools to support your child navigating the use of technology? Check out the Digital Citizenship resources from the NSW Department of Education here: <https://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/parents-articles>

THE STUDENT ~NEWS~

By Alice Halbert

Welcome back to another edition of The Student News. We have been so lucky to gain a number of new teachers and a few familiar faces on class this year. We also welcomed students from Kindy, Year 5 OC and other new families into the school.

This week you have a chance to hear about how the annual swimming carnival went. I'm sure you've seen a few photos already.

On Tuesday, Dural had their annual swimming carnival at the Epping Aquatic Center.

Students from years 2 - 6 had a fun time competing in various swimming events. A huge thank you to Mr Field and the teachers who went as well as the 2021 house captains who participated and showed encouragement for the students in their houses. We can't wait for next year!

A massive welcome to the new teachers on class this year. There is:

Year 2: Miss Rosolen, Mrs Peterson and Mrs Spall

Year 4: Mrs Ellis

Year 5: Miss Fitzgerald

Year 6: Mr Smith

We are all very excited to have you join us at Dural and can't wait to see how the rest of the year goes.



The leadership team have also had the privilege of getting to know some of the new kindergarteners at lunchtimes lately. We have really been enjoying spending time with them and hope that they have too.

*I hope that you enjoyed
~ this week's edition ~*



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CANTEEN

The new PSSA ordering system is up and running through Flexischools. Please note PSSA lunch can only be order via Flexischools - No over the counter orders for PSSA students. Please see full details on the following page for ordering instructions.

Upcoming Canteen Monitors:

Friday 26th February: Terrance F & Claire L

Monday 1st March: Stephanie L & Elaine L

Wednesday 3rd March: Sienna P & Abby W

Friday 5th March: Michelle W & Isabella J

Upcoming Helpers:

Friday 26th February: Linda Sammut & Lisa Schilling

Monday 1st March: Michelle Cuthbert

Wednesday 3rd March: Ashlea Cassidy & Kimberley Rubbo

Friday 5th March: Sarah Mellon & Nikki Patten-Dillury

Thank you to our volunteers and canteen monitors!!!!!!

Thanks, Clancy.



This week at OOSH has been amazing. We have hired a new casual worker her named is Miss Jen and we are so excited to have her on-board.

It's been a very hands on week at OOSH as we have made origami and DIY playdough. The children had so much fun getting their hands messy with the playdough.



Friday PSSA Ordering Process

A new ordering system has been set up on Flexischools for those children who are participating in Friday PSSA and would still like to order lunch from the canteen. **PSSA students can only order lunch via Flexischools. No over the counter orders will be accepted.**

As each stage leaves school and arrives back at school at different times it is essential that the correct stage is selected when ordering. Doing so will ensure your child's lunch will be served at the correct time.

STAGE 2 – Grades 3 & 4

STAGE 3 – Grades 5 & 6

The order process is the same as the normal lunch order process, however, you will notice that the menu options are less. This is to ensure that all meals are made and prepared for PSSA children with enough time and with ease for the children to eat quickly.

As you can see below, there are now four options for lunch service:

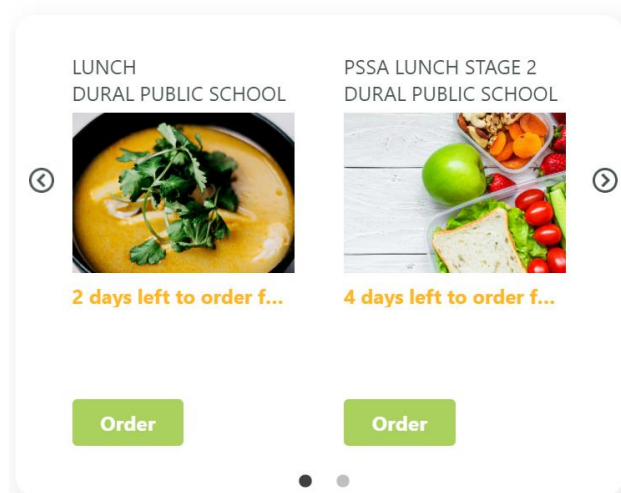
LUNCH – Normal lunch day. Lunches will be sent to the classroom at 1pm.

PSSA LUNCH STAGE 2 – This is for grades 3 & 4 who are attending PSSA. Children will collect their lunch order from the canteen when they arrive back at school - Approximately 1:30pm

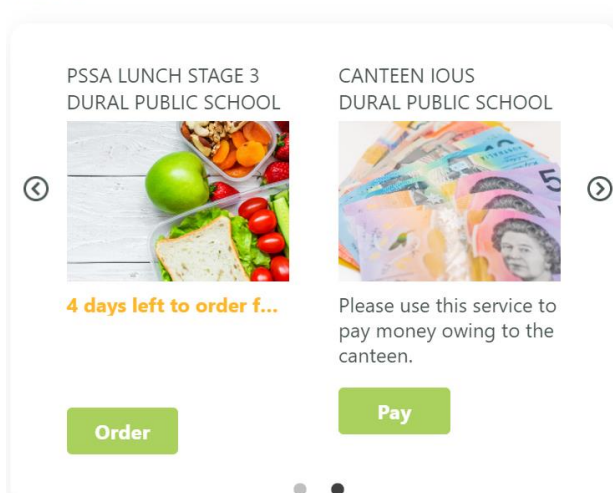
PSSA LUNCH STAGE 3 – This is for grades 5 & 6 who are attending PSSA. Children will collect their lunch order from the canteen before leaving for sport - Approximately 12:45pm

CANTEEN IOUs – This is used to pay money owing to the canteen for lunches OR to pay for birthday buckets as directed by the canteen.

Food



Food



I understand that these changes can be frustrating, but it is for the benefit on the children.

If you have any queries, please contact me on duralcanteennews@gmail.com

Thanks,

Clancy



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Pool Party

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5:00 – 6:30pm

All kids Kinder to Year 6 are welcome Fridays 5:00-6:30pm Cost \$5



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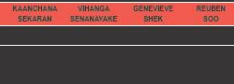
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YVANKA BENINAYAKE

GENEVIEVE SHEK

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The outstanding achievements of Cherrybrook Technology High School's 2020 Year 12 HSC students

- 5 students with an ATAR greater than 99
- 50 students scored an ATAR greater than 90
- 3 students ranked in the top 10 places in the state in 3 separate courses of study including Andrew Malcom, first in Mathematics Standard 2
- 2 students selected for a Major Exhibition by NESA
- Commonwealth Bank Award recipient Yvonne Huang with an ATAR of 99.85
- Cherrybrook P&C Award recipient Reuben Soo with an ATAR of 99.55

Join us for our Virtual Open Night to learn more about Cherrybrook Technology High School's success at our Year 6 into 7 Information Evening - Microsoft Teams Event, Tuesday 2nd March at 6:00pm. No account is needed and access will be available via link below.

To access the live event use the following link <https://link.officeapps.microsoft.com/open2021>
Only available in Edge or Chrome. Access to the link will be available 15 minutes prior to the event start time.

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