

DURAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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TUES 30 NOV Kindy Orientation 2

THU 16 DEC

Last Day of Term 4

FRI 17 DEC Staff Development Day

Principal's Report ~ Milly Stone

We have had a very busy week at Dural this week.

Monday

We had our lovely Kindergarten students for 2022 on site. The parents were amazing in dropping the children off at the school hall and then returning to collect them. I want to thank the parents for following the strict COVID rules and procedures.

The children had a wonderful morning and there was much laughter and engagement in the Kindergarten rooms. The smiles on their faces when they greeted their parents said it all. I can't wait till we have them here one more time next Tuesday before they begin their learning journey at Dural Public School in 2022.

Tuesday

All the children in K-6 watched a Library performance called 'Bigger, Better, Brighter". It was a live stream performance. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show and were certainly very engaged and participated enthusiastically.

Thursday

Today Year 6 are experiencing 'Motiv8'. I have been watching them and they are having the best time ever. They are certainly being competitive and tying many new activities. This will certainly make a great Year 6 memory.

Friday

All the students K-6 will be listening to the speeches for the Sports Captain and Vice Captains for 2022. All children will be voting, and I will be able to tell the children later in the day who were successful. Captains and Vice Captains will be announced at our Stage Annual Presentation Assemblies. These assemblies are for students only as these are the COVID guidelines that are in force regarding end of year assemblies. We are currently working on structures to ensure COVID safe procedures are still in place to allow the assemblies to proceed in some form.

COVID Restrictions

Now that we are towards the end of Week 8 of an 11 Week Term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you – the parent/Carers/community – for your understanding and support of the many COVID restrictions that are currently in place. Whilst some restrictions have eased, most of these do not affect the Department of Education sites.

Term 4 Invoices

Thank you to those parents/carers who have already returned notes and made their payment via POP. No cash can be accepted due to COVID. Please remember that notes and payment must reach the office by Tuesday 30th November as all vendors require payment well before the activity dates.

CONGRATULATIONS

Collin H from 6H has published a book called 'Shadow World'. What an amazing achievement! We have 2 copies available in our school library for children to borrow.



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The Dural Diamonds

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Congratulations

to our Diamond Pin Students

BLUE		RED		GREEN	
Jesse S	KC	Jack M	1A	Hannah C 11	H
Kaiden B	KN	Ashton H	1H		
William T	KN	Stephanie X	5B		
Natania B	KN				
Zach B	KN				
Evie F	KN				
Hongye L	KN				
Mekaeel K	5B				
Dominic R	KC				
Ava R	5F				
PINK		ORANGE		YELLOW	
WHITE		DOUBLE BLUE		DOUBLE RED	
Claire L	6H				
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LIBRARY UPDATE

Just a reminder. If your child has not received their Premier's Reading Certificate as yet, they are probably waiting for a Gold or Platinum certificate. Students who have completed 4 challenges receive a gold certificate while students who complete 7 challenges will receive a platinum certificate.

Borrowing has now finished in the Library to give us time to sort shelves and chase any overdues. Please have a good look around your home and send back any Library books and Library owned bags. These have a tag attached. Thank you,

Mrs Macqueen and Mrs Phillips



NEW KINDERGARTEN 2022 HUB

Is your child starting Kindergarten next year? Check out our new Kindergarten transition hub:

https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/dps-kindergarten-2022/home

Miss Jessica Ridley

Assistant Principal and Instructional Leader





Please remember to book early for our OOSH Holiday program. Places are filling fast.

Rachel Foad **Nominated Supervisor** Jigsaw OOSH Dural p: 0477 720 237

Past Pres. Evan Gibbons NWPS

ZONE PSSA

BEECROFT



Memorandum to all members.

I refer to the following motion that was unanimously carried at the Annual General Meeting on Monday 15 November. Please see below:

Motion to label Friday competition as Beecroft Zone Interschool Sport with the following sports to be convened in 2022.

- Summer Stage 3 Softball & League Tag.
- Summer Stage 2 Tee-Ball & League Tag.
- Winter Stage 3 Small Sided Soccer & Netball.
- Winter Stage 2 Small Sided Soccer & Netball.

The abolishment of graded and mixed competitions. A separate competition for girls and a separate competition for boys will be convened for each available sport with each given an equal amount of playing time.

I would like to take some time to explain the changes and the reasoning behind this new competition structure. Friday competitions are not affiliated with NSW PSSA. Unfortunately, there has been an increase in correspondence with NSW PSSA based upon Friday sporting competitions between schools. In order to clarify this misunderstanding, the NSW PSSA has asked individual zones to rename their weekly competitions. Therefore, our Friday sport will now be referred to as Beecroft Zone Interschool Sport not PSSA Sport. We ask that you assist your communities in understanding this change. Any correspondence regarding the Friday competitions should be directed to the school/s involved rather than NSW PSSA.

Stage 2 competitions have been primarily introduced over the past 3 years to expose more students to opportunity and develop a pathway of improved skill acquisition. Unfortunately, the Auskick program had become increasingly difficult to staff due to the complex nature of the game. Support from AFL NSW has also reduced. The decision was made to align all sports between stages 2 and 3 and as a result, Auskick will no longer be available. I encourage schools with a strong history of participation in Australian Football to engage with AFL NSW in supporting the school through clinics/workshops and take advantage of the opportunity to be involved in the Paul Kelly Cup and NSW PSSA Knockout Australian Football Competitions.

Graded competitions have great time constraints placed upon them. Travel time between venues have also added another time pressure. In my experience, "A" teams have been afforded more playing time when compared to "B" teams. It is my view that as an association, we must ensure that equal playing time will be afforded to all of our students. The introduction of a girls and boys competition for all sports will ensure equal playing time for all involved. We look forward to a girls football competition and a boys netball competition. The ever-growing rise in girls playing football has helped prompt this change. Our inaugural Netball Gala Day saw large numbers of boys take to the courts and demonstrate outstanding athleticism and determination. I feel confident that with continued support from our wonderful educators, these sports will flourish under the new competition structure.

The Beecroft Zone PSSA looks forward to these exciting new changes and warmly invites all member schools to take up these opportunities in 2022.

Kind regards,

Mr E. Gibbons.

Past President & Life Member.

BEECROFT ZONE PSSA REPRESENTED BY: Annangrove PS, Arcadia PS, Beecroft PS, Cherrybrook PS, Dural PS, Galston PS, Glenorie PS, Hillside PS, Epping PS, Epping Heights PS, Epping North PS, Epping West PS, John Purchase PS, Middle Dural PS, Normanhurst PS, Normanhurst West PS, Oakhill Drive PS, Pennant Hills PS, Roselea PS, Thornleigh West PS & West Pennant Hills PS.

The Student

~News~

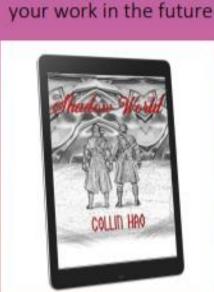
By Alice Halbert, Callum Lee, Misha Hossain and Jacob Littler

Welcome back to this week's edition of The Student News! Read on this week to hear about the Kindergarten Orientation on Monday and how Collin H from 6H in now a published author.

We hope you enjoy!

6H student, Collin H has recently written and published a 132 page book called Shadow World. He donated a copy to our library for students to borrow and is also selling signed copies for \$14.99. It has an amazing cover design and is in the fantasy genre.

Congratulations Collin on this phenomenal achievement! We hope you continue writing and that we can see some more of your work in the future!



On Monday the Kindergarten students of 2022 had their first orientation. It was so wonderful, with all the uncertainty, that this was able to go ahead and we were able to welcome them to Dural Public in a safe way. They had the chance to get to know some of their new classmates and see some of the classrooms.

A huge thank you to Mrs
Anderson and the other
teachers for organising such a
wonderful morning.

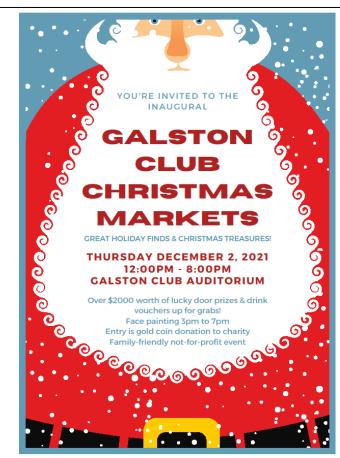
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~ week's edition ~



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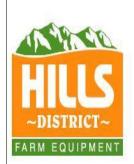
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