**Swimming Carnival:** This year we will be combining with not only Hillside PS but also Annangrove PS in our annual swimming carnival on **Friday 22nd February**. As you know this event will be held at Galston Aquatic Centre. Parents are requested to take their child directly to the pool by **9.15** and pick them up from the pool at **2pm**. Of course parents are always welcome, and indeed encouraged, to stay and cheer their children on! We would like to see as many of our students attending as possible. Please remember it is a school day and as such attendance is expected. Kindy students who are unable to swim may stay home on that day if they bring a note before Friday to inform us.

**Welcome:** We welcome a new pupil to the K/1/2 classroom today. Gabrielle is a lovely, cheerful and polite student who already appears to have made many friends at this school. We hope both Gabrielle and her parents will share many happy times at this school.

**Assemblies:** Thank you to our Yr 6 captains and leaders for the smooth running of our first assembly for the year. Particularly well done to all students for such control in maintaining your expected behaviours. We are very proud of you all. It was great to see a number of parents and siblings coming along to view our students' efforts.

**Opera House Recorders:** Mrs McLennan will be off to a recorder in-service at the Conservatorium of Music in Sydney tomorrow in preparation for recorder lessons. She will come back with a wealth of information to guide our primary class. Mrs Mackay will be teaching Yrs 3-6 in her absence.

**Principals’ Meeting:** I will be attending a Small Schools’ Principals’ meeting tomorrow (after first settling our students in to Scripture.) This is one of the most relevant and worthwhile meetings that I am asked to attend, also ensuring a strong partnership between our small schools in this region.

**Clean Up Australia Day:** Each year our school does their bit to help keep Australia beautiful. We have a good clean up of our grounds and the immediate area surrounding our school. As such, students are asked to come prepared with disposable gloves/ garden gloves so that they can all participate in the clean up .... Followed by a treat!

**Helping Hands Morning Tea:** Don’t forget to be a part of this fun morning at our school where you can meet with other parents and assist our school at the same time.

**Photos:** If anyone has any 2012 photos of events throughout the year that they are willing to share, we would be most grateful if they could be brought in on a USB. Although we have some it is great to get another perspective and time does not always allow for us to take these.
Swimming Carnival
2013

Students will be meeting at the pool on Friday 22nd February to participate in our annual swimming carnival.

The cost is $4 per student. We ask this to be paid to the school prior to the event to allow for a school cheque to be made out.

Please remember to pack lunch and recess (no glass containers), towel and underwear!

If there is a problem with transport please contact your child’s teacher or the office before Friday.

Days to note:
Wednesdays = Scripture
Thursdays = Library day and assembly every 2nd week
Friday = Sports day and Canteen day

Kitchen / Garden Program:
We have a watermelon growing!!!
Very exciting! Our gardens are looking good as peer group 1 are responsible for the upkeep of our gardens this week.

Our students made Fruit Sticks last week under the helpful guidance of Mrs Maait. Thank you to both Jennifer and Alecia for your interest and efforts in this area.

Our P&C will be meeting on Monday 11th March at 7:15pm in the school library.
These meetings are short, fun and best of all .....

PRODUCTIVE!!!
We would love you to join us to help keep this school the amazing place it is and to ensure your children gain the benefits that previous years have been able to experience through the many efforts of P&C participation and guidance.

We have found that enormous tasks have fallen on but a few. It’s time we all shared the load a little.

Why not come along to be a voice to be heard. Share your thoughts. Maybe offer some assistance in some small way. We would really enjoy your company.

Our P&C will be meeting on Monday 11th March at 7:15pm in the school library.
These meetings are short, fun and best of all .....

PRODUCTIVE!!!
We would love you to join us to help keep this school the amazing place it is and to ensure your children gain the benefits that previous years have been able to experience through the many efforts of P&C participation and guidance.

We have found that enormous tasks have fallen on but a few. It’s time we all shared the load a little.

Why not come along to be a voice to be heard. Share your thoughts. Maybe offer some assistance in some small way. We would really enjoy your company.

Heard in the Kindy room!
Studying an artist who is no longer living lead to a comment about the circle of life and time passing as he was quite old. A Kindy’s very matter of fact response...
“Oh yes my Dad’s nearly dead; he has cracks on his heals!!

A small reminder to parents that if you have any concerns at all regarding your child, their work or an issue with another child in the school, we ask that you please speak to the class teacher to clarify the situation. Sometimes things are not quite as they seem.

Do remember that in a small school, teachers are extremely busy, covering anything from 2 to 4 duties a day as well as preparation and marking. It may be, therefore, better to make an appointment to ensure satisfaction all round.

Ann Mills
Relieving Principal
Middle Dural PS