Leaving the sunny climates of Greece, France and England to return to beautiful Australia in Springtime should have been a delight, and indeed it was until.....

**Nesting Plovers!!! Started** making life in the K/1/2 classroom rather difficult. We have tried all avenues to get assistance to relocate the nesting pair, only to be told that they are a protected species and as such nothing can be done. Hence we remain vigilant armed with broomsticks and walking as a group to and from the classroom.... Just for those wondering, a broomstick is not my usual mode of transport!

**Middle Dural Minis:** Yesterday saw the commencement of our playgroup program to bring local mums together with their babies and toddlers as a means to provide community support, guidance and connectedness. This is a wonderful way to ensure development in areas such as language and social skills for young people as well as developing friendships among parents. If you know of someone in the area who you feel may like to join this group, do share these details with them. Middle Dural Minis meet every Monday from 9am to 11am in or around the school library.

**Cool Kids Music:** Wow! More than 50% of students have decided to take up music tuition with “Cool Kids Music” having their first lesson last week. Lessons are held in the school library each Tuesday after lunch. Delighted to see so many students involved and hope they realize just how fortunate they are to be a part of this program. We thank “Cool Kids” for their interest and professionalism.

**Kindergarten Orientation Morning:** Our orientation morning for 2015 will be held in the school library this Thursday at 9:30. After a short introduction to our new parents, I will be escorting the new Kindy students to the K/1/2 classroom to participate in classroom activities for the remainder of the morning session until recess. It is hoped we will also be joined by our 2 new students in Yrs 1 and 2 who are due to start at our school next Monday, giving them an opportunity to meet some of their peers and get a feel for our school.

**School Planning:** I will be attending a meeting on Monday at 2pm at Arcadia PS working alongside the local Principals in our Galston Community of Schools to develop and align a portion of our new school plan.

**General Permission to Publish:** With the advancements in technology and use of social media, the Department of Education and Communities have introduced a new general permission to publish form. It is very important that you carefully read and complete this form, returning it to school as soon as possible.

**Milo Cricket:** This Friday will see the commencement of a 4 week cricket skills clinic for all students. Blue notes were sent home yesterday.

**Drip Drop Splash:** Last Friday we had a representative from the Environment section of Hornsby Council deliver a talk and demonstrated the effects of environmental pollution on our waterways. This was well received by students and has stimulated much class discussion.
Chatting with Year 6...
Bus duty is a wonderful opportunity for a casual chat with students. Chatting with Nelson last week, I was delighted to discover his interest in golf. Nelson plays golf with his brothers fairly regularly as well as enjoying artistic pursuits. Great to find him being active and involved in extra-curricular activities.

New Enrolments
2015

If you have a young child ready to start school next year, or know of someone wishing to start, please encourage them to come along and visit our school.

Sometimes we need someone to simply be there.

Not to say anything or fix anything, but to let us know they’re on our side, and that they care for us.

Our P&C will be meeting on
Tuesday 11th November at 7:00pm
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.

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
Principal
Middle Dural PS