A very warm welcome to Evangeline in Yr 2 and Eden in Yr 1. These lovely young ladies have very quickly settled into our school setting, making new friends along the way.

**Middle Dural Minis:** Its wonderful to see the increasing response to this playgroup program. This is a very important first step in a child’s education and an amazing support for parents of young toddlers and babies. We especially thank Michelle for her organizational skills and dedication in ensuring a structured and friendly program is offered to the participants. Michelle has a wealth of experience and knowledge in this area... so we all get to benefit! Thank you so much Michelle. 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.

**Kindergarten Orientation Morning:** Our orientation morning for new students took place with two of our kindy students in attendance and our two lovely new enrolments in Yrs 1&2. It was a fun morning and I thank Mrs Moss for her extra assistance here and of course our wonderful group of parents who are always prepared to step up and make our visitors welcome.

**School Planning:** Mrs McLennan and I will be attending another community of schools meeting around the new school planning to be implemented next year. This meeting will be today from 9:00am—1:00pm. Mrs Mackay and Mrs Urio will be relieving in our positions.

**General Permission to Publish:** Please make sure this very important note has been returned to school... along with our OOSH survey!

**Milo Cricket Clinic:** Our students have been enjoying the skills and drills involved with their introduction to cricket. Speaking with “Nick”, our instructor, I believe we have a number of students with some impressive skills.... Particularly in the K/1/2 class. Great work kids! Keep it up! ... and maybe a special mention to Mrs Urio for all of her efforts in PE activities this year...Seems to be paying off.

**Leadership Follow-Up Day:** Once again our captains have been invited to attend AMF Bowling this Friday as a follow-up to their leadership day held at Vision Valley in February. A great opportunity to mix with other leaders, share ideas and have some fun along the way.

**CHANGE OF DATE: PUTT-PUTT!!** It has been necessary to change our visit to Dural Putt-Putt from Wednesday 17th Dec to **Friday 12th December.** This is a K-6 fun day, where we walk to Dural Putt-Putt in Cranstons Rd, taking our morning tea and lunch. Students are usually given some gelato as a treat. We return back to school by foot after an enjoyable lunch and two games of golf.

**Gems at Middle Dural:** Some of our recent gems include... Jossie, Kye, Deanna, Cameron, Troy, Mathew, and Eva. Well done Kids.... You Rock!!!
**Kitchen Garden Program**

We are now growing **passionfruit** over the old cricket nets. A special thank you to Arthur and Emelia’s dad, Morrie, for preparing the holes and ensuring the numerous plants made their way safely to us.

Thank you also to our Yr 5 and 6 boys who assisted with the planting and continued care of these plants.

We will be approaching Bunnings for our spring plantings this week.

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**Chatting with Year 6...**

Having a friendly chat with Chloe I discovered that when Chloe was around 8 years old, she created a few YouTube videos demonstrating skills with strings. I was so impressed with her confident manner when viewing these and the care taken to ensure Cyber safety.

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**Please remember to return clothing bags by 29th October 2014**

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**Our P&C will be meeting on**

**Tuesday 11th November at 7:00pm**

in the school library.

**THIS IS OUR ANNUAL AGM**

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.

**WE NEED YOU!!**

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**Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see.**

- Mark Twain

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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**