As a member of the Galston Community of Schools we are all shocked and saddened to hear of the fire that caused such extensive damage to the Galston High School library. Such a misadventure can cause so much distress and upheaval to so many. Our thoughts are with the staff and students of Galston High School and know that under the strong leadership of Ms Tourlas and the supportive and caring members of staff, all students will be well looked after bring the school back to working order quickly.

**Zone cross Country:** This annual event will again be held at Fagan Park under the supervision of Mrs Urio this Wednesday 21st May. Participating students have already been given their notes and information, all of which will need to be returned by Wednesday. We wish all our participating students good luck as they take on this grueling challenge.

**Footsteps Dance:** Once again we are running this worthwhile program for our students as part of their PDHPE and Creative Arts curriculum. Lessons will again be on a Tuesday afternoon commencing on the 27th May and running for 5 weeks until the end of term. The cost for this activity will be $18 per student for the 5 week course. Permission notes are due back at school now, with payments coming as soon as possible.

**Senior Camp:** Students in years 5 and 6 will be attending a combined small schools camp from the 10th to the 12th June. They will be accompanied by Mrs McLennan and travelling by coach with students and teachers from Hillside and Annangrove schools. Their destination is Pt Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre at Lake Macquarie. Please ensure final payment by Thursday 29th May.

**P&C Meeting:** Thank you to all attending parents and staff at our last P&C meeting. The turn-out was most impressive and I know Mr McCallum was delighted with your input and thought behind your comments. Equally I appreciate the time taken by Mr McCallum to come after hours to find out what qualities the Middle Dural Community want in their principal.

**Mothers’ Day Stall:** Thank you so much to the parents who organized and ran the stall for Mothers’ Day. Our students were so excited to “go shopping” for their mums. We hope all our mums enjoyed their day also.

**NAIDOC Wk:** Students will be involved in activities at school that will increase respect and awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. These activities will take place throughout the school day on Friday 30th May.

**Helping Hands Morning Tea:** It’s on again!! We do hope you will be able to come along to assist in the library on Thursday 5th June. The morning usually commences at around 9:00am and can finish around 10:00-10:30am. We do provide coffee, tea and “scrumptious delights” to keep you energized.

**Our Gems:** Congratulations Maddy and Charli! You guys ROCK!! … and our first Rock Star has already appeared…. Well done Shane!!
**Stewart House Bags**

Please fill the bags sent home today with unwanted clothing (no belts, bags or shoes) and return to school by **Friday 13th June** for collection the following week.

**Anglicare Food Drive**

Sam the Can Man needs our help again!!

_We will be collecting non-perishable food items in the front office from 2nd-13th June to help many less fortunate families this winter._

We ask your assistance please.

_(Please no glass due to breakage danger)_

_Suggestions: rice, noodles, pasta, fruit juice cartons, Long life milk, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, cereal, tinned meats and fish, tinned fruit and veg, tinned soup, baby food and nappies, toiletries—soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, deodorant.)_

**Kitchen Garden Program**

Continues this Friday

**Watch out for the Kids Newsletter**

2nd edition

_Out Today!

**Our P&C will be meeting on Tuesday 10th June 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.

**How wonderful!! ...**

Witnessing the joy and delight in co-operative learning as students in K/1/2 discuss, design and build “Teddy Houses” for their teddies, taking into account the special climatic conditions for their particular coloured teddy.

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

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