I am absolutely delighted and excited to inform you all that, as of the first day of this term, I have been officially appointed as the Principal of Middle Dural Public School; such an absolute honour. Although I have been relieving in this position for the past two and a half years, it feels so different, so right. I would like to thank you all for your support and encouragement throughout this time and look forward to our close liaison, in my now official role as Principal, as we work together to deliver the best possible educational opportunities and guidance for your children.

School Photos: Yesterday smiles were the order of the day as students posed for class and individual photos. The turn-around time is usually around three weeks.

Superhero Day: Tomorrow we hope the school will be full of Superheroes in an effort to raise money for Bear Cottage. A gold coin donation is all we ask. We do look forward to full participation.

PSSA Sport: Eleven of our Yr3-6 students are participating in a Primary Schools Sports Association competition this term. Travelling by bus with students from Hillside each week, they are accompanied by Mrs Urio and compete against teams from some of our local schools. This is a fabulous opportunity to use the skills and teamwork developed through school lessons in a social situation. Well done and Good Luck to these students!

Education Week: Next week we celebrate 60 years of celebrating Education Week. Commencing in 1954 the theme was "Lighting the Way to a Better World". This same theme is being used this year and seems very fitting for us as we share with you our Science Design Tasks on Magnetism and Electricity. We ask you to join us at 2:15 in the Stage 2/3 classroom for our usual assembly followed by a display of all design tasks manned by the students themselves. Their task is to share the making and working of their design as you move around the room viewing all models and talking freely with students. At the close of this, we invite you to the school library for a brief afternoon tea.

Back to the Future School Morning: This is a continuation of Education Week where we invite parents to join us in the classroom for some lessons with a digital twist followed by an assembly and morning tea with your children.

Athletics Carnival: Once again we will be participating in a combined athletics carnival with Hillside and Annangrove Public Schools on Friday 8th August 2014. The venue will again be Les Shore Oval at Glenorie, commencing at 9:15am and concluding at around 2:00pm. Further information to follow closer to this event.

Book Week: "Connect to Reading" is this year's theme for Book Week. Children have and will continue to Connect to Reading the short-listed titles, deciding upon and voting for their favourite, and preparing responses for display. On the Thursday of that week, students will participate in a character parade. More information to follow.
Mushroom Compost
for SALE

Our P&C will be selling bags of compost for $2 per bag.

It can be picked up from the Old Northern Rd entrance and will be available until sold out.

You may realise that this is a very good price for such an excellent product for your garden.

Just add this to your garden beds along with a little cow manure... my garden loves it.

Kitchen Garden Program

Plantings to happen this week.

Assembly
Thursday
31st July
@ 2:15pm
All welcome

Our P&C will be meeting on
Tuesday 12th August 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.

It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings.

- Ann Lander

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
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