**Dates to Note:**

**TERM 3 2015**

- Thurs 10th Sep
  Enviromentor's Workshop
- Thurs 17th Sep
  2:30 Assembly
- Fri 18th Sep
  Last day of school
- Tues 6th October
  School resumes for all students
- Fri 9th Oct
  AFL clinic commences K-6
- Thurs 22nd Oct
  Kindy Orientation 9:30
- Mon 9th/16th Nov
  1:45-3:05 Early bird Program for new Kindies
- Thurs 12th/19th Nov
  10:00—11:25 Early bird Program for new Kindies
- 2nd Nov-13th Nov
  School Swimming Scheme

Such a magnificent day to celebrate 150 years of Alice in Wonderland. Enjoying the park-like grounds in the warmth of the sun, our students took on the role of Alice as they completed a story trail experiencing their own view of Wonderland chapter by chapter. Children also enjoyed the fun of a photo booth both posing for and snapping photos, our large chess game and some drama activities. We all enjoyed having parents share in the fun of the Mad Hatter's Tea Party and viewing the excellent art in the library which had a wonderful twist thanks to the incredible versatility offered by the Aurasma iPad App. We concluded the day with students reforming their peer groups to participate in a shared retelling of the Alice story prompted by the items collected along the story trail. Such a magnificent day made possible by the close working relationship of the Middle Dural staff (Thank you Mrs Moss, Mr Tyszyk, Mrs Mac, Mrs Urio), the involvement and behaviour of our students and the support and attendance of our wonderful parents – Thank you all!

**Shine a Light Incursion:** Such an excellent performance from not only the two cast members but indeed our own students as they welcomed Hillside Public School, involved themselves in the performance and asked and answered questions impressively... so much so that one particular answer left the performer a little lost for words, taken aback by the maturity and standard of the answer. What an interesting, enjoyable and enlightening way to revisit the short-listed picture books while carrying a very special message to all about accepting, liking and being happy with who we are. Thank you Mrs Uriol for organizing this event and to Hillside for sharing this with us. Also a special mention to say thank you to Mrs Hayes (Mel) for her splendid photography.

**Father’s Day Stall:** Students always enjoy the excitement of shopping for their parents. Thank you Deidre and all of the parents who assisted in the selling of Fathers' Day Presents last Thursday morning.

**Assemblies:** Please note that the last assembly for this term will be on Thursday 17th September at 2:30. Mrs Mac and Yr 6 have decided to make this a special fundraising Talent Quest. Please be on the look out for more information to follow. Kids... Start planning and rehearsing those songs, dances, tricks and jokes!

**PSSA Term 3:** Our last two weeks coming up. We wish our students good luck and are delighted to hear from everyone the positive comments about our combining with Hillside this year in forming our teams. A wonderful and valuable experience on so many levels. Thank you Mrs Uriol for guiding and supporting our students in this area.

**Mrs Mills:** I will be taking 6 days leave commencing Friday 11th September until the end of term, to attend the wedding of a close family member which will be held overseas. In my absence Mrs Uriol and Mrs Jost will be sharing my class and Mrs McLennan will be in charge of the school. Allow me to wish you all a safe holiday break and to remember that school commences for all on Tuesday 6th Oct.
SCHOOL SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

Together with Hillside Public School, Middle Dural students will be participating in the Swimming School to be held at Galston Aquatic Centre in weeks five and six of next term.

Preference will be given to students firstly in Yrs 2 and 3 who are unable to swim 25 metres unaided in deep water. There will also be room for our other students who are not confident or may benefit from intensive instructional tuition.

Further details regarding times and cost will be forwarded to families early next term.

Days to note:

Wednesdays = Scripture and PDHPE (sports uniform)

Thursdays = Library day and Assembly every 2nd week 2:30pm

Fridays = Sports day and Canteen day

Crunch’n sip= every day

Please only fruit or veg as a small snack!

School Hours:

Teachers on duty 8:35am

Morning bell ... 9:00am...

9:05 commence

Recess 11:05-11:25 ; Lunch: 12:40-1:30

Afternoon Bell ..3:05pm

Our P&C will be meeting

Tuesday 8th September at 7:00pm

TONIGHT!!!!!!!

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.

Some people only dream of meeting their FAVOURITE ARTISTS...

I teach mine!

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