And we’re off and racing...

…No not the Melbourne cup… just the start of term four already!

**AFL Clinics:** Our students are involved in learning some excellent fundamental skills, guided by a knowledgeable young sportsman and supervised by the teaching staff. Although run by AFL these are basic fundamental skills required to be introduced to our students in PE lessons. These lessons are well planned and make this learning fun. The clinics will run every Friday morning for the next five consecutive weeks. The overlap with the swimming scheme will be negotiated.

**Swimming Scheme:** This very important program is being run once again at this school. It is just so important in this beautiful country of ours that each and every child becomes a safe and competent swimmer. The department of education run free swimming lessons by qualified swimming instructors at Galston Aquatic Centre. The school is supplying a bus to take us to and from the venue. The only cost for this ten day program is a $40:00 pool entry fee. ($4 per day). We urge all students who cannot comfortably and easily swim 25metres to be a part of this important opportunity. We will be sharing this timeslot with Hillside Public School and Mrs Urio will be supervising our students. Please look out for the permission note accompanying this newsletter.

**On leave:** I would sincerely like to thank Mrs Moss, Mrs McLennan and Mrs Urio for making it possible for me to attend my stepson’s wedding in the last week of term three. They did an excellent job to keep things running smoothly. I thank Mrs Jost also for stepping in to relieve on the Wednesday. Mrs Urio is on leave this week but will be returning next week. Mrs Jost will be taking her place on Wednesday and Thursday.

**Library:** Our library revamp is nearing completion. As I type some men are installing the new coloured boards on the library walls and, during the holidays, Dane Maurer (an ex-Middle Dural student) made and installed the beautiful new circulation desk. He has done an amazing job. Please feel free to pop in to view our beautiful new learning space.

**School Entry:** Another big thank you to AJ who has now completed our beautiful arbour over the entry off Mid Dural Road. We really appreciate your time, effort and expertise in this area. And while thank yous are happening... Thank you to Michelle and our GA, John for completing the landscaping in the shade shelter area over the holidays. It really is looking wonderful.

**Assemblies:** Assemblies commence in Week 3 of each term and occur every two weeks until the end. So our first assembly for term 4 will be Thursday 22nd October 2015. Hope to see you there.

**Orientation Day:** Our Kindy orientation day will be on Thursday 22nd October commencing at 9:30 in our library. We welcome all new Kindies with follow-up sessions for our young ones to be in weeks 6 and 7.

**Work Experience:** In week 4 we will welcome Jess for work experience.
Days to note:

**Wednesdays** = Scripture and PDHPE (sports uniform)
**Thursdays** = Library day and Assembly every 2nd week 2:30pm
**Friday** = 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 13th October 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.

Don’t wait for the perfect moment,
Take the moment and make it perfect!

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