Welcome...

A very belated but special welcome to little “Annabella”... A beautiful little sister for Arthur, Emelia and Olivia. (I had planned to write this in the first newsletter!) We also welcome Fabian and his lovely parents to Middle Dural. We are delighted you have found us.

Helping Hands Morning Tea: This Thursday will see the first of our morning teas for parents who can find an hour or two to help us in the library with book covering etc. It is a wonderful chance to get to meet and mix with each other while helping the school at the same time. The usual supply of goodies will be on hand to sustain you through the morning!! ☺

Attendance: As mentioned at our last assembly, the department now requires a doctor’s certificate, to accompany your absence note, for any student absent due to an illness exceeding two days. Any other form of leave must first be discussed with the Principal and approval sought. Please keep this in mind and remember that all students are expected to attend school during school terms.

Student Resource Fees: We are sending home an envelope today that has two important things.
1. An annual update of our records for you to please check and mark in red any necessary changes! .. And ..
2. A statement of cost for student resources purchased for your child’s use at school. We would appreciate prompt payment. Anyone experiencing any difficulty please speak with the office staff or myself and a payment plan can be arranged to assist you.

Assemblies: Thank you for your attendance at our last assembly. Our students are always happy to show a little of what has been happening in their classroom. These are fortnightly events, unless otherwise specified. Hope to see you for our next assembly.

Shade Shelter: Thank you Michelle and Morrie for your weekend efforts on the shade shelter. I believe Arthur was a particularly good help also. We may need to put a call out to all parents next time so that the workload is shared around. I don’t want to wear you guys out!!

From Farm to Plate: Some representatives from Sydney Markets came to speak to K/1/2 last Thursday afternoon and shared processes and importance of fresh fruit and veg. I think they were quite impressed with the diversity of fresh produce eaten by our students. Well done everyone!

Chinese New Year: Thank you to Ian McArthur for his excellent effort with our Kitchen Garden Friday activity where we all made a special, and delicious, Chinese New Year Salad. Some really excellent eaters here! Thank you Deidre for the photos as well. Chinese lanterns are also being made for our final celebrations of this event. It has been such a wonderful cultural experience for us all.
Days to note:

**Wednesdays** = Scripture and PDHPE (sports uniform)

**Thursdays** = Library day and Assembly every 2nd week

**Friday** = Sports day and Canteen day

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**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**

**Safety Issues:**

- Please ensure students are entering and exiting through the new gate when leaving on the Mid Dural Road side. Nobody should be using the driveway.
- Nobody should be left unattended at the school before 8:35am when teachers are on duty and should be promptly picked up at the end of the school day .. 3:05 pm.
- Please remind your children that they need to stay with you as you walk to the car and that the play equipment is out of bounds after school.
- Remember that there is a bus zone immediately beside the school driveway. No one should park there. There have been some nasty fines in the past.

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**Celebrating and experiencing some of the delights of the Chinese New Year.**

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Our P&C will be meeting on **Tuesday 10th March at 7:00pm**

in the school library.

These meetings are short, fun and best of all ..... **PRODUCTIVE!!!**

Our last meeting...

Only lasted a little over an hour, resulted in the commencement of a wish list and organization of fun events such as our Chinese New Year, explained a few school learning programs and was also good fun!!

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.

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"**It’s impossible**" said Pride

"**It’s risky**" said Experience

"**It’s pointless**" said Reason

"**Give it a try**" whispered the Heart.

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.

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**Ann Mills**

**Principal**

**Middle Dural PS**