End of an Era …

After 25 years here at Middle Dural Mrs Keenan has decided that it is time to retire. It doesn’t quite seem real to me as I’m typing away, but I guess she has been able to ease me into acceptance as she gradually reduced her days here, and guided Mrs Moss in the many ways of Middle Dural. Jennie will be greatly missed by all of us. We wish her a long and happy retirement and know that she will visit us regularly (with home-made goodies I hope!). We hope many of you will come along to wish Jennie well during our Easter afternoon activities commencing at 2pm this Thursday.

School Holidays: Our school holidays commence with Good Friday on 3rd April. Students return to school on Tuesday 21st April. There will be no teachers at school on Monday 20th as it is a designated School Development Day. Staff will be joining with their Community of School Colleagues at Galston Public School for the morning session and returning to school for the remainder of the day.

School Uniform: Students should return to school next term in their winter uniforms, however if it is still exceedingly hot we ask you to use your judgement and dress your children accordingly.

ANZAC Day March: Middle Dural traditionally marches at the Glenorie ANZAC Day March on Saturday 25th April. We hope that many of our students will be in attendance to march with us in full school uniform. Participating students should meet Mrs McLennan and Mrs Mills in the designated area of Glenorie Woolworths car park at 3pm, ready to march to the memorial in the Glenorie RSL grounds for an official service. This is usually a very well attended Community event of which we are honoured and proud to be a part. Students should wear Winter Uniform.

OOSH: It is anticipated that our OOSH will be up and running for the commencement of Term 2. We do hope you will support us in this venture. Enrolment packs for OOSH are available from the front office. These forms need to be returned to school ASAP if you intend to use this service. Middle Dural OOSH will actually be operating over the school holidays but based at Arcadia PS. If you need more information on this, please see attached sheet.

SALAKA African Drumming: This was an amazing event! I was so proud of the involvement of all parties… and how could you not be involved with that African Beat!!?! Our students will be participating in follow-up lessons as part of our Term 2 music activities.

Election Day 2015: Thank you never quite seems enough to say to the wonderful parents who: turn up to ensure the smooth running of such events; collect, bake, package and label the millions of quality cakes and crackles; supply ingredients and goodies to ensure we have sales; prepare and maintain the barbecue cooking; arrange the sale of popcorn; spend their day at such an event. Thank you, thank you, thank you!! We are all extremely grateful and mindful of all that has taken place and of the rich rewards you have secured for our school and children.
Congratulations to our Term 1 Gems …..
Shane, Charmaine, Kollah-Jade, Summer, Cameron, Rachael, Deanna, Jonathan and Emelia.
Well done children...
You ROCK!!!

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.

Our P&C will be meeting on
Tuesday 21st April at 7:00pm
in the school library.
These meetings are short, fun and best of all ..... PRODUCTIVE!!!

Our last meeting...
Discussed many up an coming issues and happenings, some of which have already commenced... such as the arrival of our chessboard pavers (Thanks Sal!!) and the preparation of the chessboard area (thanks Michelle, Levi and Christian)
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.

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