Welcome to our 125th Year

I am delighted to welcome our new Kindies—Brayton, Taylah and Olivia to Middle Dural and hope both they, and their families, will enjoy being so much a part of this beautiful and caring community. Also great to see all of our familiar faces returning for another busy year. 125 years is quite a landmark and shows quite clearly that we serve a very important role within this community—educating our wonderful students.

School times: Please note that our school bell rings at 9:00 for a 9:05 start and concludes at 3:05 each day. Students should not arrive unsupervised before 8:35am when teachers commence morning duties. The morning duty teacher’s name is displayed in the staff room window as they will often be preparing for the day ahead. Students who are not catching the early bus are expected to wait on the K/1/2 verandah until their parent arrives.

Our Staff: Mrs Moss is in the office (except Wed); Mr Tyszyk is our general assistant; Mrs McLennan has the Years 3-6 and is our computer co-ordinator; Mrs Urio is teaching Library and PDHPE on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and K/1/2 on some Tuesdays (Principal’s Release time). Mrs Urio is our sports co-ordinator; and I am the Principal and K/1/2 teacher.

Swimming Carnival: Combining with Hillside PS & Annangrove PS in our annual swimming carnival on Friday 12th February, this event will be held at Galston Aquatic Centre and is a K-6 event. Parents are requested to take their child directly to the pool by 9.15 and pick them up from the pool at around 2pm. Of course parents are always welcome, and indeed encouraged, to stay and cheer their children on!! A special note explaining procedures has been sent home.

Parent Contact Information: Please ensure we have the correct contact numbers for this year. If there have been any changes it is important to let us know immediately. A reminder for any asthma action and/or health care plans to be provided.

Assemblies: Our first assembly will be commencing Thursday 11th February. The K-6 assemblies will be fortnightly events as noted on our side section. Parents and family are always welcome. Assemblies commence at 2:30pm in the 3-6 classroom. We hope you will be there!

Leaders: Off to a great start! Commencing with such a positive and responsible attitude. We are very proud of you. Enjoy your time at the leadership camp. Involve yourselves in the learning and come back loaded with ideas and new skills to share.

Cool Kids: Cool Kids Music is continuing this year. On Tuesdays in the Library at 2pm. Hope we can attract a few more players.

Hang Out with Kids: We are fortunate to offer a 3hour workshop to families within this school. While having fun together you will be introduced to ideas to help your child relate to others and handle things they are feeling inside. See attached note.
Term 1 Sport:

We have arranged for our students to experience playing SQUASH for Term 1 this year... here at school.

This will mostly be for Years 3-6... however there will be a special event where K-2 will be involved in modified games and activities at school.

Commencing in Week 5 on Friday 4th March 2016

Our last day of Squash will be a game using the squash courts at Dural along with Hillside PS.

Great to experience something new!

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Days to note:

Wednesdays = Scripture
Thursdays = Library day and Assembly every 2nd week
Friday = Sports day and Canteen day

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Kitchen / Garden Program:

Starting off in abundance!!

Cucumbers...
Tomatoes...
Pumpkins...
Watermelons...

I feel a salad coming on!

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Our P&C will be meeting on Tuesday 9th February 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.

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Abby (aged 2½yrs) ... on seeing a photo of herself on the office door...

“That’s me when I was a baby... in the olden days.”

An important 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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