Swimming Carnival: So many certificates to our Middle Dural representatives!! Well done Kids! What a magnificent day and such a fabulous effort from all students in attendance! Thank you also to our families for your support on the day in so many ways.

Hang Out with Kids: It is with regret that I need to inform you all that this wonderful program has had to be postponed due to the slow response. For this program to be viable, it is essential that we attract a larger group of parents and students. I hope when this program is offered again in term two the response will be more positive and prompt. Our school community is very fortunate to be able to offer the Hang Out With Kids Program... and it is a wonderful chance for us all to connect as a school community.

Parent Contact Information: It is important that all of the envelopes sent home with essential forms to be completed are returned to the office this week. This vital information needs to be in place. A reminder, also, for any asthma action and/or health care plans to be provided.

Assemblies: Our first assembly was well attended. Thank you parents for coming along to these events. Your children love to see you there and it is a great way to share some of the happenings in our classes and across the school. I must also congratulate our Yr 6 captains for their excellent first ever attempt at running the assembly. What a great job!

POP!: Parent Online Payments will be coming to our school soon. Once this has been set up, the textbook fees will be sent home allowing you to utilize this new facility should you wish. This service will only be for school-based purchases such as excursions, text book payments etc, but not for P&C items such as uniforms or canteen or the Colonial Day. Information will be sent out shortly.

Learning To Lead: Our Yr 5 and 6 students will again be combining with other students in our Community of Schools to participate in a Sports Leadership Day being held at, and run by students and teachers of, Galston High School on 23rd March 2016.

Squash: Students in Yrs 3-6 will be participating in Squash lessons for Sports for part of this term. The first lesson commences on Fri 26th Feb here at school with a special session for our K-2 students on March 24th. Friday 11th March will see our 3-6 students catch a bus with Hillside students to Dural Squash courts to enjoy an hour of Squash together in their wonderful facilities.

Colonial Day: On Tuesday 8th March we will have a visit from “The Journeymen” who will spend the day with us presenting three educational shows bringing Australian History to life. We ask that families dress their children in period costume (colonial clothing) for this fun day of learning. We will be sharing this event with Hillside Public School who will also be dressing up for the occasion. Please see attached note for more details.
Building Learning Power

What is it? Empowering our students with the skills and language needed to develop their learning capabilities.

How does it work? Each skill is introduced within the classroom by the class teacher at the morning meeting session.

What do they do? Students are involved in activities, stories and discussions around each of the skills, that help to develop that capacity. Throughout the day, in every lesson, students become aware of the value and importance of these skills and how to develop them further.

Term 1 Capacity: Resilience. Skills...Absorption, Managing Distractions, Noticing, Perseverance.

Open Day

Wednesday 2nd March 2016
9:30am - 12:00 noon

Currently enrolling for Year 7 2017
Limited places still available for 2016
Scholarships available for Year 7 2017

At Galston High School our students are proudly continuing the tradition of academic excellence. Your child will benefit from learning in an outstanding academic environment that celebrates and rewards personal success and enables students to achieve their very best.

To book places for Open Day please contact the school on 02 9651 2222

Achieving Excellence - Inspiring Success

Days to note:

Wednesdays = Scripture & PE
Thursdays = Library day and Assembly every 2nd week
Friday = Sports day and Canteen day
Crunch’n Sip= every day!

Our P&C will be meeting on

Monday 14th March 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.

Courage does not always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying “I will try again tomorrow.”

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.

Ann Mills
Principal
Middle Dural PS