Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to another year of engaging learning experiences at Dundas Public School. A special welcome is offered to our new students and families, we are very pleased that you have joined our wonderful school community. All students benefit from the outstanding partnership that exists between our students, all members of staff and our school community.

A few staffing changes have occurred since our last newsletter. Mrs. Sasha Campbell will return from her maternity leave on Wednesday. Mrs. Campbell will be here every Wednesday for the remainder of 2013.

Mrs. Lynda Zalaf will commence her maternity leave on Monday 18th February. We wish her and her baby a safe delivery and all of her family a very healthy and happy 2013.

Yesterday we placed our children into their 2013 classes. I would like to thank everyone for your patience in this organizational matter. Currently our student enrolments equate to the formation of 15 classes. Your children will no doubt have revealed the name of their 2013 teacher before you have had a chance to read this newsletter. Nevertheless, listed below are the 2013 classes:

- **KF** Mrs. Ferris
- **KS** Mrs. Senior
- **KA** Miss Singh
- **KT** Mrs. Toumazou
- **1/2 C** Mr. Curmi
- **1/2 H** Mrs. Haworth
- **1/2 K** Mrs. Keegan
- **1/2 M** Mr. Marks
- **3/4 D** Mr. Dean
- **3/4 G** Miss Guyatt
- **3/4 Y** Mr. Yee
- **4/5/6 B** Mrs. Black
- **5/6 M** Mr. McSeveny
- **5/6 O** Mrs. O’Connor
- **5/6 US** Mrs. Upton & Mrs. Sheaves

Our 2013 leaders welcomed and ably guided our 2013 Kindergarten children to their new classrooms yesterday– the warmth, caring and eagerness of our captains and prefects was wonderful to watch. Congratulations to all of you. For those of you who are new to our school our 2013 leaders are:

- **School Captains**
  - April Purdon
  - Liam Keegan

- **Prefects:**
  - Sarah Collins
  - Adrian Della-Cruz
  - Gabriella Forlani
  - Tim Marks
  - Carla Sheaves
  - Samuel Yu

**School Car Parks STAFF ONLY**

Our school car parks are for staff use only. This is clearly indicated by our signage. Today a Kindergarten child was almost accidentally run over by one of our teachers. The child’s mother had driven into the car park and dropped her child off. Then another car proceeded to do the same thing. When this car was leaving it was smashed into a teacher’s car. For the safety of our children please respect our school rule that our car parks are for **STAFF ONLY**.

**Kenworthy Street and St Andrews Place**

The side gates to our school direct our children into the above roadways. Unfortunately, both Kenworthy Street and St Andrews Place are NOT school zones so the 40km limit does not apply to them. This is a very serious matter and our P & C will be campaigning to try to right this wrong. Once again I appeal to all parents to travel in this area with extreme caution and please ensure that your children obey safe road crossing procedures in this area.

**Pedestrian Gates**

Please note that for safety and security reasons, all pedestrian gates will be locked at 9:05am and re-opened at 2.45pm

Jan Thurgar
Principal
Useful information from the Department of Education and Communities (DEC):

**Getting off to a good start**

**2013 homework planner**


**Doing well in class**


**Primary school**

**Eight ways to get your kids organised**


**Smart foods to boost learning**


**Summer fire safety**

Summer has officially started and with it comes the increased risk of bush and house fires. If you live in a bushfire prone area, ensure you have taken the necessary steps to protect your property and family from fire. Download a fact sheet: [www.fire.nsw.gov.au/gallery/files/pdf/factsheets/02_bushfire_prep.pdf](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/gallery/files/pdf/factsheets/02_bushfire_prep.pdf)

It is now law that caravans and campervans be fitted with working smoke alarms. Check LPG gas bottles for leaks as this is how many barbecue fires start. Many more tips on how to enjoy a fire-free summer are on the Fire and Rescue NSW website: [www.fire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au)

Remember in the event of a house or bushfire always dial 000. If your mobile phone is out of range, dial 112.