Welcome back to another year of engaging learning experiences at Dundas Public School, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a special welcome to all our new families and to thank the rest of our school community for their continued support of our children, school and staff. This week we finalised the placement of all students into their 2015 classes. The smiling faces of the children and their teachers demonstrate that we are on track for another superb year of learning at Dundas Public School. Our 15 classes are as follows:

KO  Ms O'Leary  
KS  Mrs Senior  
KZK  Mrs Zalaf / Miss Kesby  
1/2C  Mr Curmi  
1/2E  Miss Edwards  
1/2GR  Miss Guyatt / Mrs Rangi  
1/2NT  Mrs Neasmith / Mrs Tadrosse  
1/2O  Mrs O'Connor  
2/3/4T  Miss Tellis  
3/4H  Mrs Haworth  
3/4A  Mrs Taylor  
4/5/6M  Mr McSeveny  
5/6D  Mr Dean  
5/6K  Mrs Keegan  
5/6US  Mrs Sheaves/Mrs McKay  

Mrs McKay is covering Mrs Upton’s Thursdays until her return from sick leave.

Our calendar is filling quickly and a number of events are scheduled for next week.

**Dundas PS Swimming Carnival**
On Tuesday 10th February our Yr 3-6 students and any Year 2 child who will celebrate his/her 8th birthday in 2015 and who can swim 50 metres will be participating in our annual Swimming Carnival at Parramatta Pool. This is a very important day and all Year 3-6 students must attend the swimming carnival. We encourage everyone at our school to be supportive of our colleagues and to be a good sport. The role of a spectator is a vital one that is very important to any athlete/swimmer. It is our duty to train our non-competitors to be a well-behaved, appreciative audience.

**Selective High School Information Evening Wednesday 11th February**
I am pleased to announce that we have 3 excellent speakers who will be addressing our Selective High School Information Evening on Wednesday 11th February in our school hall from 6:00pm—8:00pm

6:00 pm  Ms M Connors  
Principal James Ruse High School  
6:45 pm  Magda Pollack  
Selective High Schools Unit  
7:30 pm  Gabriel Wong  
School Counsellor Dundas PS, James Ruse High School and Carlingford PS.  
We have booked Mandarin and Korean interpreters to ensure that all attendees are able to understand all the information that our speakers will give us. Interpreters will also relay answers that are given by our speakers to any questions raised by our community. A note has been sent out about the evening. To assist us with catering and seating could you please advise the school if you will be attending this very informative evening. To ensure that all questions are addressed could you please send to our school by 9:00am Tuesday in writing any question that you would like answered by our guests?

**Thursday 2nd April Movie Day**
Our whole school will attend a cinema to watch a movie. All students who paid for Movie Day last year will attend Free Of Charge.

Jan Thurgar,  
Principal
## 2015 Award Winners
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LIBRARY NEWS

Each week your child’s class will have a library lesson in our school library.

Library borrowing will start in Week 3 and each child is required to have a library bag to protect their borrowed books.

Books are borrowed and returned each week.

Please support your child at home by reading and sharing the library books. Encouraging them to remember to bring their books back each week is also appreciated!

Library Days

TUESDAY: 5/6K 1/2O 5/6US KO 1/2C
WEDNESDAY: 4/5/6M 1/2E 3/4A KZ
THURSDAY: 2/3/4T 1/2NT KS 1/2GR
FRIDAY: 4/5/H 5/6D

I’m looking forward to a great 2015 in the library!

Alison Clarke
Teacher-Librarian
lison.clarke@det.nsw.edu.au
Welcome back to our existing bankers and a BIG hello to our new bankers!

For our first school banking news of the year we thought we would go through a few procedural things and show what the rewards for 2015 will be.

School Banking day is on Thursday. Please bring your banking folders to the office before school starts and make sure your money is placed securely in your folder.

Could students/parents complete their deposit slips with a minimum of the date, name (bank account name) and amount. If you are making your first deposit with us please ensure your full account details are supplied. We only need these for the first deposit.

Could students/parents please update your folder so that the correct class is written on it, if it hasn’t already been updated. This ensures your folders will be returned to the correct class.

We have replacement folders and deposit slip books on hand. When folders become unusable and deposit slip books are finished we will replace them.

Now onto the rewards available for 2015. For each deposit, regardless of amount, students will receive a token. Once they have 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward. To redeem an award simply send the 10 tokens in your folder with a reward order form (name and class required on the order form).

We have received the reward order forms and will be distributing them in the next couple of weeks. Please note that some items are only available for a term. These are marked on the order form.

We are looking for some help with school banking. It only takes 1 hour on a Thursday morning. We finish by 10am. It would be greatly appreciated if you would consider helping us.

If you have any questions about school banking please feel free to ask us whether it be Thursday morning (we are located in the office building) or in the playground.

Thank you for supporting school banking at Dundas Public School.

Regards

Megan and Karen
What are head lice?
Head lice are tiny parasites which live on the human scalp and hair. They feed on blood several times a day and they cannot survive for more than 24 hours away from their host. One female louse can lay a total of about 100 lice eggs or nits.
The eggs (nits) are small and difficult to see. It takes about a week for the eggs to hatch. The empty egg shell remains fixed to the hair until it is physically removed. The empty eggs are easy to see and look like white specks.
The young lice mature to adults in 10 days and the cycle begins again.

1. Egg (Nit)
2. Louse
3. Adult louse
4. 7 Days
5. 10 Days

Did you know?
Head lice can't swim or fly but they'll gladly hitch a ride between heads on a shared hairbrush, comb or hat.

Did you know?
Masters of camouflage, head lice are as tiny as the tip of a pencil and are coloured grey to caramel, making diagnosis a difficult task.

Did you know?
Head lice are small parasitic insects and it is the eggs which they lay that are commonly referred to as nits.

How can I tell if my child has head lice?
The signs and symptoms of head lice include:
- Tiny white specks stuck to the hair, usually near the scalp.
- Scalp itch may occur but often the condition has no symptoms.
- Presence of actual lice on the scalp.
The best way to tell is to do an inspection of the child's head using a lice comb. Children often complain of an itchy scalp but sometimes there are no symptoms.

How do you catch head lice?
Head lice can only be acquired by direct contact with an infested person's hair. Children appear to be affected more often because of their close contact at school. This is why outbreaks are so common at primary schools and day care centres.

What do I do if I find head lice?
In order to help remove head lice and their nits, a specially formulated product should be used in conjunction with a head lice comb.

Is head lice a sign of poor hygiene?
Getting a head lice infestation is not about having clean or dirty hair. Head lice don't discriminate. They make themselves at home whenever the opportunity presents itself. However head lice are host specific, so you can't catch them from the family pet, and they won't survive more than 24 hours anywhere else in the home.
Steps to Combat Headlice

1. Detect:
   Use Metal Comb & Combing Solution (for untangling long hair) to detect, remove lice & their eggs.

2. Treatment:
   There are 2 major commonly used headlice treatments in Australia.
   a) Medicated (Malathion or Maldison).
   b) Natural (Pyrethrins Extract, Pyrethrins 1 & II). Use medicated or natural treatment to kill headlice & break their life cycle.

3. Prevent:
   Use egg remover to kill eggs & metal comb to remove them from head.

4. Precaution:
   Repeat the process after 7 days to effectively kill the cycle.

5. Lice Free Home:
   Wash bed linen & clothes in warm water with soaking solution to get rid of lice from home.

How to identify Headlice?

- Headlice vary in colour from Greyish White to Brown, they are about the size of a sesame seed but with six legs.
- Nits are the eggs, yellowish white in colour & are found on the hair shaft at the nape of the neck, where as adult headlice may be found anywhere on the head. Red bite marks or scratch marks are often seen on the back of the neck.
- The eggs are sometimes mistaken for dandruff, or residues of shampoo. Sometimes itching may simply be a result of dry air, so ideally, the lice need to be identified.
- It typically takes several weeks exposure to the lice before itching develops, so lack of itching does not necessarily mean that the person does not have head lice.

Headlice Facts

- Headlice are bloodsuckers and live exclusively on humans.
- It has nothing to do with one's hygiene.
- Headlice don't hop, jump or fly, 95% of lice are transmitted by close contact. Don't share Hats, Head Bands or Pillows.
- Especially common in school children between the ages of 3 to 12 yrs.
- Headlice don't like short & plaited hair. Keep hair short and for those children with long hair, always keep them plaited.
### Canteen Roster January / February 2015

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More Help is needed to ensure the Canteen can service our children well. Please consider helping out it only has to be a few hours per month and your Child / Children really love seeing Mum or Dad helping out at School.

If you are rostered on and unable to do you shift please notify the canteen.
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For More Info Visit:
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10.30-11.15/11.15-12.00

Tennis racquets are provided and can be purchased at lesson.
Beginners, intermediate and advanced students all welcome.

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For bookings & enquiries, call Lauren any time on 0410439943