Relieving Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 4 begins on Tuesday 6th October. All students are expected to return to school wearing their summer uniform.

Planning for 2016
This is well underway and as always, it is critical that we receive information to assist us in this process. If you are planning on withdrawing your child/ren from the school at the end of this year, please let us know in writing as soon as possible. Also, if you have a child beginning Kindergarten next year or know of a neighbour with a child starting school, please ensure the school office is contacted regarding enrolment.

Approaching Your School
A parent and community guide for seeking information and expressing concerns.

From time to time parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of own child
- Express concern about actions of other students
- Enquire about school policy or practice
- Express concern about actions of staff

It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together.

These guidelines aim to:
* provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair-manner.
* ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld.
* support sensitivity and confidentiality.
* help reach an agreed solution.

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.
**Safety of our Children**

I am constantly reminding our students of the following safety messages. Please help us by reinforcing these at home.

**Safety in numbers**: It is important that children who have been given parent permission to walk to and from school leave the school as soon as possible after dismissal to ensure they are walking through the neighbourhood with the masses.

Unsupervised students are not to remain at school after the bell, playing with their friends. There is no school supervision at this time. Students attending before and after school care must attend promptly to O O S H after dismissal. Once the 3:00pm bell rings in the afternoon, **it is important that all students and parents leave the school grounds**. The side gates are locked at 3:15pm for security reasons.

A friendly reminder, the staff carpark is for the staff only. Staff and parents have witnessed several parents driving into the carpark to drop off and pick up their child/ren. Please follow the rules and park in the surrounding streets. Our children are too precious and I certainly don't want any car accident involving a child to occur because a parent was late to drop off or pick up their child/ren.

**Please keep our beautiful children safe at Dundas public School.**

**Lost Property**

The issue of lost property increases. Please remind your children to take responsibility for their belongings whilst at school. I remind parents to ensure all belongings are labelled, so they can be returned to the rightful owners. Our lost property collection is housed outside the uniform shop.

**Relieving Principal**

*Mrs O’Connor*

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**Regional Spelling Bee**

Congratulations to Bella K, Harriet H, Zenas L and Prisha B who represented our school at the Regional level of the Premier’s Spelling Bee. They all had a fantastic time at Mathew Pearce Public School.

Mr Yee

**NSW Junior Chess League Tournament**

Our school was invited to attend the NSW Junior Chess League Primary Schools One-Day Chess Teams Tournament. The students gained experience and confidence competing against other local schools in 7 rounds of chess. The students enjoyed the tournament as it provided an opportunity to build and refine their skills.

Mrs Luu and Ms Malik
Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC)

PRC closed at the end of August. Children who completed the PRC should have received their awards at a stage assembly. If your child has not yet received their two silver awards and they have completed the PRC please contact me so I can investigate and get them to your child ASAP!

Brilliant Borrowing Awards

A reminder at the end of term to keep Brilliant Borrowing awards safe. Four Brilliant Borrowing Awards earns a book prize! Congratulations to those Brilliant Borrowers for Term 3!

Mrs Clarke

SRC - Buddy Bench

The SRC has been busily working together on trying to introduce and implement a Buddy Bench at our school. The purpose of the Buddy Bench is to promote inclusiveness, empathy and kindness amongst our students. It has been a worldwide phonemonem and has great success at other many other schools. Please feel free to have a look at the following website for further information on the Buddy Bench. Bunnings Rydalmere has kindly offered to sponsor and provide materials for our Buddy Bench to be constructed offsite by ‘The HuB’ in Telopea who believe in “Connecting and Empowering People” through community programs. We are expecting our Buddy Bench to be delivered and implemented by late term 4.

http://buddybench.org/what-is-the-buddy-bench/

Mrs Luu and Mrs Malik

MultiLit

We would to thank our wonderful tutors who have generously given up their time to help with our MultiLit Reading Tutor Program. Jenny, Mary, Diane, Kerrie, Brooke, Linda, Thu, Julie and Lily - we appreciate all your help and support! We have received positive feedback from the students who are enjoying the MultiLit program which is helping them build confidence in their reading ability.

Mrs Luu

Fun Club

We are excited to announce that there will be a new initiative which is aimed at supporting students in building and refining their ability in positively interacting with their peers. Fun Club will be run during the first half of lunch and involves supervised structured play activities to support students’ social skills development. Fun Club is held in the old ESL room and will be available to ‘Super Sicker Star’ students who have earned the privilege to participate in these fun activities. There will be themes for the week which will be explicitly taught and positively reinforced such as sharing, taking turns and waiting, playing fair etc.

Mrs Luu

Band News

Mrs Rosemary Anner has been Dundas Public School’s Concert Band conductor for many years. Unfortunately, Mrs Anner has decided to retire as a conductor.

We would like to thank her for her continuous support, enthusiasm and professionalism she has brought to our school community. We would like to welcome Ms Kendal Cuneo to our school who will be conducting Concert Band from the beginning of term four. We look forward to a successful term.

Band Co-ordinators

Miss Tellis, Miss Edwards, Mrs Haworth and Mr McSeveny
Senior AFL PSSA
Dundas 2 VS Oatlands 81
Mr Yee

Soccer PSSA
Dundas Public School soccer teams had a fantastic season in 2015. All teams performed to their best ability achieving great results. A special mention to Senior A team for being undefeated all season and becoming the premiers of Parramatta zone. Well done all players.

Round 15 Results
Senior A BYE
Senior B vs Parramatta 1-1
Junior A BYE
Junior B vs Parramatta 1-7
Mr McSeveny and Mrs Sheaves

Netball PSSA
Dundas Public School Netball teams have had a very successful season. The team members have demonstrated commitment and represented our school with pride. A special mention to the Senior A Netball Team who were awarded first place in the district competition. Congratulations to all students!

Round 15 Results
Senior A vs Parramatta 15-0
Senior B vs Parramatta East 1-12
Junior A vs Parramatta 3-5
Junior B vs Parramatta East 0-20
Miss Tellis and Miss Edwards

Kindergarten Zoo Excursion
On Thursday, 10th October all of kindergarten had an excursion to Taronga Zoo. This excursion complements our units of work on growing and changing and living things. The weather was perfect! It was not too hot and not too cold. A group of volunteer parents also accompanied us and a great day was had by all. Kindergarten got to see lots of different animals and took part in a zoo lesson. The students’ behaviour was outstanding and we brought a group of happy but weary children and adults back to school at the end of the day!

Mrs Zalaf, Mrs Senor, Miss O’Leary, Miss Kesby

Woolworths Earn & Learn
As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year - a big thanks to everyone who supported our school.

We are excited to announce that we have collected a total of 24 000 stickers, which will enable us to redeem fantastic new educational resources and equipment for our school. We appreciate all your support and efforts with this community initiative.

Mrs Luu and Ms Malik
## 2015 Award Winners

Term 3  Weeks  9-10

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Canteen Greetings

The Canteen is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Could all parents and students please make sure lunch orders are placed **BEFORE** the 8.55am bell.

Wraps will be available for order in Term 4. Choose from a range of healthy fillings.

Tuesday, 3rd November is **DONUT DAY** – order forms will be available early in term 4.

More volunteers are needed to ensure the smooth running of our Canteen. If you can spare even half an hour a month it would be greatly appreciated. Shifts are available before school, at lunch time and at afternoon tea. Your children will love seeing you in the canteen and you will have fun and make new friends. Mums, Dads, Grandparents and other adult family members are most welcome! Any queries please see Jackie in the canteen.

**Volunteers please remember to wear closed in shoes (no thongs or sandals) and if you have long hair, it must be tied back. Volunteers are also reminded that babies and children are not permitted in the canteen due to OH&S regulations.**

THANK YOU to all our new and regular volunteers and committee members. Your help is much appreciated.

The Canteen Committee
# Canteen Roster October 2015

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If you are rostered on and unable to do you shift please notify the canteen.

## Shift Times

- **A** - 8.30am - 9.30am
- **B** - 11am - 12.30pm
- **C** - 1.30pm - 2.30pm

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Following the decision last month to recall the Cosmic Light Beam Torch due to a potential safety issue, a decision has been made to also withdraw the upcoming Lunar Light Band reward from the School Banking Rewards Program.

To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider!

Once students have collected 10 tokens, they can simply include a note, along with their 10 tokens in their deposit wallet on banking day to advise that they would like to redeem their tokens for the Galaxy Glider reward item.

Don’t forget the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available in Term 4.
Learning Difficulties Parent Helpline

9806 9960
www.ldc.org.au
info@ldc.org.au

Open school days during school hours

Info on: assessments, support, resources, websites, booklists, fact sheets, and more.

Self Esteem
Literacy & Numeracy

Anxiety & Depression
Speech & Language

ADD & ADHD
Social Skills

Support Groups
Supported by the DEC.

Autism Spectrum Disorders
Behaviour
Tourette Syndrome

Learning Difficulties
Dyslexia & Dyspraxia

Bullying
Support Groups

Learning Difficulties Coalition NSW Inc.
PLAY TENNIS

Professional tennis coaching and training
ATPCA Professional Coach

Tennis promotes health and wellbeing, improves fitness and strength,
positivity and an overall healthy mind and body.

| Group Lessons | Lesson Times | Tennis racquets are provided and can be purchased at lesson.

Beginners, intermediate and advanced students all welcome.

Court Location: Dundas Public School, Calder Road Dundas 2117
For bookings & enquiries, call Lauren any time on

0410439943

| 45minutes | Monday 3.00-3.45/3.45-4.30 |
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WESTSIDE TALENT SCHOOL

Present this and receive a free trial class

Available to new students

LOCATION

Dundas Uniting Church Hall
161 Park Rd Dundas

* Tots Class  * Tap
* Hip Hop  * Musical Theatre
* Ballet  * Contemporary
* Jazz/Funk  * Boys Only Hip Hop

All classes on Thursday from 3.30pm

"Exams & End of Year Performance"

 classes also available on Tuesday in Campbelltown

Enrol Now!

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No1 DRAFT PICK Basketball Camp

Camp run by NBL Hall of Fame Star and Sydney Kings Legend Steve “Mr Magic” Carfino

Dates: Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October 2015 5 DAY CAMP

Location: St Patrick’s College, Francis St Strathfield NSW 2135 ( School indoor basketball court )

Ages 7-12 Time 8.00am to 12.00pm

Ages 13-18 Time 12.15pm to 4.15pm

Cost: $200 inc GST for 5 days. Attendees receive a free N1 DPT T-shirt. All levels welcome (begin, inter, adv). Participants will be divided into classes based on age and ability. BYO water bottle and snacks for break time.

Please complete this form and email it to registrations@no1draftpick.com by the 25/9/15

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Does your child suffer from any medical, physical or emotional condition that we should be aware of?

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ___________

For all enquiries, please contact Megan 0432 500 255 during office hours

Direct Debit Payments
Westpac Bank
Account Name: No1 Draft Pick Pty Ltd
BSR: 032 267
Account No: 335 156
Please enter your child’s name as a reference