

# Newsletter

## Doonside Public School

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Term 4 – Week 2

Building strong learning partnerships for success

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016

Welcome to term 4 our busiest yet. I'm not sure that we can fit anything else into our busy term but I'm sure we will find room just to add a few more, so keep your eye out for notes or items added to our schedule.

We hope our families had a lovely restful holiday, our children returned this term bright and happy and ready to learn. We have already noticed we have had some great attendance statistics this term and we would love to continue it on until the end of the year. We are sure the children will not want to miss out on any of the many activities/items/events that will be happening this term.

### **News from our School Administration Team**

#### **Notes**

As you can see from our Doonside Dates this term is EPIC..... Please check your child's bag regularly for notes, we have extra notes at the office or you can also download notes from the Doonside website. Our web address is: [www.doonside-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.doonside-p.schools.nsw.edu.au).

#### **Changes to Late Notes**

Please note that our school is now working under the new LMBR (Local Management Business Reform) System and as a result late **notes will now be given out from 9am.** **School hours are from 8.55am – 3.00pm, if your child arrives after 9am they will be required to come to the office and collect a late note – resulting in a partial absence being recorded.**

Thank you from The Administration Team.



### **Applications for Year 7 Selective High School placement in 2018 – Government Primary Schools**

Parents must apply online at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)  
*Applications for entry in 2018 can be made online between 11 October 2016 and 14 November 2016.* All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 9 March 2017.

### **Kindergarten Orientation Dates**

Wednesday 26 October 2016 at 9.15 – 11am  
Wednesday 2 November 2016 at 9.15 – 11am

## P&C News!!!

**Our next P&C Meeting will be held on:**  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 at 9.15am.**  
**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 9.15am.**

**Basket Reminder:** Just a reminder that the P&C are asking for non-perishable items to be donated to raffle off for our Christmas Raffle. Items can be delivered to the office.

### **Halloween Disco!!!!!!!**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 –  
Disco from 4.00pm – 5.30pm.  
More info will be available this term.



**14.11.16** – Our wonderful P&C will be setting up a pop up coffee shop for parents to purchase coffee during our Multi-Cultural Day celebrations.

**7.12.16** - P&C Christmas Raffle will be drawn.

Thank you from our Doonside P&C.

# Doonside Dates



## Term 4

- 25.10.16 Transition Playgroup  
Deadly 7's Years 3-6
- 26.10.16 Kindy Transition 2  
Act for Kids – Stage 1
- 27.10.16 AIME Years 5/6
- 28.10.16 Bandana Day
- 31.10.16 Halloween Disco 4pm-5.30pm
- 1.11.16 Transition Playgroup  
Deadly 7's Years 3-6
- 2.11.16 Kindy Transition 3  
Act for Kids – Stage 1  
P&C Meeting 9.15am  
Yr 6 Transition to High School
- 4.11.16 PSSA Comp Concludes
- 8.11.16 Transition Playgroup  
Deadly 7's Years 3-6
- 9.11.16 Act for Kids – Stage 1  
Preschool Orientation
- 10.11.16 Token Day – Middle Session
- 11.11.16 PSSA Semi Finals
- 14.11.16 Multi-Cultural Day  
P&C Coffee Shop  
Selective High School  
applications for 2018 close
- 15.11.16 Transition Playgroup  
Deadly 7's Years 3-6
- 16.11.16 Kindy/Preschool Fun Day  
Yr 6 Transition to High School
- 17.11.16 WSW Soccer Clinic—Selected Students
- 18.11.16 PSSA Grand Finals
- 22.11.16 Transition Playgroup  
Deadly 7's Years 3-6
- 23.11.16 Kindy Interviews  
Pink Stumps Day Fundraising
- 24.11.16 Sydney Barracks Museum  
Leadership 3 – Selected Students
- 25.11.16 AIME – Kingswood
- 28.11.16 Captains Speeches + Elections
- 29.11.16 Transition Playgroup
- 30.11.16 Kindy Interviews  
P&C Meeting 9.15am  
Doonie's Got Talent
- 1.12.16 Support Unit Christmas Party –  
Rosehill – Selected Students
- 2.12.16 V8 Kids on the Track
- 6.12.16 Transition Playgroup  
High School Orientation Yr 6 to 7

- 7.12.16 Presentation Day  
Christmas Concert  
P&C Raffle
- 8.12.16 Books in Homes Assembly 10am
- 9.12.16 **Movie Day**
- 12.12.16 Yr 6 Farewell
- 16.12.16 **Students Last Day**
- 19.12.16 Staff Development Day
- 20.12.16 Staff Development Day

## Term 1- 2017

- 27.01.17 **Staff Development Day**
- 30.01.17 **Children Return**

### Absences.....

#### IT'S THEIR FUTURE. Every Minute Counts

Not all reasons for absences are acceptable.

Please contact the school if attendance concerns are an issue for your child. Please see the DoE website for further information. Feel free to use our absence slip below.

#### Absence Slip

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Absence: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Absence: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**CAS Reward Afternoons**

CAS coupons are given out during the week to children that have been following school rules, doing their best and having a go, within the classroom and school yard. All CAS coupons are placed into a box in the office, ready for the lucky draw. Every week a number of infants and primary students are lucky enough to have their name drawn out in the CAS rewards draw. This is a chance to acknowledge children that have been doing the right thing. Children will be listed below each fortnight if they have received a CAS award.



Congratulations to the following children....

**Infants:** Issac, DJ, Deborah, Guneet, Rylee, Amelia, Satvik, Henry, Ian, Yasin, Hayden, Shylah, Breanna.

**Primary:** Jeffery, Divreet, Cameron, Magdy, Adrian, Ella, Taha, Clark, Jasmine, Chelsea, Rhiannon.

Well done, we hope you enjoy your rewards afternoon.

**Books in Homes**

The Books in Homes assembly has been scheduled for 10am on Thursday 8th December which is Week 9. Students have been selecting their books during their class library period this week.

**Mt Druitt/Minchinbury Public Speaking Competition**

On Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October Mico (3C), Isaac (4B), Charlene (5P) and Geetaali (5/6D) participated in the Mt Druitt/Minchinbury Public Speaking Competition. Each student was required to prepare a 2 or 3 minute speech. They all did a fantastic job! They have made all



of us here at DPS very proud! – Miss Bourke

**Token Day Raffle**

Raffle Tickets have been sent home for our Token Day Raffle. Proceeds will go towards the Year 6 students for their Graduation Farewell. *The raffle will be drawn at the completion of Token Day, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016.* The prizes will be a variety of hampers that will be collected by each class. Parents are asked to bring in a donation for your child's allocated basket. Please see below for your child's class basket theme.

**Preschool –**

- KM –
- KC –
- 1P –
- 1/2R –
- 2T –
- 3C –
- 4B –
- 5P –
- 5/6D –
- 3/6R –
- 4/6C –

**Christmas**

- Breakfast
- Snacks**
- Breakfast
- Snacks**
- Kitchen
- Bathroom**
- Bathroom
- Breakfast**
- Snacks
- Kitchen**
- Snacks

### **Captains Speeches and Elections**

Children in Year 5 will soon have the opportunity to stand for school leader elections. This will take place on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Children will be required to make a speech, telling everyone what they can bring to the position of school leader and why our students should vote for them.

Whole School Elections will then take place with all students voting for Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects.

Results will be announced on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 during our Presentation Day Assembly.

### **Rouse Hill House Excursion**

The K-2 students had a wonderful excursion on Thursday 13/10/2016 travelling to Rouse Hill House and Farm as part of their History unit to explore life in 1889. We travelled to the farm by bus; for some children it was their first time!



At the farm, we were shown where the cows were milked and the horses looked after.

We tried hanging out the washing, collecting the water from the pump and feeding the chickens - it was much harder because electricity wasn't invented.



We dressed up in shirts and caps (boys) or aprons and straw hats (girls) and we found out that back in 1889



some children didn't wear any shoes to school! Don't worry though, we wore ours!

We did a handwriting lesson on a slate with a slate stick, marching and exercises.



We also danced around the Maypole and learned how to sew! We discovered

that "words are silver but silence is golden" and if we talked we could get the cane! Luckily we were all very well behaved and no one did.

Phew! It was a really fun day!

Mandy Geraghty

