

Dora Creek Public School

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Creekside News

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Term 3 Week 10

IMPORTANT DATES

- 15/ 10** Students Return Term 4
- 22/ 10** Burwood Girls High School Band
- 25/ 10** Invictus Games Excursion
- 30/10** Jarjums Soar
- 1/ 11** 2019 Kinder Orientation 1
- 2/ 11** Grandparents Day
- 8/ 11** School Disco
2019 Kinder Orientation 2
- 19/ 11** 3-6 Camp Morisset

NOTES SENT HOME

- Invictus Games
- Jarjums Soar (selected students)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lake Macquarie City Council will be running holiday programs at libraries and swim centres throughout the area. To view what's on, go to lakemac.com.au/recreation/whats-on/school-holidays

Hunter Wetlands will hold discovery walks and bush skills adventures at the wetlands centre, Shortland. To check these out and book go to www.wetlands.org.au

A **family funday market** will be held on **Sunday October 21** from 9am to 2pm at Cooranbong Park. There will be games and activities as well as the Respect All farmers & artisan market stalls

Staffing News

As you are aware, the substantive principal position at Dora Creek Public School has been unfilled during the first three terms of 2018 after the departure of our well-respected former principal, Mrs Warham; who deservedly earned a promotion to Morisset Public School. As a result, earlier this term, a panel was formed by Mr James Brigden, Director, Public Schools NSW, to undertake the process of selecting a substantive principal for Dora Creek PS via merit selection. Following this rigorous process, Mr Brigden and the selection panel have endorsed the appointment of myself, Damien Borrow, as the new substantive principal at Dora Creek Public School. Mr Brigden expresses his thanks to the panel for their efforts in undertaking the merit selection process and he looks forward to working with our school to build and sustain quality learning partnerships that support the continual improvement of learning outcomes within the school, and quality of school life for our students and community.

I, myself, am absolutely ecstatic to be offered this position as it is something that I have long strived for during my time at Dora Creek Public School. I am honoured to accept this position and cannot wait to begin a new chapter for our school in Term 4 and beyond, as we look to take giant steps in working together to achieve quality outcomes for our students. I thank Mr Brigden and the panel for endorsing my selection, and I also thank our staff and you, our community, for the support displayed to me and our great little school thus far. I hold a great affinity for Dora Creek PS and I look forward to continuing to work productively with you all to do the things that, at this school, we do best; that is, provide an education that is not just about academics but about promoting, recognising and supporting the whole child in a welcoming, nurturing environment.

Approaching Staff

As I'm sure you can appreciate, schools are very busy places and our teachers are often involved in organising a variety of school initiatives behind the scenes, which our students and community members aren't always aware of. Should you ever wish to seek a discussion with your child's teacher regarding your child, or the Assistant Principal or myself, you are very welcome to make an appointment at the front office to meet with teachers during *Release from Face to Face*, or before or after school. I would, however, ask that you do not approach staff while they are on playground duty, or at the beginning of the school day when they are settling classes for the beginning of lessons. This is mainly due to the fact that these are very busy times for classroom/ duty teachers and full attention is usually on the students of DCPS. Because of this, your concerns may not be addressed to your satisfaction during these times, or you may feel that you are being "fobbed off". The best discussions, and usually the best solutions, are achieved during a quiet, personal meeting at a convenient time and location where concerns can be raised without distractions. That being said, our teachers do encourage and support prosperous partnerships between school and home and we will endeavour to do our absolute best to address your concerns to the utmost of our ability. We welcome your contribution to our school and thank you in advance for your support regarding the information above.

Westlakes PSSA Senior Netball

On Friday, September 21, our senior netball teams made the journey to Wangi Wangi netball courts to participate in competition against a number of other schools as part of the Westlakes PSSA gala day. We were split into two mixed teams, before taking part in 5 games of fast-paced netball! Although we didn't win all of our games, everyone who attended really enjoyed themselves and had a great day. We won some and lost some but at the end of the day, everybody was smiling. Thank you Mrs Dilley and everyone who helped out with transport. We really appreciate it.



SENIOR NETBALL



JUNIOR NETBALL



Westlakes PSSA Junior and Senior Netball

Both the junior and senior netball teams played their hearts out and displayed great sportsmanship. They were great representatives for our school and a pleasure to take away.

Mrs Dilley

Woolworths Cricket Report

On Wednesday 26th September our Stage 2 and Stage 3 students headed on over to Toronto to play some cricket. We laughed and smiled all day even though it rained, and we even managed to complete a rainy version of the YMCA dance! Our two teams participated in 4 games in total and we really enjoyed ourselves. It really was a fantastic day and we would like to thank Miss Bruce for her organisation, along with all of the parents who provided transport.

By Ella, Synnai and Nikita



Model Search

Olivia Edwards, Master Portrait and Exhibiting Photographer is looking for models for her 2018 marketing campaign - Girls and Boys aged 4 - 16

Contact Olivia on 0407 102892 or lineregoddies.me@gmail.com for further information

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