Welcome to the last newsletter for 2015.....

Well it’s been a busy year at Doonside and as usual we have outdone ourselves again, every year just seems to get bigger and better, we can’t wait to see what 2016 has install for us all.

We would like to thank all of our staff, students, families and community for being with us on this wonderful joyride during 2015 as without you it couldn’t happen. For those moving on, goodbye and goodluck for the future from all of us, for those staying with us we can’t wait to take the next step together in 2016.

**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:** Adam, Mumin, Nikita, Rymaux, Aurora, Asha, Talara, Japjot, Cruz, Ava, Isabel, Julia, Grace, Cooper, Shivam, Mark, Jianna.

**Primary:** Sam, Tyla, Tabika, Dekion, Jacob, Magdy, Jordan, Tyla, Eknoor, Luke, Leroy.

Well done, we hope you enjoy your rewards afternoon.

**Excursion Cut Off**
Reminder..... Please pay your child’s excursions before the cut off date, to avoid disappointment.

**School Website:** Our web address is: [www.doonside-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.doonside-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

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**Doonside Dates**
Get it in your Diary

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Dear Parents / Caregivers

I can’t believe that 2015 has just about finished. We have seen a lot of great things happen this year. We have been able to continue the building refurbishments, the purchasing of up to date resources and improvement of our Technology.

Our staff have been very dedicated, enthusiastic and committed to our children, and I am honoured to be their team leader. I Thank them for everything it is that they do.

We bid farewell with a huge THANK YOU to Mr Scalici, I wish him all the best In his future adventures.

Our P&C have once again outdone themselves, raising money which was used to support programs in the school. I am looking forward to starting a new P&C in 2016.

I thank all of our wonderful community members for their continued support through all of the activities this year.

We have had a great end to this year, with a great Movie day. Presentation Day, Christmas Concert, Debutante Ball and Year 6 Farewell. I wish our Year 6 students all the best for 2016 and onwards.

To Our families who will not be with us next year, I bid you farewell and wish you all the best for your future endeavours. I thank you for being a part of our great school.

To all of our families returning in 2016 I am looking forward to working with you and your children. At this point in time we have grown in numbers where we will have an eighth class possibly a ninth. This will be confirmed at the end of February when the Department of Education locks in our numbers.

From my family and I, we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas with an very prosperous and energetic new year.

Stay safe, eat plenty and enjoy the holiday break. I will see you back at the heart of Doonside on January 28th 2016.

Yours Truly

David Galea
Principal
Hello Doonside Family,

It is that time of year again where we take the time to reflect on what has come our way in the past twelve months. As a school we have enjoyed many new experiences and the odd challenge or two and have come out smiling in the end!!

Our participation in the Premiers Reading and Premiers sporting challenges continued this year, with a record number of students participating and achieving their goals in these areas – congratulations!! Our debating and public speaking students have made commendable efforts, doing both themselves and their Doonside families proud!! We hope to continue these traditions in 2016.

Sport took a bit of a centre stage this year, with our students returning to the PSSA Summer competition in Cricket, Volleyball and Newcombe Ball. Our Cricket team had particularly pleasing results and made it to the semi-finals of the senior competition! A great result for coach and team. We continued to host the Junior ARU sessions on a Wednesday afternoon, however, these ceased in Term 3 due to funding restrictions on their part. As a result of funding through Sporting Schools, we not only subsidised our PSSA teams but were fortunate to have the AFL deliver a program for us in Term 4. Football NSW and Western Sydney Wanderers brought skills development sessions, while Penrith Panthers delivered the Backyard Rugby League sessions as well!!! I’m getting tired just writing this!

Our NAPLAN results and school based data demonstrate healthy growth and achievement. These pleasing results are a credit to the tireless efforts of teachers, students and families as we all strive to support students to reach their learning goals.

Cultural groups were highly commended for their performances at a number of different events during the year and we recognise all those students who share their gifts and heritage with us and our community. Many demonstrated their talents during “Doonie’s Got Talent” with a variety of acts – what talent we have in our student body!!

I would like to take the time now to bid a fond farewell to our families for whom this is their last year at Doonside Public School. Whilst you may not have a child here any longer, you are always welcome to come “home” and see us at any time.

For our staff who are leaving us, you will be sorely missed. Your dedication, sense of humour and love for the students you teach and the job you do is to be commended. You will be missed – please stay in touch!

To all of our families, from me and my family, I wish you a wonderful, joyous and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

See you in 2016!!

Merry Christmas and Happy holidays!!

Colleen Nisbet
Deputy Principal
Wingarra Aboriginal
Preschool Mini Debutante Ball

Our Preschool, Kindergarten and Year 1 Mini Debutante Ball was incredible, the children and parents had the time of their lives. A HUGE THANK YOU to Aunty Gloria, Aunty Charlene and the parent committee for all of the planning and organising for the big day.

The children were so proud of themselves, they looked and acted so grown up. It was a wonderful fairytale evening.
Congratulations to all of our award winners for 2015
Above are our class award winners. Below right is our new PBL award for Doonside Public School, our DIAMOND Award. Our Diamond award will be awarded to children that have received a Banner Award for 3 consecutive years. Doonside had over 350 awards to give out this year so a huge congratulations to everyone.
Christmas Concert

What an amazing Christmas Concert this year, the children had a blast and we even had a guest appearance from Marshall Gibson (Mr Dawson’s Cousin) and CAS......

Merry Christmas Everyone and a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year....