Welcome to 2016 at Doonside Public School. It was such a pleasure to come back this year to see so many smiling faces and hearing all the wonderful holiday stories. Our staff returned the day before our children to complete our yearly First Aid, CPR, Anaphylaxis and Asthma training, so rest assured your children are in safe hands. Even after such a busy day our staff even managed to stay behind to time to work on planning for 2016.

We would like to welcome our staff back as well as our new teachers that have started the term with us…. Ms Reyes, Mrs Cooke, Mrs Chetty and Mr Prants.

2016 Classes
As you are aware your children have been placed into their classes. We would like to advise parents that the class structure is temporary until further advice from the Department of Education. Total student enrolment numbers will be submitted very shortly, and the DOE staffing unit will confirm the number of teaching allocations for our school. Once this is confirmed we will set classes permanently. It is envisaged that this will be settled no later than week 5 of this term.

Please be assured that your child’s education will not be disadvantaged by any changes.

As always, the student welfare and academic success is the core business of our school and student needs will be met on these levels regardless of the class or teacher.

Term 1
12.02.16 Swim Carnival Eméront 8Yrs & over
19.02.16 PSSA Begins
21.03.16 Harmony Day
25.03.16 Good Friday Public Holiday
28.03.16 Easter Monday Public Holiday
31.03.16 Cross Country
01.04.16 PSSA Ends
01.04.16 International “Please” Day
08.04.16 Last Day of Term 1

Term 2
26.04.16 Staff Development Day
27.04.16 Children Return for Term 2

P&C If you are interested in being part of the P&C and would like to re-invigorate it please see Colleen and David.
News from our School Administration Team
Welcome back to all of our familiar families and to our new families starting with us this year. Please feel free to come and have a chat with the office ladies if you need assistance or would just like to say hello.

Please find attached to this newsletter a copy of our Doonside Public School Safety Booklet. For the safety of yourself and your family please take the time to read through the brochure and familiarise yourself with our safety procedures.

FRIDAY MORNING'S
Friday morning's staff at Doonside have a communication meeting, this is a chance for staff to discuss the week that was and business that may be happening in future weeks, as well as share resources, learning outcomes, plan rosters etc. Please be patient on Friday mornings as our School Admin staff also attend the meeting.

If you need to see someone in the office on Fridays please wait until the bell at 8.55 am

Eftpos
Is available for items over $10.00, please note we are unable to eftpos or receipt on Tuesday mornings due to finance procedures.

Uniforms
We would like to thank all of our families for your patience at this very busy time of the year with uniform sales for the first week of 2016 being at an all-time record high. Due to the high demand many of our sizes have already sold out. Please bear with us as we understand your frustration, an order has been processed and we are currently working closely with our manufacturer to try to rush through our stock for our families.

As most families are aware Doonside Public School started updating our uniforms in 2015. We are still going through the transition process of updating clothing stock. Currently we are having a sale of our School Jackets ($10.00) and Hoodies ($5.00) to make way for our new stock.

Sizes are limited. See the list below.

- **Hoodies ($5.00)**
  - Sizes available - 4, 12 and 14

- **Jackets ($10.00)**
  - Sizes Available - 4, 8, 10, 12, and 16
  
  Please be quick.... First in best dressed.......

  Ensure you label your child's clothing so it can be identified and returned if lost.

Opal Card
School bus passes have now been phased out and parents need to apply online for an Opal card. If you are having trouble downloading your form please come and see the ladies in the office.

Fruit / Recess / Lunch
Please be aware we no longer get fruit donated from IGA for our children. Please ensure your child has sufficient food for recess and lunch.

Thank You DPS Administration Team.

Great News
On behalf of the Aboriginal Education Team it gives us great pleasure to announce the success of one of our children, Jaryea Naden. Congratulations Jaryea on being a successful recipient of the Year 5 Gili Scholarship for 2016. Well done.
School Leaders
We would like to formally announce our school leaders for 2016. We wish them all the best in their new role and trust that they will be wonderful support and role models to our students.

Captains
Llanga Khupa
Abby Skinner

Vice Captains
Deon Gordon
Luseanne Kafa

Prefects
Balou Lawaniyasana
Kuinieti Seve
Cameron Plowman
Aaliyah Scobie-Tillman
Arav Lal
Divreet Gill

DOONSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL IS AN ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL

Please be aware Anaphylaxis is a serious, possibly life threatening reaction that can happen to anyone having an allergic reaction. We need to remind everyone of the need for our school to remain NUT FREE. We have a number of children within our school that have allergies to nuts. This includes nut products and items of food that may have traces of nuts. When preparing your child's food please be mindful of the impact that nuts could have on our children that have allergies, it could be life threatening. Just remember its everyone's responsibility not just the classmates of these children, your child might play with these children at recess or lunch, and just the slightest hint of Nutella or Peanut Butter left on your child's hands could be enough to trigger a life threatening allergic reaction.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH NUT PRODUCTS OF ANY KIND. Please talk to your child about the importance of not sharing food with other students.

This is extremely important and we need everyone's help to ensure the safety of our students.

Tools for Learning
Please note your child will require tools for learning at Doonside Public School. Please check the list below to see what your child will be required to bring to class.

K-2
Lead Pencils
Tissues
Glue Sticks
Sharpeners

Colouring Pencils
Pencil Case
Homework Book

3-6
Lead Pencils
Tissues
Glue Sticks
Sharpeners
Red Pens
Sharpeners

Colouring Pencils
Pencil Case
Homework Book
Blue Pens
Eraser

Headlice
Headlice is a common problem in all schools. Treating headlice early and with a follow up treatment is one of the best ways to help prevent an outbreak. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat as needed. Please discuss with your child the importance of keeping long hair tied up and not sharing hats.
Sick Children

Please be aware if your child is sick in the morning before school, do not send them to school. We are not trained Medical Doctors and do not have the facilities to care for sick children.

If your child has a contagious illness: such as impetigo, conjunctivitis, ring worm, mumps, chicken pox, whooping cough, measles please ensure you have a clearance from the doctor before they return to school. Please also contact the school so we can send a note home to other families to watch out for signs and symptoms.

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Breakfast Club

Thanks to the Red Cross our Breakfast Club is still up and running between 8.30am and 8.55am. Children can stop in and have breakfast before class. Children need to have cereal and then they can have toast but they are not to go and play until they have eaten and cleaned up their mess.

School Banking

Louise Skinner will be organizing School Banking on Friday mornings at the Breakfast Club near the Canteen from 8.30 – 9am.

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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:** Adem, Ava, Tammy, Benjamin, Sarwin, and Rhona.

**Primary:** Isaac, and Luke

Well done, we hope you enjoy your rewards afternoon.

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

Jump on and find lots of interesting information about our school, photos, updates, newsletters, calendar events, as well as copies of notes that have been sent home to families.

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Doonside is now on Twitter. Simply type in DoonsidePS to find us.

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Please Notice This

Have you explained your child’s absences from school? Please send a letter to school with your child, explaining why they have been away.
No Bikes/Scooters at School
Please note: Push bikes and scooters are not to be at school.
Doonside Public School does not have the facilities to store these belongings safely, so please ensure your child leaves their bike/scooter at home.

New Bike Laws Please note..... There has been an increase in fines related to push bike riders within NSW. Please see below and ensure your child wears a helmet. The following fines have increased from $71.

Not wearing a helmet $319
Running a red light $425
Riding Dangerously $425
Holding onto a moving vehicle $319
Not stopping at a crossing $425

Carpark Safety
Staff are arriving and leaving at all different times in the morning and afternoon, it is not safe for yourself or your children to access the school through our carparks. Please ensure your child accesses our school grounds through the pedestrian gates.

Before and After School Care Parking
If your child attends The Camp Australia Before and After School Care please park in the carpark near the preschool. It is close to the hall with easy access to drop off and pick up your children.

Visitors.........
All visitors to our school must come to the office and sign in and out.

This is very important. We need to know who is on the premises at all times, for the safety of our staff and students.

Money....If you need to pay money to the office for book club or excursions, please place it in an envelope or snap lock bag with your child’s name, class and amount enclosed and what it is for clearly labelled on the front.

Money then comes to the back office window and is placed into the letterbox.

Absence Notes....If your child is away from school please send a note into the class teacher, including date of absence and reason or feel free to use the one below.

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Remember.........
* No smoking on school grounds
* No adults in student toilets at any time!
* No alcohol on school grounds.
* No dogs on school grounds.
Look at these wonderful happy learners striving for Excellence……
It’s wonderful to see so many smiling faces, as the children explore big school.

Relaxed outdoor learning, encouraging small groups to be focused on a task.
EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In a life threatening emergency

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In ALL cases, advise the Principal, Assistant Principals or School Administration Manager

EXITS

For your safety, make sure you know the location of your nearest exit and evacuation route.

EVACUATION PROCEDURES

MAP

Placed in each room

ON SITE/OFF SITE EVACUATION PLAN - DOONSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL

An evacuation order will be given by means of a buzz through the public address system. A message will come over the loud speaker advising where to evacuate to.

WHEN THIS OCCURS:

1. Stop all work and direct all students to leave the building.
2. Call your nearest Main Door: (96223575)
3. All students in the designated area, should leave the building immediately.
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EVACUATION

Bell will ring continuously

Lock all doors and move to assembly point.

LOCKDOWN

Repeated intermittent bell x 20.

Move to closest secure point (occupied classroom, office, hall, library).

Ring office (96223575) to alert staff of your whereabouts.

Welcome to Doonside Public School

SAFETY BOOKLET

The NSW Department of Education and Training is committed to the Work Health & Safety of employees, students, contractors, volunteers and visitors.
For your safety and the safety of others, it is a condition of entry to this site that you take a few minutes to read this brochure.

**REQUIREMENTS**

- All visitors are required to report to the main office on arrival.
- Observe all parking and vehicular restrictions.
- Obey all safety signs and barricades.

**VIOLENT, THREATENING OR OTHER UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR IS NOT TOLERATED ON NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING PREMISES.**

- SMOKING is not permitted on DET premises.
- ALCOHOL AND ILLEGAL DRUGS are not permitted on DET premises.
- WEAPONS, including knives are not permitted on DET premises.
- Visitors, volunteers and Contractors intending to bring DANGEROUS GOODS AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES on site must declare these at the main office prior to entering the site.
- ALL HAZARDS AND INCIDENTS must be reported to the main office.
- INJURIES will be recorded in the Register of Injuries.
- FIRST AID treatment is available on site. First Aid room and kits in admin building

**CONTRACTORS / VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS**

Report to the Principal or Delegate to:

- Indicate the location and duration of the job.
- Sign the School's Site Visit Log or Visitors Book and Induction Sheet.
- Advise the status of the job before leaving the site.
- Ensure no tools or hazardous materials are left behind in unsafe areas.

**All Contractors, Visitors & Volunteers must:**

- Produce a copy of their Safety Management Plan including use of personal protective equipment and controls for site specific hazards.
- Produce public liability insurance documentation before work is commenced.
- Complete a Prohibited Employment or Working With Children Declaration.