Welcome to our week 4 newsletter. It’s great to see our kinder children and new families all settling in to Doonside. Please feel free to come to the office if there is something you are not sure about, our admin ladies are happy to help.

Don’t forget to mark our Doonside Dates in your diary or cut them out and place it on the fridge.

**Term 1**
- 19.02.16 PSSA Begins
- 25.02.16 Mt Druitt PSSA Swim Carnival
- 29.02.16 Young Leaders Expo
- 8.03.16 Parent Info Session Yr 6 to 7-9.15
- 10.03.16 Selective High School Test
- 21.03.16 Harmony Day
- 23.03.16 WSW Soccer Clinic
- 25.03.16 Good Friday Public Holiday
- 28.03.16 Easter Monday Public Holiday
- 31.03.16 DPS Cross Country
- 01.04.16 Summer PSSA Ends
- 01.04.16 International “Please” Day
- 05.04.16 Books in Homes Assembly 10am
- 08.04.16 Last Day of Term 1

**Term 2**
- 25.04.16 ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- 26.04.16 Staff Development Day
- 27.04.16 Children Return for Term 2

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**Our School Counsellor** – Mr Warwick Lindsay will be onsite and available every Tuesday and every second Thursday (odd weeks).

**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.

**Water Bottles**
Please ensure your child has a water bottle with fresh water everyday. Too many children are leaving class through learning time to get a drink or coming to the sickbay feeling unwell because they have not drunk enough water throughout the day.

**Medical Information**
Notes have been sent home to update our Medical Information. If your child has Asthma, Allergies or Anaphylaxis please ensure you have an Action Plan signed by your child’s doctor. Action Plans are available from the office.

**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
An order has been processed and we have received a large number of items. Unfortunately there was an error in manufacturing and our supplier was unable to provide our polo shirts in size 6, 8, 12 and 14. They have given us an estimated time of Mid March for delivery. We are also waiting on some track pants that are on backorder and these should arrive shortly. Don’t forget about our Hoodies and Jackets that have been reduced. Sizes are limited.

Hoodies ($5.00) Jackets ($10.00)
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.

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.

Thank You DPS Administration Team.
2015 Deb Ball Photo's - If your child attended our 2015 Debutant Ball for preschool and Kindergarten, there is a CD available to purchase from the preschool. If you would like to order a CD, please see Aunty Charlene in the preschool on Wednesday or Friday afternoons at 3pm.

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.

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.

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.

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: Ronaldo, Jasmeet, Billy, Annie, Satnik, Ava, Shelby.

Primary: Lucius, Tiana, Skyla, Logan, Zoe, Khupa, Jason.

Well done, we hope you enjoy your rewards afternoon.

Remember...........
* No smoking on school grounds
* No adults in student toilets at any time!
* No alcohol on school grounds.
* No dogs on school grounds.
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.

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.

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.

Absence Slip
Name: ____________________________________________
Class: ____________________________________________
Date of Absence: ___________________________________
Reason for Absence: __________________________________
__________________________________________________
__________________________________________________
__________________________________________________
__________________________________________________

Parent Signature: ___________________________________

Deal 1
Egg & Lettuce Sandwich
Bottle of Water
Piece of Fruit

Deal 2
Chicken Fingers
Juice Popper
Torpedo Ice Block

Available from 22nd Feb –11th March 2016

Stationary
Just a reminder to provide your child with their stationary requirements. School fees are not payable at Doonside Public School but we do ask that ALL families provide the basic tools for learning.

Phones, Ipods, Gameboys etc...........
Is there any need for these to be at school? Please note all of the above items need to be signed into the office, students are not allowed to have them with them or in their bag.