



Dawson Public School  
Newsletter

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# NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 7 May 2025

Term 2 Week 2

*The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." – Phil Jackson*

### Principal's Message

A warm welcome back, families. I hope everyone enjoyed some special moments with loved ones over the school holidays. As we move into the final month of Autumn, we've certainly seen a lot of change and energy in our school. Thank you to the families who joined us for our end-of-Term 1 Easter celebration. It's always heartening to see our school community come together so positively and supportively.

I'd like to let families know in advance that there will be a few occasions this term when I will be away from the school. I understand that my absence sometimes sparks curiosity or concern, so I want to be transparent about the reasons. Next Monday, Miss Freeman and I will be accompanying our senior boys and girls teams to the Wanderers Cup. Additionally, I've been honoured to be seconded as a member of the Primary Principals' Association NSW State Standing Committee. This means I'll be in Sydney one day each term to work alongside other principals in shaping statewide educational leadership. I'm grateful for the opportunity to contribute in this way. Looking further ahead, I'll be taking some long service leave during Term 3, from August 11 to August 22. During this time, Mrs Wilson will serve as the relieving principal.

At the start of this term, our Staff Development Days focused on the Department of Education's statewide priority of High Potential and Gifted Education. I'm proud of our staff's commitment to ensuring every child has the opportunity to thrive, whether in Dance, Art, Choir, Physical Education & classroom learning.



**Living High Potential & Gifted Education** - A special congratulations to our very own casual School Learning Support Officer, Nicole Bell, who participated undefeated for Australia in the Trans-Tasman Oztag competition. Nicole has been recognised for representing Australia in Oztag in this competition for 5 years. What an outstanding achievement and wonderful role model for our students, staff and community alike! What an absolute champion.

**Zone Cross Country** - A huge congratulations to the 40 students who proudly represented Dawson PS at the Zone Cross Country Carnival yesterday. Their behaviour and effort throughout the day were outstanding. We're thrilled to share that five of our students have qualified for the Sydney West Regional Carnival—an incredible achievement! Congratulations to Taylon, AJ, Eli, Tori, and Archer. We're so proud of you!

**Building Partnerships** - This term, we are excited to welcome local Police Officers to our school every Thursday morning. This initiative is all about connection and relationship-building. Our visiting officers are leading a variety of fun and engaging activities that help our students see police in a positive, approachable light. The goal is to build trust, promote community safety, and strengthen respectful relationships between young people and those who serve in our local community. We're grateful for their time and commitment, and it's been wonderful to see the students enthusiastically participating and forming these valuable connections.

**Building the systems to ensure Education is the main focus** - I would like to shine a light on the incredible work of our administrative office team, led by Judith Robinson. This dedicated specialised team has taken on a wide range of tasks that previously rested with teachers, such as following up on student absences, organising enrolments, meetings, communications, school photos, coordinating excursions, and even putting together this very awesome newsletter (how fantastic is it!). Their excellent work and strong organisation behind the scenes has enabled our teachers and leaders to focus more deeply on what matters most: teaching, learning, and building meaningful relationships with students and families. I want to sincerely thank Judy, Nicole and the whole team for their professionalism and quiet excellence, they are an absolutely vital part of our school's success.

**Setting up for Success** - Every Monday, our teachers engage in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), where they collaborate to strengthen their teaching practice. Great teachers are made through continuous development, and our teams, led by Assistant Principals and middle leaders, focus on student reading and numeracy outcomes. Using data and high-impact teaching strategies, they work side-by-side in classrooms to ensure student learning is always progressing. I'd like to thank Mr Sterling, Mrs VV, and all our staff for their incredible commitment to this work. I am very pleased to share that we have seen significant improvement in both Reading and Numeracy in this year's preliminary NAPLAN results in key areas across our school. This is a direct result of the dedicated work of our teaching staff, the targeted support strategies we've implemented through our PLCs, and the strong partnerships we continue to build with families. It is encouraging to see this growth and know that our efforts are having a positive measurable impact on student learning.

**ANZAC Day** – You may have noticed that we held our special school ANZAC Day Commemorative Service last Friday, on 2 May. ANZAC Day is a significant national occasion where we honour the courage, sacrifice, and service of all Australian and New Zealand soldiers, past and present. It's a time for our school to come together in reflection and gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy today. I was incredibly proud of the respect and maturity shown by our students during the service. Through these moments, we help our young people understand the importance of remembrance and national identity. Lest We Forget.

Lastly, a big thank you to our P&C, who are preparing the annual Mother's Day stall. This wonderful initiative ensures every student has the chance to find something special for Mum. We appreciate the time and effort our P&C volunteers give to make these moments possible.

Kindest regards

Trev Mason  
Principal



## Dawson Public School Office Newsletter

office hours 8:20am - 3:20pm  
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Email  
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Term 1 Week 10



## Upcoming Events

Wanderers School Cup

Mon 12th May

Stage 3 Kari X Wanderers Soccer  
Clinic

Thurs 15th May

## UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Tuesdays 2:15pm to 3:15pm

Fridays 8:30am to 9:30am



## Reminders



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Thursday 8th May

WINTER PSSA \$5 each Friday to cover the cost  
of the bus.

*Please note the office is closed and phones  
switched off between 12:55pm to 1:15pm  
daily for DEAM. Drop Everything and Move!!!*



## URGENT

Keep Schoolbytes  
notifications on to receive  
the latest updates

# DAWSON PS P & C NEWS

One of the greatest gifts you  
can give is your time.

## MOTHERS DAY STALL



Wednesday 7th May - Pre school group 1  
Thursday 8th May - K - ^ and Pre school  
group 2

## FUNDRAISING IDEAS



If parents/carers have any fundraising  
ideas they would like to share or see  
please feel free to contact us via email or  
our facebook page.

## P & C MEMBERSHIP



If you would to be a part of Dawson's  
P & C please ask any of our members or  
you can contact us via email or facebook.  
All parents/caress are welcome!

## P & C MEETINGS



Our next P & C meeting is being held on  
the 14th May at 9am. We look forward to  
seeing you.



## UNIFORM DONATIONS



Any old uniforms you no longer need can  
be donated to the school to help other  
families in need.



## QR CODE

The P & C have set up a QR code that will  
take you directly to our Facebook page.  
Simply scan and like to keep up to date  
with the latest information.

## JOIN US!

Join our facebook page to keep up to date with all  
school news and up coming events.

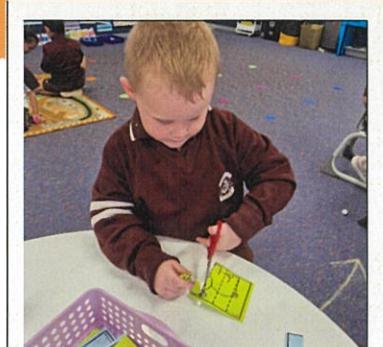
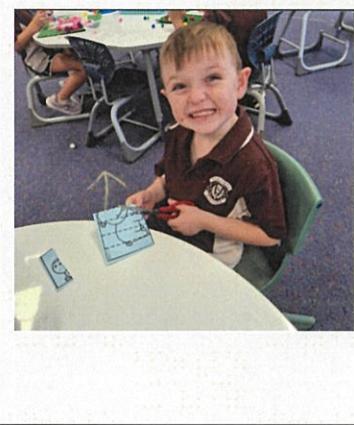
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# K/1C NEWS

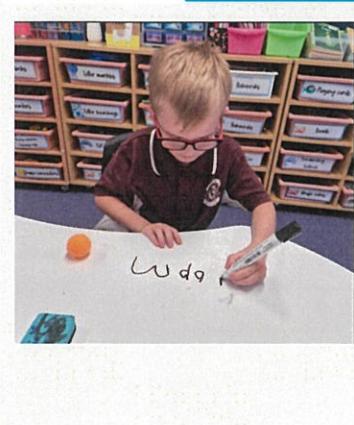
K/1C are so excited to be back at school.

Take a look at some of our amazing work in  
Literacy groupys.

## CUTTING SKILLS



## LETTERS



# K/1C NEWS

## LETTERS & NAME MAKING



## CONSTRUCTION & TECHNOLOGY



# KINDERGARTEN FARM EXCURSION

KINDERGARTEN ARE GOING ON THEIR FIRST BIG SCHOOL EXCURSION TO CALMSLEY HILL CITY FARM.

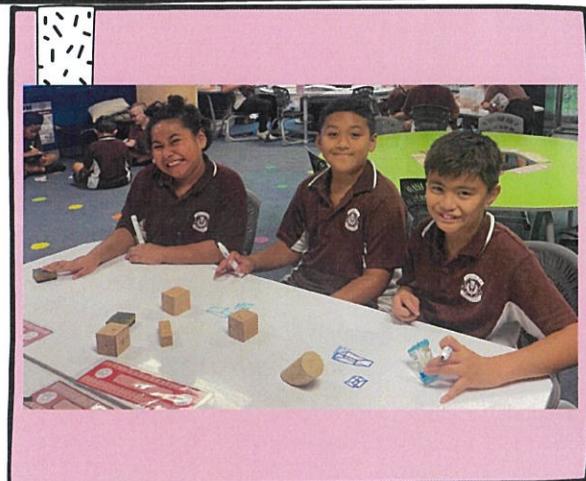
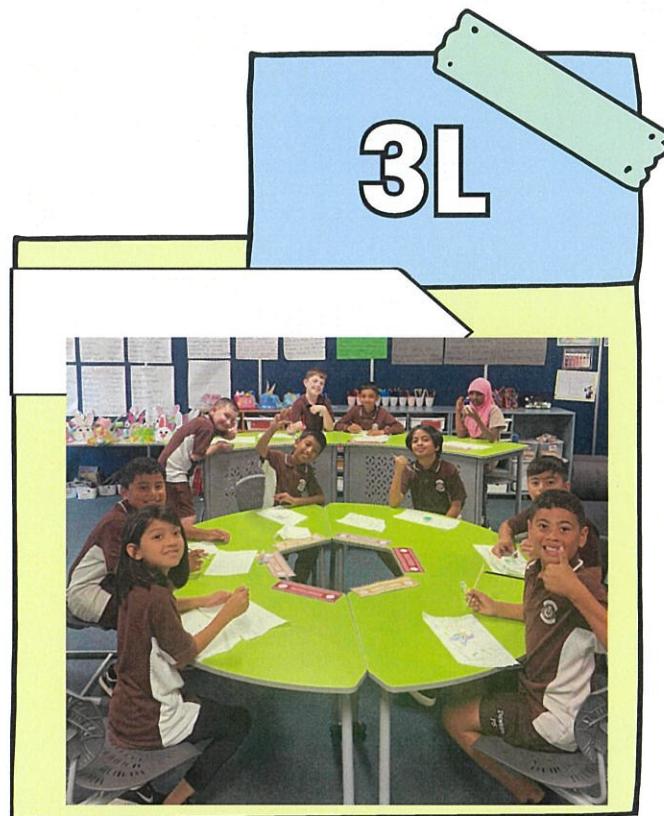
**WHEN: TUESDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE, 2025  
(WEEK 6, TERM 2)  
COST: \$22.00**

THE PERMISSION NOTE CAN BE FOUND ON SCHOOL BYTES.

A HUGE SHOUTOUT AND THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING SCHOOL P&C WHO HAVE KINDLY PAID FOR THE BUS FOR OUR KINDY STUDENTS TO BE TRANSPORTED TO AND FROM THE FARM!

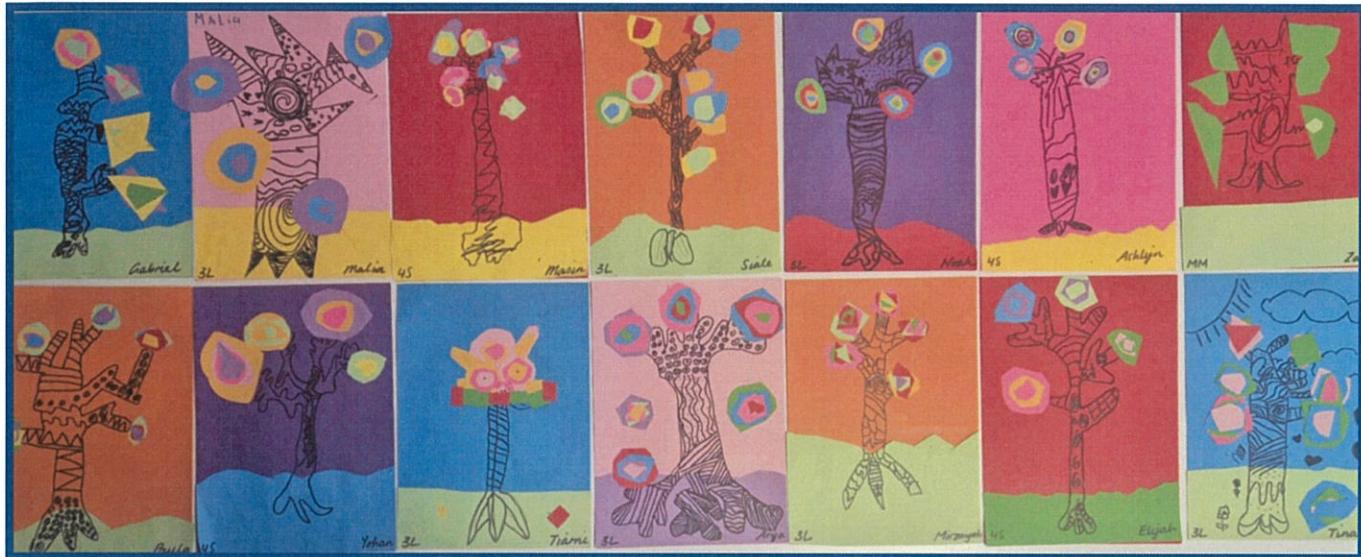
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT MRS CONNELL





# VISUAL ARTS NEWS

## ABSTRACT ART



**Students in 3L, 4S and Mirrungmatta Senior are studying abstract art. Abstract art is art that does not attempt to represent an accurate depiction of a visual reality. Students took inspiration from Kandinsky's 'Squares with Concentric Circles' and created these abstract trees.**



P & C

## Mother's Day Stall

Our P & C will be holding a Mother's Day Stall for students to purchase a little gift for that special person in their lives

**Wednesday 7th May – Pre School group 1**

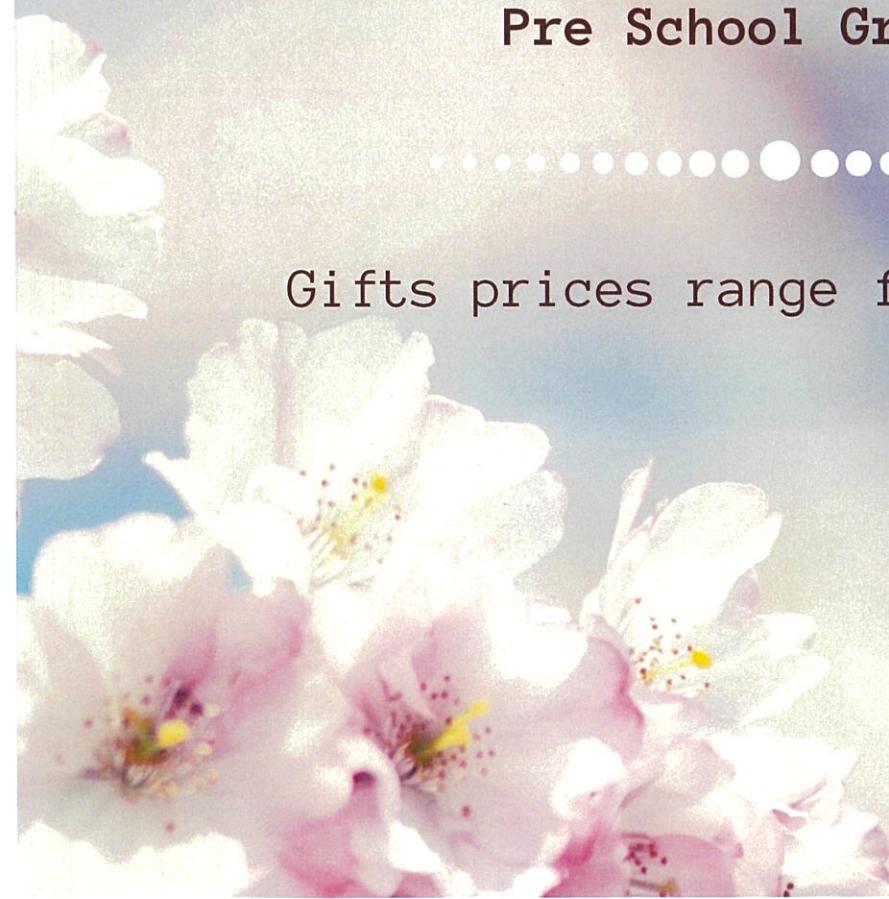
**Thursday 8th May – K-6**

**and**

**Pre School Group 2**

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**Gifts prices range from \$1 – \$10**



# Breakfast CLUB

Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday open at 8.30am



yummm!



# Assembly

Assembly will be held Friday of week 3. Please join us in the hall to celebrate student achievements and see our students perform their item.

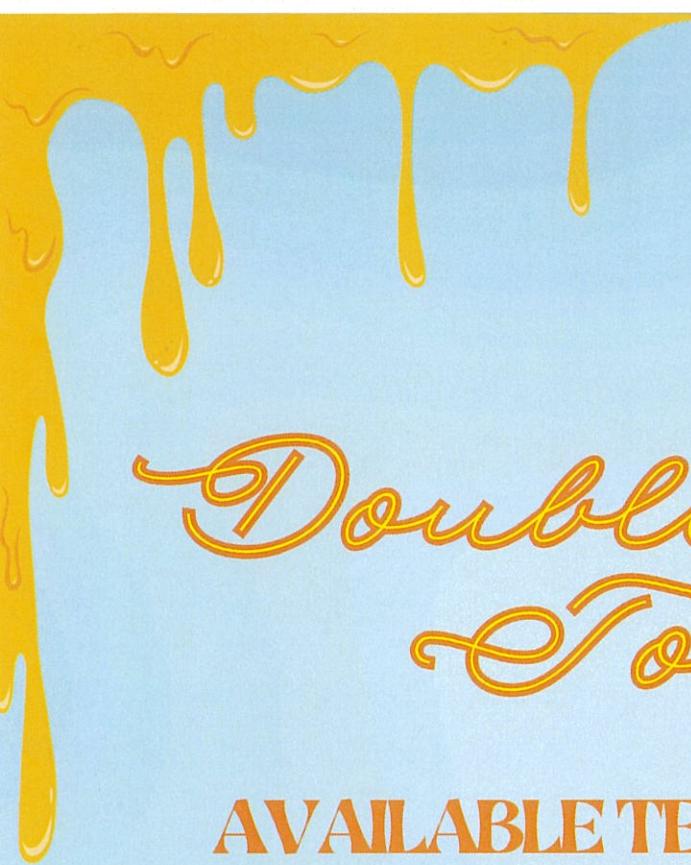
## 3-6 Assembly

9am-9:45am  
5/6K will perform their item

## K-2 Assembly

9:50am-10:45am  
1/2F will perform their item

Each class will present an item throughout the year, and this information will be put in the newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there to support our students.



# Double Cheese Toastic

AVAILABLE TERM 2: Weeks 2 & 3  
Monday – Thursday



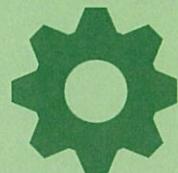
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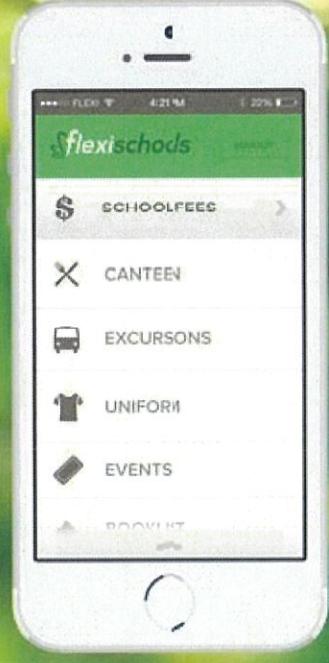
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# KIDS GYM

## MT DRUITT

Kids Gym is a **FREE** supported playgroup for children aged 2-5 years old who live in the **2770** postcode in the Mount Druitt area.

The Program runs during school terms on a **Wednesday and Thursday** and is run by qualified Health Professionals. Parents / Carers participate with their child throughout the group.

Groups are structured to involve a welcome and warm up song, outdoor play for gross motor development, craft activities for fine motor development, and story time.

Groups run for approximately an hour, and there are different group session times available. Bookings are essential. Free childcare can be arranged for younger siblings during the session.

If you have any questions or want to join a group you can contact us on

**9881 1220**

or via email at [WSLHD-KidsGymMtDruitt@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:WSLHD-KidsGymMtDruitt@health.nsw.gov.au)

Kids Gym is provided by WSLHD under partnership with Mission Australia's Communities for Children Program. This program is funded by the Australian Government.

### KIDS GYM WILL:

Help your child learn, play and grow through:

- Movement activities and games
- Craft activities
- Songs and stories

Have a different theme each week

Help your child practice:

- Getting along with other children and adults
- Making new friends

Help you meet other families in the area

Strengthen the bond between parent and child

### WHERE

Mount Druitt Community Health Centre  
Corner Buran and Kelly Close  
Mount Druitt 2770

# BASKETBALL SKILLS & GAMES FOR CHILDREN AGES - 4-12

➤➤➤➤ THIS PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE:

- BASKETBALL GAMES AND SKILLS WITH OUR ELITE COACHES
- 8-WEEK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGES 4-12
- LOCATION - CHIFLEY COLLEGE BIDWILL CAMPUS
- CLASSES RUNNING SATURDAY IN TERM 2
- ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

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