Our welcome BBQ will be held this evening at school, starting at 5:15pm. Our information session will begin at 5:45 pm in the hall. I will provide you with a brief overview and introduce our staff for 2015. Many are new or are in different roles this year. You will then have the opportunity to hear from your child’s teacher, who will provide you with an information sheet for you to take away and read at your leisure. I am very much looking forward to meeting you.

Last week we held our first gathering for the year. Thank you to the MC class for their presentation about fire safety. The message was very clear: in case of a fire “get down low and go, go, go”. After this performance the students were treated to an up close look at a fire truck and information session by safety training officer, Chris Ridley. Year 3 students also showcased their creativity with lovely artwork. The message was clear- we can do anything, aim high and shoot for the stars!” Thank you to all the parents that attended. Our students are so proud of the effort they put into their work and gathering is such a wonderful opportunity to share this with them. I enjoyed meeting some of our parents and having a chat and a cuppa afterwards.

This year we will be focussing on improving student attendance. I encourage all parents and children to try and be on time for school. If students are 10 minutes late each day over the course of a week they have lost 50 minutes learning time and in a year that amounts to approximately 30 hours.

Swimming Carnival cancelled
Due to the high cost of running the swimming carnival (at least $6 per student) and a minimum number of competitors, we have made the decision to cancel our carnival and instead use this money to support other initiatives that will benefit all our students. Students in 3-6 will have an opportunity for a fun day at the pool as a “You Can Do It” reward day.

Any student who has expressed an interest in participating in the District PSSA carnival will be provided with an opportunity to do so. Students must confidently be able to swim 50m without stopping in less than 1 minute. A nomination form will be sent home with interested students.

As yet our school canteen is not up and running for 2015. The P&C are working behind the scenes to ensure that the canteen does open this year. We will keep you informed about this. Don’t forget the P & C AGM meeting is on Monday the 2/3/15 at 6.45pm in the staffroom. This is a great friendly way to become involved in the school. If you are unable to attend but have some great ideas please contact the President Sharon Holden, phone or by email: drummond-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Have a great week everyone

Mrs Louise Moffatt
**Dates to Remember—Term 1**

**Term 1 - 2015**

- **Tuesday February 10** - Sausage Sizzle to welcome families to Drummond and an information evening for parents, starting at 5.15pm.
- **Thursday February 19** - PSSA Swimming Carnival
- **Thursday February 26** - YCDI Rewards Day
- **Friday February 27** - Multicultural Day
- **Monday March 2** - P & C Annual General Meeting starting at 6.45pm
- **Saturday March 14** - Autumn Festival

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**Organisation**

**What is Organisation?**

Organisation means ............ Setting goals to do my best in my school work, planning my time so that I’m not rushed, and having all my supplies and things I need ready.

Examples of this Behaviour include:-

- Making sure I understand my teacher’s instructions before I begin work. (LISTENING!!!)
- Having my bag packed, school clothes out, lunch ready, notes signed and in my bag before I go to bed the night before.
- Keeping my area neat and tidy. This could include your desk area at home, school desk or even your school bag. This is so things can be easily found and accessed when needed.
- Planning when I am going to do my homework and not leaving it to the last minute. This way I can improve my work if I allow more time and the I don’t feel rushed or stressed.
- Handing homework in on time

It is easy to put things off, I know. But with a little effort at the beginning of the year these things can become a habit. Being Organised can really cut down on family and individual stress of children and really help in having more relaxed students who are ready to learn at the beginning of the school day.

Mrs Vanessa Harwood

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**REMINDER**

The School Car Park will be locked between the times of 2.45pm and 3.20pm. This is for the purpose of student safety and wellbeing. Students can be dropped off and picked up safely in either Ohio or Niagara Streets.

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**Drumstix Canteen**

Watch this space as to when the Canteen will open for 2015

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**Clothing Pool**

Opening hours
8.45—9.30 Tuesday
No clothing pool this Thursday
No EFTPOS available
Layby available
WANTED
If you have any unwanted/unused uniforms please donate them to the Clothing Pool