Welcome back for another term. Our school term begins today and will conclude on Friday the 26 June. During the term we have a long weekend on Monday 8th June for the Queens birthday. Please be aware that there is NO public holiday next Monday 27 April. It will be school as usual.

Farewell and Welcome
I would like to introduce and welcome to our Drummond family Mrs Kate Richardson, who will be replacing Mrs Angela Muir. Mrs Muir will be leaving Armidale and moving to Canberra with her husband and children. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Muir for the care and commitment she has shown to all our students over a period of four years and wish her and her family well for the future. She will be missed.

Mrs Richardson joins our team and comes with many years’ experience working in rural and remote communities in New Zealand. She brings passion and enthusiasm to the position and will be an asset to our school. Miss Rich will continue in her team teaching role.

It is with sadness that I say that this will be my last newsletter article for Drummond Drumbeat as I take up my new position as Deputy Principal at Ben Venue Public School on Monday. Mrs Peta Deiderick will relieve as Principal until a replacement is appointed. This should happen within the next two weeks.

Student welfare and discipline policy - I mentioned last term that we have been busy reviewing our school’s welfare and discipline policy. This is ready to be taken to the P&C tonight. Once supported by the P&C it will be introduced immediately. Several parent information sessions will be held to help understand the new policy as it has some significant changes. A copy will be available on request.

Medicare Local - Medicare local will be providing information and physical movement sessions for students in Year 5/6 this term. The sessions will include a range of topics and will be co-delivered by other health professionals and emergency services such as police nurses. Following these sessions they will be providing an opportunity to work with parents by providing free workshops. These workshops will begin at 2:30 in the school hall and conclude at 3pm. I encourage all parents to come along.

Attendance - In accordance with DEC policy, Drummond is implementing new attendance procedures beginning this term. The policy states: Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of the first day of any period of absence. Principals must ensure the school has effective measures in place to monitor and follow up student absences.

You will notice changes such as increased phone contact from the school, letters sent requesting an explanation for a student’s absence as well as letters requesting parents to make an appointment to discuss attendance issues or concerns. These improvements are designed to support students and families and will lead to improved attendance rates.

Anzac Day Ceremony - Saturday 25th April is Anzac day. Once again Drummond student will be participating in the parade and representing our school. There is an expectation that our school leaders will lead our school and lay a wreath on our school’s behalf and that as many of our student are represented as possible. A note will be sent out later this week that will have the information about meeting places and times on it. Full winter school uniform including hats will be an expectation of marching. In addition to this our school will hold its own Anzac day ceremony on Monday 27th at 9:30 am.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Cooper Hislop who gained selection in the North West Hockey side. The team will play in May. Well Done and best of luck Cooper.

Mrs Louise Moffatt
Relieving Principal
Transition 2015 @ D.M.P.S
Transition is enrolling now, ready to start in Term 2.
Transition will run Mondays from 9:00am to 3:00pm starting Monday the 27th April.
Anyone interested in enrolling their child please contact the front office on (02)67723736 for more details.

Welcome to Term 2
We are learning about Getting Along.

This picture shows us the importance of how our thinking powers our behaviour.

Vanessa Harwood

Term 2 2015

Saturday April 25 - ANZAC Commemoration Service

Monday April 27 - Transition Starts

Thursday April 30 - ESL Transition Starts

Friday May 1 - Gathering in School Hall 9.25am. Classes 4/5 and Y2 will be presenting items, come along and encourage them.

Tuesday May 5 - GRIP conference

Monday May 11 - Thursday May 14
Week 4 NAPLAN for years 3 and 5.

Friday May 15 - Gathering in School Hall 9.25am. Classes 3 and 1 will be presenting items, come along and encourage them.

Tuesday May 19 - Eisteddfod

Friday May 29—Gathering in School Hall 9.25am. Classes 5/6 and K/1 will be presenting items, come along and encourage them.

Monday June 8 - Queens Birthday Long Weekend

Week 8 Dental Clinic

Friday June 12 - Gathering in School Hall 9.25am. Classes K and MC will be presenting items, come along and encourage them.

Friday June 26—Gathering in School Hall 9.25am. The dance and choir groups will be presenting items, everyone is welcome to come.

2015 Armidale Eisteddfod
Tuesday 19 May

We are entering 2 choir groups.
Students are required to wear the full school uniform.

If you require items of the uniform please come in and see the clothing pool on either Tuesday mornings at 8.45 - 9.30am or Thursday afternoons at 2.45 - 3.30pm.

Do not leave this to the last minute, get ready now!