My name is Tanya McKinlay and I have been appointed as Relieving Principal to this fabulous school. Thank you so much Peta Deiderick for your dedication and tireless efforts whilst relieving as Principal until my appointment last Wednesday. I will be in the relieving role until the end of the year with Mrs Crompton returning in 2016.

It has been an extremely busy start for me but I look forward to meeting the students, parents and carers that make up the Drummond Memorial School Community. I have visited all classrooms and have been most impressed by the student’s behaviour. It has been wonderful to meet so many lovely children, who look fantastic in their school uniform and are ready and prepared to learn.

The dedication and commitment that I have already seen displayed by every member of staff at Drummond Memorial is to be commended. I feel privileged to lead the fabulous staff at DMPS, who work tirelessly to ensure that exceptional teaching and learning opportunities, along with a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities occur within a caring and supportive environment.

**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN assessments begin today for students in Year Three and Year Five. Thank you to Mrs Clarke for coordinating this. The assessments will continue until Thursday of this week. Parents of students in Year Three and Year Five are requested to avoid appointments or activities that would keep students from school in that week. Thank you for the ongoing support you provide to our fabulous school.

**Eisteddfod**

Next Tuesday the Infants and Primary choirs will be attending the Armidale Eisteddfod out at the University. Please ensure if your child is participating in this activity that they are in full school uniform. If you need assistance with uniform please do not hesitate to come and see your child’s teacher.

**Cross Country**

A number of students attended the Zone Cross Country last Friday. Thank you to Miss Rich for coordinating this at our school level. A very special congratulations goes to Tyrese Riley for achieving seventh place and holding a reserve position in the Regional Cross Country Team. Thank you to the many parents that transported their children to the University fields for the event.

**GRIP Leadership**

Our current and aspiring leaders attended the GRIP Student Leadership Conference last week. The conference concentrated on training student leaders for their role as school leaders. The style, topics and content of this conference all focused on what the students can do right now. I look forward to a discussion with the leaders very soon about implementing some of the strategies and ideas that they learnt on the day.

**Transition**

Transition is held every Monday and coordinated by the enthusiastic Justine Watts. I met many of the transition students yesterday as they tip-toed around the school on an adventure. This program is a fabulous opportunity to develop your child’s readiness to begin Kindergarten. If you would like any further information please contact the front office.

**Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016**

If your child is seeking Year Five opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015. The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement or please contact the school for further information.

Mrs Tanya McKinlay
Relieving Principal
**URGENT!**
Permission notes are required back this week!

**2015 Armidale Eisteddfod**  
**Tuesday 19 May**

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

Boys must wear long grey *trousers*, black shoes, school tie and long sleeve button up blue school shirt.

Girls must wear pinafore(K-2) or skirt, white socks, button up white short sleeve shirt, school tie, long hair tied back and black shoes.

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**Getting Along**

For the next few weeks I will be going over the Habits of the mind that help us to display the key of ‘Getting Along’.

There are 4 and they are:-

1. Being Tolerant of Others
2. Playing by the Rules
3. Thinking First
4. Being Socially Responsible

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**Term Two 2015**

- **Monday May 11 - Thursday May 14**  
  Week 4 NAPLAN for Years Three and Five

- **Thursday May 13** - Student Banking Day

- **Friday May 15** - Gathering in School Hall 9.25am. Years Three and Two will be presenting items, come along and encourage them.

- **Tuesday May 19** - Eisteddfod

- **Thursday May 21** - Student Banking Day

- **Thursday May 28** - Student Banking Day

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

- **Thursday May 13** - Student Banking Day

- **Thursday June 4** - Student Banking Day

- **Monday June 8** - Queens Birthday Long Weekend

- **Week 8 June 9 - 12** Dental Clinic

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**Duval High School invites parents and students of Year 5 and Year 6 to attend our Parent Information Evening.**

Meet our staff, tour our facilities and learn about the broad curriculum offered to all students. A light supper will be provided.

For more information please contact: Stafford Cameron (Principal), Sandra Rosner (Deputy) or Sandra Cotton (Transition Co-ordinator) on 6772 1266 or visit our website at www.duval-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

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**Duval High School**  
**Tuesday 19 May 2015**  
**at 5.30pm**  
**Staff Common Room**