



Important Dates

Term 1 - March

Wednesday 26

PLP Yarning under the COLA at 3 - 3.30pm

Thursday 27

K, Year 1 & 2
Gymnastics

Friday 28

Year 6 Slime Fest

April

Thursday 3

K, Year 1 & 2
Gymnastics

Friday 4

Newcastle
Permanent Primary School Gala Day (Soccer)

Daylight savings finishes on Sunday 6

Thursday 10

ACOS Choir Rehearsal (BVPS) 10 - 11 am

Gold Badge Gathering 2.10pm

Friday 11

Easter Hat parade and P & C Easter Raffle Draw 9.10am

Last day of Term 1

Monday/Tuesday 28/29 April

Staff Development Days (pupil free days)

Wednesday 30

Students return to school for Term 2

Firstly, I apologise that our last edition of Drumbeat was published as a draft. Thank you to our P&C for bringing this issue to my attention.

It has been a busy two weeks at Drummond Memorial PS!

Harmony Day was a wonderful celebration of Australia's rich diversity and our school's commitment to inclusion. Thank you to Mrs. Paull, Mrs. Paris, and the Harmony Day committee for organising the day's events!

The weather held out for the 2025 cross-country carnival, and many students dug deep to run the course. I was impressed by the pride and sportsmanship shown by all the children at Drummond. Thank you to Mrs. Healy for planning the carnival for our students and community.



Rank	Name	Event	Time	Final Time
3	Thompson, Timothy	12 Gunnedah South - NW	38.50	39.43
4	Tourle, Percy	12 Drummond Memorial Public - N	38.59	40.01
5	Smith, Luca	12 Quirindi - NW	49.99	43.76

On Monday the 24th of March, Tim Thompson represented DMPS at the North-West Swimming Carnival at the Armidale Town Pool. Tim competed in the Open 100m Freestyle, 12-13 years 50m Freestyle, 12-13 years 50m Breaststroke, 12-13 years 50m Backstroke, 12-13 years 50m Butterfly. Timothy was a super-fast swimmer, qualifying for the 50m backstroke at the upcoming NSW State Swimming Championships on Thursday the 10th of April at Sydney Aquatic Centre- Homebush. Tim demonstrated courage and integrity, consistently encouraging others at the carnival and sharing his contagious enthusiasm for swimming!

Congratulations Tim and best of luck at the NSW State Swimming Championships!

This week, our Futsal team is competing at the New England Futsal Gala Day. Our Year 6 students will enjoy Slime Fest at Newling Public School, and a small group of Year 6 children will participate in some ACOS drama workshops at Armidale Secondary College.

K-2 students have been participating in weekly gymnastics lessons at the Armidale Gymnastics Club, and I love hearing the dares they give the teachers to perform on the balance beam!

Next week, more soccer teams will compete at the 2025 Newcastle Permanent Primary School Gala Day. Week 11 also features the ACOS choir rehearsal at Ben Venue PS, our inaugural Gold Badge Gathering, and the highly anticipated Easter Hat Parade!

Our P&C did us proud on the weekend, hosting a Bunnings BBQ and raising more than \$670 towards the Year 6 Camp. Thank you to our parents, carers, and staff who volunteered their Sunday to raise funds.

One final reminder for families of our Aboriginal students. Tomorrow, we are hosting a PLP Yarning afternoon to allow you to come to school and discuss your goals for your children with our teachers. We look forward to welcoming you there!

This week's Attendance Stars were the Kindergarten Bumblebees, with an overall attendance rate of 83%, and the 3/4 Emus, with an overall attendance rate of 94.5%! I will draw the Spike Playground Legends next Monday.

Kind regards,
Miriam Treton
Principal

Drummond
students whose
home country is
Bhutan



Cross Country Action



Thank you to the
ASC Ezidi and
Aboriginal dancers who
came to Drummond
MPS to help celebrate
with us on Harmony
Day!



Our P & C are looking for donations for their Easter Egg Raffle being held at the end of this term. Donations can be left at the school office. Keep selling the raffle tickets and thank you to those who have already returned theirs and for donating eggs for the raffle.

[Can you help the P & C @ Bunnings this Saturday 29 March with cooking or serving at their sausage sizzle fundraiser?](mailto:pandcdmps@gmail.com) please email your interest in helping to pandcdmps@gmail.com