Zoo Snooze Excursion
The excitement is building for the Stage 3 excursion to Sydney next week. Our students visit the harbour city with the highlight being an overnight stay at the world famous Taronga Zoo. They will experience observing and holding native animals, learning about their feeding and breeding habits, and undertake an exciting night-time behind the scenes tour with the zookeepers. They will also see a unique view of the bright lights of Sydney Harbour while walking around the zoo under the cover of darkness. There are only a few days left for students to return their medical note and student contract to attend this excursion. Departure time is 7:30am sharp on Thursday morning, November 20.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs by Bailey - Kindergarten
Long, long ago there was a kind girl. She never hurt anyone. Her mother died when she was very young. Her father was remarried. The new queen was an evil witch. She asked her mirror, Who is the fairest of them all”. “Snow White is the fairest of them all”. So the queen got one of her hunters. She said to kill Snow White. But the hunter said run away and never return to the castle. She found the seven dwarfs’ house. She decided to have a sleep. When the seven dwarfs found snow white they were surprised. “We shall not be angry with her”. When the seven dwarfs went back to work an old woman came by. The old woman said “Would you like one of my apples?” Snow White fell into a big sleep. Later a handsome prince came by. The prince kissed Snow White. She woke up from her deep sleep. They got married. They lived happily.

School Hats
The weather is warming up and the sun has been shining. All students are reminded that they need a hat when in the playground. Please ensure that it is a school hat with the student’s name clearly written inside. Students with non-school hats will be asked to leave them at home and students with no hats will need to stay under the bottom COLA or go to the Library or computer lab when these buildings are open. School hats can be purchased from the office, where several styles are available. The Dora Creek Public School uniform is one of the best in Lake Macquarie, so students should wear their hat with pride and protect their skin at the same time.

Zoo Snooze Excursion
The medical note and student contract for ZooSnooze need to be returned by next Tuesday at the latest.

School Swimming Scheme
Numbers for the swimming scheme are strictly limited to 70 this year. If you would like your child/children to participate, and have not sent the note back to the school office, please do so as soon as possible, as participation is on a first come basis. If you are currently unable to pay the deposit, please advise this on the note.

Selective High School Applications - Year 7 2016
Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement Applications for entry in 2016 can be made between October 14, 2014 and November 17, 2014.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Dora Creek Adventist Church will be holding a Community “Meet the Neighbours” breakfast on November 23 at the church. There is a $5.00 donation, with profits to support the Dora Creek Rural Fire Service Brigade.

A High Tea will be held at the Seasalt Restaurant, Terrigal to raise funds for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter on Sunday November 23 from 2pm. To book or for more information go to www.rescuehelicopter.com.au/events or contact Deb or Allison on 4363 9746.
Drumbeat

Mrs Warham and Mr McGaw have recently completed their training and are now currently facilitating a new program called ‘Drumbeat’. This is based on the principles of ‘Resilience through Rhythm’. The drums are replica ‘djembe’ drums from Western Africa, and the school now owns a set of ten. Mrs Warham is conducting a ten member group for students in Year 4 and Year 5, and Mr McGaw is working with a specialised group of Year 5 and Year 6 girls. Both groups meet twice a week in the hall behind closed doors and the whole school vibrates to the beat of the drums when they are being played. Students are currently working through important issues in relationships, harmony, friendships and values that help young people build the capacity to lead successful lives. At the end of term 4, both groups will be making a small performance for our students to show off their new skills playing these incredible instruments.

Remembrance Day

Mrs Warham escorted our school leaders to Morisset RSL on Tuesday to attend the annual Remembrance Day service with other local schools from the Southlakes community. Our leaders paid their respects to the fallen and represented our school at this solemn occasion with pride. At school, the remaining students observed a minute silence and participated in a small service held in the COLA to honour the fallen as the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Anzac Day builds momentum towards next April.

Mrs M Warham
Principal