I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and a relaxing holiday. Welcome to the families of our new students, both Kindergarten and all grades. Welcome to the students and families who have come to Dora Creek Public School from Eraring PS. I trust you will all enjoy your time with us.

**Kindergarten 2015**
Kindergarten have started off today beautifully. All the children have worked well and have spent some time with their buddies as well as participated in the first gymnastics session. A busy day.

**Thank you**
Dora Creek Seventh Day Adventist Church held a family Christmas concert last December. The concert told the stories of the angels and the part they played in the Christmas story. Funds were raised as part of the event and all funds have been donated to Dora Creek Public School to support our students. A cheque for $600 was presented to me at the concert.

**Classes**
We have maintained five classes for 2015. The 2015 classes are:
- Kindergarten/ Year 1: Mrs Green
- Year 1/2: Mrs Dilley
- Year 3: Miss Bruce and Miss Paton (Tuesday)
- Year 4/5: Miss Bretreger
- Year 5/6: Mr Borrow

**Staffing**
Mr Mcgaw was successful in gaining a promotion at the end of last year and he has taken up the Assistant Principal position at Tenambit PS. We wish him all the very best in his new adventure, he will missed by all of us.

Mr Borrow is on leave and will be returning on Monday February 9. We welcome Miss Langford in his place until then.

**Mrs M Warham**
Principal

_Proud member of the Western Shores Learning Alliance_
Our 2015 School leaders being introduced to Kindergarten - Milan, Summer, Mia and Kody.

**ANAPHYLAXIS PRECAUTION** - Please DO NOT send peanut butter or nut products to school.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Cooranbong Valley Community Preschool** currently offers educational care at a reduced rate for children who turn four by the 31/7/15. The prior to school program runs for six hours a day from Tuesday to Thursday. In an effort to accommodate those families who have three year old children and who would like their child to begin the first stage of their educational journey we are offering some limited places for younger children which can be taken as either a four or six hour day. There are reduced rates for both age groups if a Health Care Card is held by the family (this card must be sighted and copied by the preschool).

Families must provide a copy of an up to date immunisation certificate and birth certificate as well as pay an enrolment fee of $85.00 before their child can commence at our educational preschool. If you would like your child to start their education with us please call the preschool (Louise Pike Director) on 49771055.

**Dora Creek Workers Cricket Club** will be holding two "Come and Try Days" for kids wishing to start playing cricket.

- For kids aged 8-12 come down to Douglas St Oval, Dora Creek at 4:30 - 6:00pm on Friday 30th Jan for our Milo T20 Blast Program.
- For kids aged 5-7, come down to Douglas St Oval, Dora Creek at 4:30 - 5:00pm on Wednesday 4th Feb for Milo In2Cricket

Both programs will continue for 8 weeks after the "Come and Try Day" and both are $99 for the program.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact: Jake Balnave - Program Co-ordinator on 0406208891 or by email at nave92@hotmail.com

**Lake Macquarie Junior Rugby Club** will hold two free Joey Rugby sessions for 4 - 10 year olds on February 13 and 20 from 5.30pm - 6.30pm at Walters Park, Speers Point. Players will be put through basic rugby skills and learn how to play and have lots of fun playing rugby union. There will be a BBQ for the participants after each session and parents are welcome.

**Wangi Warriors Junior Rugby League Football Club** will hold registration days on February 4 and 14 at the Wangi Library from 9.30am to 11.30am. Cost is U6’s - $60 and U7’s - U17’s - $100 with a $10 discount for other family members. Online registrations before the above dates on www.Wangi-Warriors.com or contact Rebekah on 0431 208 177.

CANTEEN HELP!!

The canteen is an important part of Dora Creek School. Educationally the canteen helps the children learn to handle and calculate money, learn about healthy food choices as well as the appliances being available for cooking lessons.

All profits from the canteen are put back into the school to help reduce costs to parents as well as improve the education of your children, by paying for programs like gymnastics and purchasing thousands of dollars in books.

Our Canteen is staffed by volunteers and we need you.

Please help by even volunteering once a fortnight, month or even once a term can help keep this valuable resource open.

The canteen menu is designed to be nutritious and varied for the children but easy for our volunteers. Meals are prepared fresh on site and frozen in individual serves.

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The Canteen will close without enough volunteers PLEASE HELP.

Uniform

Dora Creek Public Uniform is custom designed just for us. Our children always look great in their uniform and are easily identifiable, which is a benefit when on excursions etc. Also our custom designed uniform is Australian Made.

We have had this custom designed uniform for five years, during that time we have not increased the prices. Unfortunately we now have to have small increases across the whole range including hats.

The new prices will take effect from the 1st March 2015

All uniforms ordered and paid for in full before the 1st March will not incur the increase, even if we are out of stock you still pay the old price and pick up when the new stock arrives.

Hats will be increasing to $12.00
Shirts size 4 to 14 - $31.00
Shirts size Small (16) to Large - $33.00
Shorts size 4 to 14 - $24.00
Shorts size Small(16) to Large - $26.00

Before winter we will also be introducing a warm (weather resistant) jacket with the school emblem for $39.00. An order form will be sent home soon and a sample of the jacket can be seen in the school office.

Dora Creek School P&C