I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and a relaxing holiday. Welcome to the families of our new students, both Kindergarten and all grades.

Classes
We have maintained five classes for 2016, although we have farewelled a significant number of students moving out of the area.

- Kindergarten
  - Mrs Green
- K/1B
  - Ms Bretreger
- 2/3B
  - Miss Bruce
- 3/4D
  - Mrs Dilley
- 5/6B
  - Mr Borrow

Kindergarten 2016
Kindergarten students have started beautifully. All the children have worked well and have had a terrific week learning their sounds and settling into school routines.

Managing Bomb Threats in Schools
As you may be aware there have been numerous hoax bomb threats to schools across Australia since the beginning of the school year. It is believed that the computerised threats are originating from outside Australia, in every case the threat has been designed to cause disruption and there has been no danger to students or staff. I would seek to reassure you that our school has a detailed emergency management plan. In the event that we receive any type of threat, the students and staff would be immediately evacuated and the NSW Police engaged to investigate. We would ask at this time that you support the school by not contacting or attending the school, as this can interfere with our capacity to manage the event. The school will always seek to keep parents informed whilst prioritising student and staff safety. In the event of a bomb threat being made here at Dora Creek Public School, we would evacuate to Dora Creek Workers Club and endeavour to contact parents as soon as possible. If you have any concerns please contact the school office.

Mrs M Warham
Principal
Proud member of the Western Shores Learning Alliance

Creating a Climate for Growth and Harmony
Thank you
A huge thank you is extended to members of the Dora Creek Seventh Day Adventist Church. Each December they present a family Christmas concert. Funds were raised as part of the 2015 event and all funds have been donated to Dora Creek Public School to support our students.

School Crossing Reminder
Please be aware of the crossing, parking zones, bus zones and parking restriction times at the front of the school. Please do not park, drop off or pickup in the crossing area. The fines for this are large and fines include demerit points. When you are crossing the road to collect your child, please use the crossing at all times. The safety of our students and their families is paramount.

Swimming Carnival
The 2016 swimming carnival is for ALL students from years 3 to 6. Students from year 2 who are turning eight this year are also required to attend the Carnival. Helpers are most welcome and if you or a family member is able to assist on the day, please see Mr Borrow at the pool or contact the office.

Parent Online Payment (POP)
All school related payments can now be paid online through our school website if you choose to do so and if it is more convenient for you. Follow the link on the home page. There will be options to identify what you are paying for. You can print your receipt to keep a record of your payment. You do not need to bring that receipt to school - we are automatically notified when payments are made. We will still accept cash, cheque and eftpos payments at the school office.

International Dance Experience
These dance lessons start tomorrow, Friday February 5. Dance lessons will run for eight weeks (5/2/2016 - 01/04/2016) with a cross cultural emphasis. Over the eight lessons students will participate in dances from four cultures. These cultures include African, Hawaiian, American (Hollywood) and India (Bollywood).

Canteen Volunteers
If you are able to assist with canteen on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, please contact Melissa Lucas on 0433 449 665. The canteen will remain closed until further notice.

ANAPHYLAXIS PRECAUTION - Please DO NOT send peanut butter or nut products to school.
Meet your child’s teacher.
Free Barbecue

Parent Information Evening - Tuesday February 9, 2016
Followed by the first P&C meeting for the year

All Welcome

The school P&C are hosting a welcome afternoon/evening to all school families with a FREE sausage sizzle. During the evening, information sharing sessions with classroom teachers will be held:

Free sausage sizzle commences at 5.00pm, Information sessions commence 5.30pm
Mrs Green and Ms Bretreger 5.30pm - 6.00pm
Miss Bruce and Mrs Dilley 6.00pm - 6.30pm

7.00pm - All parents are welcome to attend the first P&C meeting for 2016

Mrs Warham and Mr Borrow will provide supervision of students and mingle with parents/carers.
Please take the opportunity to meet your child/ren’s 2016 class teacher.

For catering purposes, please complete the slip below and return to the school

Parent Information Evening RSVP - February 9, 2016

Child's Name: ...........................................

No of people attending ............