CHINESE NEW YEAR AT MIDDLE DURAL PUBLIC SCHOOL
Middle Dural PS was a sea of red for most of February with the students’ red uniforms providing the perfect backdrop to a number of events to mark Chinese New Year (CNY). Students were treated to traditional Day 1 Red Packets, Chinese dumplings and mini spring rolls. Ania Zhang, mum of year 5 and 6 students Rachael and Richard was on hand to explain some of the cultural aspects of the Chinese New Year to students.

February 19 marked the start of the year of the goat (or sheep) and thanks to Golden Ridge Animal Farm, Chey, mum of kindy student, Rhylie, was able to bring three goats (a symbol of great luck) for the students, to pat.

NORTHOLM EMBRACES STEM DAY!
Recently Year Eight students at Northholm Grammar School participated in a STEM Day. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) is a new government initiative being trialled by the School. The students had a great morning, solving Mathematical problems in a workshop facilitated by a team from Inquisitive Minds. Through careful design of the problems, students with a range of Mathematical abilities were able to find a problem that offered the appropriate level of challenge. As the competition focus was aided with ‘chocolate challenges’, there was a tremendous energy and enthusiasm for the activities. In the afternoon students participated in an activity designed and run by the Design and Technology and Science Departments.

This activity required students to build a bridge with a high efficiency number to span a 40cm valley using only paddle pop sticks, plastic straws, sticky tape and balsa wood strips.