



Grow with Respect

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome Back to 2017

Yesterday, life was once again breathed back into Davallia Primary School with the arrival at school of your children. They are the heart and soul of our school, and rightly so, are the central focus of all operations of the school. We look forward to, in partnership with all families, helping each and every child continue to grow into outstanding Davallians.

High Expectation : High Performance

From 2017, we maintain the adopted theme **High Expectation : High Performance** for our school. Our continued efforts will focus on reviewing all school operations and simplifying or removing aspects of school processes that are detractors to our core business of teaching and learning. We continue to review all programs across the school for their effectiveness, making changes to those which do not enhance student performance, looking at what has the greatest effect on our business, further developing things that are working well and closely looking at teacher impact in the classroom.

Further to this, **High Expectation : High Performance** will also relate to our students with a continued focus on our school values – Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance and Innovation. These values encompass exactly what our school is about and are at the centre of our school culture.

As a school we value the work and contributions made by our parent body and community. How our school is viewed, the tangible resources we have and the support we enjoy is only as a result of the commitment and involvement in our school. It's that concept of investment in your child's education which we would like to enhance through the expectation of parental involvement and contribution.

School Values

At the foundation of our school culture are four school values. Whether you are a member of staff, a student, a parent, a visitor or even a tradesperson working on our school site, the expectation is our school values will be observed and respected.

Innovation To show innovation we <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • imagine • are creative • try something different • take risks • learn from our mistakes 	Respect To show respect we <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consider others • really listen • are well mannered • follow rules • forgive mistakes
Perseverance To show perseverance we <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • look for solutions • do our best • work hard • celebrate effort 	Responsibility To show responsibility we <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • own our behaviour • think before we act • commit and follow through • lead by example

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New Families

2017 will see some 476 students attend Davallia Primary School. Of this, 73 new Davallians joined our school including 62 Kindy students starting school for the very first time! As a school we welcome each and every one of you and know you have come to a terrific school full of awesome kids. With this, we extend a warm welcome to all new families to our school and look forward to you becoming active members of our school community.

New Staff

We welcome the following new and returning staff to Davallia PS:

Mrs Elita Reid – Kindy

Mrs Mary Strohfeld – Year 1 (A5)

Mrs Christine Lane – Year 2 (C1)

Mr Ben Brooke – Year 4/5 (B3)

Mrs Michelle Martino – Art

Mrs Sarah Fulford – Drama

Mr Stephen Hockett - Gardener

We look forward to your contributions to our school.

We are having a baby!

Yes that's right..... we are having a baby! As a school community we congratulate and celebrate with Mrs Livingstone (and her husband Tye) on the announcement of the pending arrival of an addition to their family! We wish you all the very best leading up to the arrival of 'Little Livingstone' towards the end of Semester 1. I am not sure if choosing a name for the baby or choosing which football team they will support will be the most difficult decision! Good luck!

School Uniform

It was lovely to see a number of our students adopt the new school uniform. We have a two year transition period for existing students who may wear the existing uniform before it is phased out for the commencement of the 2019 school year. Our school is well known for all students wearing our school uniform. Like all great teams, our school is proud of our uniform and as such we wear it on a daily basis.

Class Meetings

During the next couple of weeks parents will be notified of a brief class meeting to be held with classroom teachers. All class meeting will occur during Weeks 2 and 3 of this term. These meetings are offered to all parents to explain how individual classrooms or year groups will operate during 2017. Should you have further questions after attending the class meeting, or need clarification pertaining to your child, please arrange a suitable time to discuss this privately with the class teacher.

Open Door Policy

As the Principal of Davallia PS I endeavour to be available for all parents at most times. Should you wish to discuss any issue, concern or idea you may have, please be confident you are most welcome to come and speak with me at school, give me a call or send me an email. (John.Oneill@education.wa.edu.au)

Kiss and Drive

Just a reminder the same operational rules apply in the mornings as in the afternoons. Parents are requested not to park in Kiss and Drive and not to leave your vehicles when using Kiss and drive. Should you have to exit your vehicle to help your children, then unfortunately they are not ready to use this facility. As the name states, simply kiss your kids goodbye and drive away! Thanks for your attention to this.

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P & C Meeting

Our P & C Association is simply awesome! They are such a valuable resource for our school, not only from a financial perspective, but also from a social aspect of the school.

The scene is set for yet another fantastic year at Davallia Primary School. There is always something happening at our school, so I would encourage all parents (new and existing) to look for ways you can contribute to our great school. Have a great year!

*John O'Neill
Principal*

School Operational Timetable

School times are as follows:

Monday to Friday

8.40am	Classrooms Open	Students arrive at school and ready for the day
8.55am	Period 1	Siren sounds for the start of the day
9.30am	Period 2	
10.10am	Period 3	
10.50am	Recess	Siren Sounds (20 min recess time)
11.10am	Period 4	Siren sounds and children return to class
11.50am	Period 5	
12.30pm	Lunch	Siren Sounds (30 min lunch time)
1.10pm	Period 6	
1.40pm	Period 7	Siren Sounds and children return to class
2.30 pm	Period 8	Wednesday 2.45pm
3.10pm	School Concludes	Wednesdays 2.45pm – School Concludes

NB. Students who arrive at school prior to 8.40am are required to attend the under covered area. This includes students who are accompanied by a parent/carer. Students are not permitted to arrive at school prior to 8.30am.

OUR SCHOOL SONG

*Leading the way will be dark green and red
D for Davallia always ahead
Working together as good teams do
Come sing along with us too*

*Davallia, Davallia
D A V A double L I A
Davallia, Davallia
Here's to our school hip hooray*

*Grow with respect in this school which is ours
Over all others Davallia towers
Trying so hard in whatever we do
To Davallia we'll always be true*

*Davallia, Davallia
D A V A double L I A
Davallia, Davallia
Here's to our school hip hooray
Hip hooray!*