



Grow with Respect

# The Davallian

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Our Year 5's from Mrs Bootsma's class (B6) hosted last week's assembly sharing their knowledge of the Solar System and recounting their experience from the Star Gazing Incursion held earlier in the term. I was most impressed with the extensive knowledge they have acquired from their learning and how they demonstrated this through the presentation of a rap. Well done Year 5's and Mrs Bootsma.

Yesterday, Mrs Lane's Year three class (C1) hosted our school assembly. Their theme was 'Kindness' and gave everyone a few ideas about how to share a little kindness with others. They talked about random acts of kindness which I was lucky to be a recipient of, having a beautiful card delivered to my office. Well done C1, Mrs Lane and Mrs Beaton on a great assembly.

Do you know why we held two Community Assemblies in consecutive weeks? Next Thursday our senior students will be involved in the 2017 Winter Interschool Sport Lightning Carnival held at Kingsway which involves senior school staff and administration.

### To The Left, To The Left

I think we have a hit on our hands! A huge thankyou to Tarnya Brindle who has created a catchy tune to help remind our community to be courteous and 'Turn Left' at Davallia Road during busy periods. We understand some parents live to the north of Davallia Primary School and we appreciate the support many parents give in ensuring our Kiss and Drive is as fluid as possible. This can only be achieved if parents add a couple of extra minutes to their journey and 'Turn Left' at Davallia Road. By doing this they keep the traffic flowing and in most cases, eliminate the grid lock that is sometimes experienced in the area during peak traffic times. Thanks Tarnya (AKA Beyonce Brindle).

### Student Achievement Reports

Semester 1 Student Achievement Reports will be forwarded home on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017. It has been a pleasure reading all reports and great to see our students apply the school's value of 'Perseverance' to their daily work. Should you require clarification of grade allocations, comments or how you can support your child with their learning at home, please do not hesitate to request a parent interview. Interviews are always available at any time on request.

### Long Service Leave

I will be accessing Long Service Leave during Week 10 Term 2 and Weeks 1-3 of Term 3. I look forward to seeing you when I return for the commencement of Week 4. During my absence Mr Leaning will assume the role of Principal.

### 2017 Winter Interschool Sports Lightning Carnival

Best wishes are extended to our Year 6 and some Year 5 students, who will represent Davallia Primary School at the 2017 Interschool Winter Sport Lightning Carnival. We know you will represent the school with pride and demonstrate our school values in doing so. Best of luck!

### The End of Semester One

It is hard to believe we are coming to the end of Semester One! Where did that 6 months go? However, it certainly has been a productive semester for staff, students and parents alike. Semester 2 will be once again filled with plenty of fun and heaps of quality learning. There are already many things on the agenda to look forward to including, camps, carnivals, community activities (Bogan Bingo, Family Fun Night, Getting Ready for Kindy Workshops) and school activities everyone can become involved in. As I say, there is always something exciting happening at Davallia PS so please consider how you can become involved and come along for the ride.

Have a relaxing holiday period!!

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Principal

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## *Associates Principal's Message*

### **Dream Team**

On Thursday next week, the Year Sixes and some Year Fives will be participating in the 2017 Carine Districts Lightning Carnival at Kingsway Sporting Complex. Our students will compete in a series of games playing Football, Netball, Soccer and Volleyball. It is traditionally a fantastic day where sportsmanship and fun take centre stage.

Since the start of Term Two we have been playing the same sports in a home and away competition. Going into the final round against Carine, Davallia has done very well across the board. Our Netball B side is undefeated and the Football team has dropped only a single game. With this kind of form, the Lightning Carnival could be very exciting to be a part of.

Being selected to play in an interschool team is a great privilege. You have been chosen both for your sporting ability and because you are a fine Davallian. Good results in all aspects of school are important if you hope to stay in the interschool squad. Occasionally children will miss out because of poor choices they have made in class or in the playground. Being part of the team means the students have to commit to do their best on and off the field. It is a great opportunity to prove yourself.

Sport has always been tightly linked to all aspects of school life at Davallia. It provides a forum for students to challenge themselves, to lead and to shine. For most of this term our senior students have been able to do this in competition with students from other schools. It is a fabulous opportunity to measure themselves against their peers and those who will soon be joining them in High School. Davallian students have earned a very good reputation for their sportsmanship, competitiveness and the exemplary way they conduct themselves in these events. This year has been no different. Our teachers are very proud of the way our teams and individuals perform wherever the games are played.

Good luck to all the students competing next week. I'm sure you will make us all very proud.

*Mark Leaning  
Associate Principal*

### *A Musical Note*

Sensational! Stunning! Innovative! The Best! These are some the comments made by parents, friends, family and students after our Senior Choir's performance on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June in the **2017 Children Sing Festival** which was held in the Octagon Theatre, within the grounds of the University of Western Australia. Our sincere thanks goes to all your wonderful families, especially your parents, who were able to support us on the day - parent helpers, audience members, organising choir uniforms – the list could go on! Bouquets to you all!

Our dedicated choristers 'sang up a storm' and represented Davallia PS beautifully both on and off stage (which was a very good thing as we were sitting right behind the Adjudicator!) They showcased two very challenging, exciting pieces - "Try Everything" (from the Movie Zootopia); a song that encourages us to always try our hardest, to persevere when faced with difficulty; and Whisper ; an energetic, fun song that that explores dynamics in a creative way. The Adjudicator, Mrs Maryanne Goyder, was most impressed with their overall performance; 'your uniforms mirror the joy you imparted ...it was great to hear the descant part clearly coming through ...the tempo of this piece really brought it to life. Well done on the way you have presented yourself today ... A very entertaining performance.'



## A Musical Note (continued)

Another talented group of musicians, who have been working diligently over this semester, is our superb String Ensemble. Together with Miss Bak we recently participated in a **combined school's Orchestral workshop and concert** held at Carine Senior High School on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June. This was a wonderful opportunity for our starry string ensemble members to take part in an orchestral setting, learn some new techniques and have musical fun with others. We workshopped and performed three pieces: John Ryan's Polka, Tibetan Trinkets and Beep! a dynamic piece that uses various techniques such as staccato and legato. Everyone in the audience was most impressed by your performance – delightful! Your behaviour displayed throughout the afternoon was exemplary, clearly showing our values of respect, responsibility and perseverance at all times. Again, our sincere thanks goes to all your wonderful families, especially your parents. Your ongoing support is priceless; we couldn't have performed so well without it. My heartfelt thanks goes to all Senior Choir and String Ensemble members for sharing their love of music, hard work and determination – we here at Davallia PS are very PROUD of you all and can't wait to see what musical magic you make next! Talking about what is coming next ... **ONE BIG VOICE FESTIVAL**, Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> August at the prestigious PERTH ARENA!!!



Yes, we are all VERY EXCITED! We will join our wonderful voices together with other choirs from all across our state to perform in the **One Big Voice Choir – 4,000 voices** singing in this AMAZING event!! Together we will be singing a total of 12 songs in up to 4 part harmony. Watch this space for further details regarding the concert and ticketing.

Looking forward to making more MARVELLOUS MUSIC with you all!  
Yours in Harmony,

Anna-Maria Agnello  
Music Specialist

## School Notices

### 2018 Kindergarten Enrolments - Now Open

Do you or your friends have a child entering Kindy in 2018?

Well 2018 Kindy enrolments are now open! For parents who live outside the catchment area, this may well be **the only opportunity** to secure a place at Davallia Primary School. So ask your friends if they would like to attend Davallia PS and if they do, ask them to drop into the office and speak with Theresa. At a minimum, it is expected our school will have two Kindy Groups although the school has the capacity to host three or more groups. We currently have 40 applications for enrolment so places are filling quite quickly. Once an enrolment is confirmed at Davallia PS, the enrolment will be honoured throughout a child's primary school journey. This is our commitment to parents.



#### Congratulations!

Well done to Joshua S in Year 6, who recently took part in The Hartfield Cup, a 7-a side soccer tournament. The competition included a range of teams from across Perth.

Josh's conduct throughout the tournament was exemplary and he was awarded the Sportsmanship Award for the U12s. A great achievement from a student showing himself as a true Davallian. Congratulations Josh!



**Term 3 Hot-Shots Tennis lessons at school!** Held Tues 8.00-8.45am at school, starting week 2 of term. Great fun and all ages/ levels welcome! Details and online registration at [instyletennis.com.au/](http://instyletennis.com.au/) 0433 777 195. Cost \$125/8wks. Check out the info re July School Holiday Clinics too! "With Instyle Tennis you will learn the shots, play the game, have fun & meet new friends!"

## Community Notices

### BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL AND VACATION CARE AT DAVALLIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Care for Kids OSHC run a great program on site at Davallia Primary School.

Qualified carers, great activities, afternoon tea, ECRU accredited.

Full Govt benefits and rebates apply.

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