



Grow with Respect

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

The school was entertained and amazed by the work our Year 5's have been undertaking around the concept of possessing a 'Growth Mindset' versus a 'Fixed Mindset. Mrs Kendrick's students from B5, supported by the students from B6, clearly linked this concept with our school values, and in particular the value of Perseverance. They demonstrated how easy it was to adopt a growth mindset through the application of just three little letters Y, E & T. It has been pleasing to hear students adopt this approach and using the word 'Yet' when describing things they have not mastered.....yet! Well done to our Year 5's, Mrs Kendrick and Mrs Bootsma.

Faction Fridays

The new school Faction shirts have been a great hit with the kids. To ensure parents receive value for money from purchasing a new Faction shirt, the school has introduced Faction Fridays. Each Friday, students are encouraged to wear their Faction shirts to school (new Faction shirt or their usual faction shirt) and every student who does so will receive a point for their faction towards the whole of school Faction Shield Competition. Further to this, the Faction who receives the most points each term receives an extended play time. Banksia Faction won last terms' Faction competition, so they will be enjoying an extra-long recess break this Friday.

2018 Proposed Class Structure

Each year we publish a 'proposed' class structure to the school community. This is based on projected student numbers and is always subject to change should enrolments fluctuate. Our proposed 2018 Class Structure will be:

3 x Kindy	1 x Year 4
3 x Pre-Primary	1 x Year 4/5
2 x Year 1	1 x Year 5
3 x Year 2	1 x Year 5/6
3 x Year 3	1 x Year 6

Parents should not speculate in regards to which teachers will teach certain year levels in 2018 as each year a number of teachers do change their area of teaching responsibilities. Staff allocation to individual classes will not occur until late in Term 4.

In-Term swimming

Thank you to all PP – Year 4 parents who ensured their children were well prepared for this year's In-Term swimming lessons. It certainly was a very smooth series and it was also extremely pleasing to see our school values being clearly demonstrated. In particular, swimming instructors commented on the perseverance our students displayed in their attempts to pass the swimming stage they were trying to complete. It was also pleasing to hear that although some students did not pass the stage they were in, they were very clear that they 'hadn't passed yet!'. Well done to everyone involved.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS – and the winner is.....

Thanks to all the families who finalised their Voluntary Contributions by the end of Term 3. The family name of each family who has paid their contributions was placed in a raffle draw with the winner receiving their 2018 Champion Booklists paid in full! Mrs Geraldine Vaughan has undertaken the draw and we are pleased to announce the winners are Dessy and Dean Stuart. They will receive their children's 2018 Book Requirements from Champion free of charge. Congratulations! I would like to thank Mr Mike Ellis, State Manager, Champion Education for their ongoing support of our school.

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Principal's Message (continued)

Term 4 School Development Days

A reminder to parents the following up-coming dates are School Development Days (consecutive school days). On these days students do not attend school.

Week 4 –3rd November 2017 (Friday)

Week 5 –6th November 2017 (Monday)

Staff will be attending school and we will be considering student performance data and planning for 2018 and beyond.

National School Opinion Survey 2-17 – Parents

Shortly you will receive an email with a link to the National School Opinion Survey 2017 for parents and guardians. The email will also include a code to access the survey. For our school, this survey provides a great opportunity for parents to provide valuable feedback for staff and school board to consider as we collectively work towards providing a quality education for all students. The survey will be available until 10th November 2017. I would encourage you to access and complete this short survey.

Have a great fortnight.

John O'Neill
Principal



CAMPION STUDENT BOOKLISTS

Did you know each and every year, Campion Education donates a percentage of all funds spent by Davallia parents on booklists back to the school? Since 2013, approximately \$8000 has been donated back to Davallia Primary School. Further to this, when Davallia Primary School's French room was destroyed by fire, Mike Ellis was one of the first people to make contact and donated a cheque for \$500 for Madam Dignon to replace items lost in the fire. Campion also provide coloured pencils and other items as part of the free gift bags given away at our Getting Ready for Kindy Workshops. By supporting Campion through the purchase of your students Booklists, you are also supporting Davallia Primary School and our school ventures.

Associate Principal's Message

Talk It Up

In my early days of teaching I was fortunate enough to experience the power of positivity first hand. A senior colleague of mine was always telling anyone who would listen, how amazing her class was. She'd tell her kids they were wonderful, she'd tell the parents their children were gorgeous, she'd tell the other teachers how sweet, funny, clever and capable her pupils were and pretty soon we all believed it too. You see, I was witnessing an age old strategy being applied in a positive manner. If you say something is a certain way often enough, it can become what you say it is. Her once hard to reach and unruly Year Sixes melted in her care as they felt they became those special children she told them they were.

Of course this can work in reverse.

We all know we have the ability to make something much worse than it is by dwelling on the negatives. I'm sure, like me, you've met people who can take the sunshine out of our day just by sharing their pessimistic outlook on life. They manage to spoil our view of the world just by letting us in on their perspective.

Children are very susceptible to negative spin.

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Associate Principal's Message (continued)

Coming to school at Davallia is a wonderful experience. There is a palpable tone of respect and harmony where difference is embraced. When little hiccups occur, staff are quick to address the problem and seek help if the issues are a little more serious. On the whole though, for every moment where a child is unhappy at school there are a dozen or more occasions where there is joy. By focussing on the one thing that went wrong today we can quickly turn school into a place to be worried about. By associating negativity with going to school we feed anxiety and angst. Children will give you the answers they sense you're fishing for, so if you seem keen to know about their daily dramas, friendship mishaps and disappointments they'll be very keen to tell you about it. Pretty quickly they'll forget about all the great things that happened that day. Trying to keep our conversations about the successes, the moments of humour, happiness and celebration we should be able to avoid the negativity trap.

So, if you're finding your child is falling into a habit of telling you all about their worries maybe you could redirect the conversation. Try asking about three great things that happened today. Ask them about the best thing that they did in class, about the most interesting thing they heard or were told today. Keep it light and positive and hopefully you'll get a much more accurate idea of what actually consumed your child's day.

Mark Leaning
Associate Principal

School Notices

We are excited to announce that "Sand Art" artwork by Kaitlyn P of C5 has been selected to appear at this year's Kaleidoscope as part of a major projection piece call "Art: Next Gen". The artwork will be projected onto the facade of the City of Joondalup Admin Building every 15 minutes along with her name, age and the name of our school. Congratulations to Kaitlyn for this amazing opportunity.

Following a spectacular inaugural year in 2016, Kaleidoscope Festival (WA's world-class light and illumination festival) returns for its second year, set to transform Joondalup City Centre into an extraordinary wonderland of electrifying illumination and art from 9th to 12th November. Over four evenings, Joondalup City Centre will become an interactive living, breathing entertainment hub -- a true 'City of the Future'. Music, food and family entertainment will commence at 5pm, and lights are on from 7.30pm to 10.30pm.

kaleidoscopefestival.com.au



GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT CLASS PLACEMENT REQUESTS (2018)

2018 Student Placement Requests must be submitted in writing, addressed to the Principal, by 3.10pm, Friday 27th October 2017. Criteria has been published in previous newsletters. Late requests will not be considered.

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.

For bookings, meet us on site or contact us on 9246 9551 or

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