



Grow with Respect

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Davallia Primary School Stars on the Small Screen

At the end of 2016 the Year 5 students in 5K were lucky to be provided the opportunity to be part of the filming of a television advertisement for Bankwest's Easy Grants. It was a very exciting time! Well, our super stars of the small screen can be seen on Channel Nine throughout the month of March. Keep an eye out for their awesome acting skills!



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C2 – Year 4 Assembly

Last week we enjoyed the first Community Assembly for the year which was hosted by the Year 4 students from C2 and Mrs Livingstone. It is never an easy thing to host the first assembly for the year with only 6 school days of preparation time, especially when combined with all of the start of a 'new school year' things to do in class! Everyone in C2 should be very proud of their efforts. A huge thank you to Mrs Livingstone who willingly self-nominated and rose to the challenge! They thoroughly entertained the audience with the presentation of the book 'Stinky Cheese'. Well done.

Community Assemblies and Mini Assemblies

As published on the school's Term 1 Planner, generally each Thursday morning of even weeks of the term (Weeks 2,4,6,8,10) the school holds a Community Assembly which is open to all parents and community members to attend. At these assemblies a class usually hosts the assembly and Merit Awards are issued.

Each Thursday morning of odd weeks (Weeks 1,3,5,7,9) the school conducts a closed Mini assembly, generally for staff and students only. At this assembly our school attends to operation matters relating to the students and staff (housekeeping). There are times throughout the year when parents are invited to attend Mini Assemblies. On these occasions parents will be informed.

Class Meetings

It has been pleasing to hear these meetings have been strongly supported by parents. Class meetings are provided by staff to set the scene and context for the new school year in their room. These opportunities are for parents to gain an insight as to the operational structures, behaviour management, standard, expectation, and communications strategies to be utilised during the course of the year. Should you have any questions requiring clarification, please email the staff member concerned.

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Principal's Message (continued)

Parent Interviews

In addition to Class Meetings, Parent/Teacher interviews are always available for parents to initiate and you are most welcome to request an interview with any member of staff at any point during the school year. Towards the end of Term 1, all parents will be offered the opportunity for a Parent/Teacher interview and classroom teachers will advertise this later in the term.

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.

Dogs on the School Grounds

It is always a lovely thing to see parents exercising their dogs with a walk to or from school with their children. Just a reminder to all parents, irrespective of the size of the hound, no dogs are permitted to be brought into or near the school buildings. Should parents choose to walk their dogs to school, they are expected to be tied up at the boundary and away from the main thoroughfares or pathways. This is set in place not only for the safety of students but also the safety of your dog. Thanks for your understanding.

Please Pick Up the Doggy Doo!

Our friends at the City of Joondalup have provided a number of signs which we have placed around our school oval to remind our community to pick up after their dogs. As this is a collective responsibility, I would encourage you all to remind the few who do not 'pick up' after their dogs to do so. Let's face it, better they attend to the 'doggy doo' than you having to clean a smelly shoe!



Kiss and Drive

Thanks to the hard work of our Kiss and Drive Coordinator Sandra Wakefield, our Kiss and Drive process is working beautifully. We have seen an increasing number of parents access this facility which does see Kiss and Drive become quite busy. Some key things to remember:

- **The process is fluid.** *Once Kiss and Drive banks up to the driveway of the house next to the school, parents in the first bays will be asked to 'do a loop'. If we do not do this it creates grid lock on Davallia Road. Irrespective of whether the school siren has gone or not, or the fact you have been in the first spot for 10 minutes, if we fill up and your child is not there, you will be expected to do a loop. If your child is someone who does not come out of school quickly, then plan to arrive at Kiss and Drive a few minutes after the bell. Some parents park on Davallia Road and wait for a short time.*
- **Parents do not get out of the car.** *If your child needs assistance to get in and out of the car, Kiss and Drive is not for them. Same rules that operate in the afternoon are in place in the mornings*
- **Turn left at Davallia Road.** *At busy times, please be courteous and turn left at Davallia Road. If you are turning right and are held up by traffic this congests the whole process.*
- **Make sure the rules are known by all people who collect your child(ren)** *On many occasions, unknowing Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles or friends cause significant disruptions to the process simply because they have not been informed of how things operate. This then becomes unpleasant for them and us, particularly when they are asked to 'do a loop'.*

The rules are there for everyone to adhere to.



Students Remaining on the School Site Unsupervised

Parents are reminded school concludes at 3.10pm and at that time students are released into the care of parents. At this time students are expected to make their way home or to their parent(s). Although we are pleased to have our school community enjoy the school facilities after 3.10pm, we want all students to be safe. Students are not permitted to remain on the school grounds if unaccompanied by their parents unless prior arrangements have been made with another student's parent to provide supervision. This is a matter of safety and parents are reminded unsupervised students cannot remain at school.

Principal's Message (continued)

2017 Faction Captains and Vice Captains

Congratulations to the follow Faction leaders who were announced at today's mini assembly. We look forward to their positive leadership of their respective Factions. Well done to:

Banksia

Captains Maeve Roberts and James Brunskill

Vice Captains Emily Rowling and George Andrews

Jarrah

Captains Chelsea Edmiston and Isaac Baldwin

Vice Captains Shagun Nandikonda and Joshua Smit

Marri

Captains Alex Whitely and Tom Lloyd

Vice Captains Tori Leaver and Jett Fielding

Tuart

Captains Mia Butler and Tycen Donald

Vice Captains Piper Elliott and Callum Mitchell

School Board Chair

At the conclusion of the 2016 school year, Mr Michael Burke concluded his tenure on the Board and as Chairperson of the Davallia Primary School Board. This week the Board met and duly elected Mrs Robyn O'Neill as the new Chairperson of the School Board. We welcome Robyn to this position and look forward to her leadership of the Board. Shortly the Board will be calling for nominations from interested parents to fill one vacant position on the Board. Keep an eye out for this next week.

John O'Neill
Principal

Associate Principal's Message

Sand Between Our Toes

Beach Swimming lessons start next week.

That means two weeks of swimming at Sorrento Beach.

What an incredibly memorable way to start a school year!

The beach lessons mark the beginning of the long preparation for Year Six camp and all the water based activity included.

They can be a time when new friendships begin and where old ones are cemented. Camaraderie flourishes in the shared experiences of the bus journey, gathering on the beach, swimming in the ocean and in navigating the change room routine.

It can be the occasion where a new level of independence is realised. Managing to get dry, dressed and free of sand whilst not losing your property can be challenging without Mum and Dad there to pick up after you.

Swimming in the ocean can also be a time when long held doubts are overcome and challenged. For some, proving that they can swim in the sea brings great confidence and a sense of achievement they just can't experience in a swimming pool.

We live in a coastal city, lapped by a pristine ocean. We enjoy extraordinary summers and share jaw droppingly beautiful beaches. It is so obvious that we teach our children about the joys, the nuances and the dangers of the local beach. We hope they will spend many fun filled hours taking advantage of what Australian beaches have to offer. By getting to know our beaches, by learning of the dangers and by proving to themselves that they are capable of swimming in the surf, we are passing on a great gift to the next generation of Western Australians.

For many years now, we have been privileged to be able to offer beach swimming lessons to our upper primary students. We realised some time ago that the pool environment was not extending our students and that we were missing out on a great opportunity to challenge and enrich in-term lessons by utilising the beach. We do not regret the move.

Enjoy it Year Fives and Sixes, it is such a brilliant way to start a school year.

Mark Leaning
Associate Principal

P&C News

The first P&C meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 21st February at 7.30pm in the school library. This is a great opportunity to find out first hand what is happening at our school. There will also be drinks and nibbles, so why not come down and support our P&C and in turn, our school.

School Notices

CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS—TUESDAY

Once again our P&C has arranged for Duncraig Senior High School's canteen to deliver lunches here on a Tuesday. Information on how to register so that you may order lunches for your child is below.

EASY, ONLINE REGISTRATION

- Go to www.flexischools.com.au
- Click REGISTER NOW
- Enter your email
- You will be emailed a link to an online form - follow the link
- Choose a username and password and complete the form
- Add each student and their class
- Top-up the account - VISA or Mastercard preferred.

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 duncraigoshc@careforkidswa.net.au



DUNCRAIG LIBRARY CLOSURE – SCHEDULED BUILDING WORKS

Monday 6 February to Saturday 18 March

Duncraig Library is having scheduled work completed on the public toilets and the front counter area. To progress these works the library, including the after-hours returns chute, will be closed for six weeks. Whitford, Woodvale and Joondalup Libraries will be operating as usual.

Duncraig Library will reopen on Monday 20 March.



Instyle Tennis Management



Term 1 Hot-Shots Tennis lessons at school! Held Tues 8-8.45am/ Wed 2.45-3.30pm, starting week 2 of term. Great fun and all ages/ levels welcome! Details and online registration at instyletennis.com.au/ 0433 777 195, or grab a form from the front office.

"learn the shots, play the game, meet new friends & have fun!"

DAVALLIA NETBALL

Davallia Netball Club enrolments for students in Years 2—6 are in full swing! You have until February 28th to submit your online registration and pay. If you would like to receive a registration pack please email nyree.scott@hotmail.com

Our annual fundraiser is 'Beauty and the Beast' and will be held on Sunday 2nd April @10am, Warwick Grand Cinemas. Tickets are \$20 per adult and \$15 per child. Candy bar deals include small drink and popcorn for \$7.50 and choc bombs for \$3.50. This is open to one and all so please invite your family and friends. To order your tickets and candy bar deals please email Nyree on the above email address.