



Grow with Respect

# The Davallian

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope all families enjoyed the holiday period and have returned to school looking forward to an exciting and busy term. We have a number of new students and families to the school so we welcome you as well. For our senior students, this term sees Davallia Primary School participate in the Interschool Winter Sports program competing in Netball, Soccer, Football and Volleyball. Best wishes as you represent our school with pride.

### ANZAC Service

Well done to Mrs Lynch and our Student Council who conducted a respectful ANZAC Service on the final day of Term 1. Anzac Day is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served". It is most important for schools to conduct these services to ensure subsequent generations recognise this contribution. Lest we forget.



It was also a pleasure to have in attendance Mr Owen Vladich and a number of representatives from the North Beach RSL who have been supporting Davallia Primary School's ANZAC Services for many years. Their attendance always brings a real authenticity to the service. We thank them for their attendance and again, thank you to Mrs Lynch and our Student Council.

### Library Book Fair

Wow! Thank you Davallia! Our Book Fair sold approximately \$5700.00 in books and other goodies! An enormous thank you to Elissa Baker (Library Officer), Denise Lynch (Associate Principal) and Rachel Ossebaar (Parent) who, along with the support of numerous other parents, collectively created such a great Book Fair. We also had the support of a very famous little mouse in Geronimo Stilton (Candi) who visited classrooms during the week. Thanks so much to everyone involved.

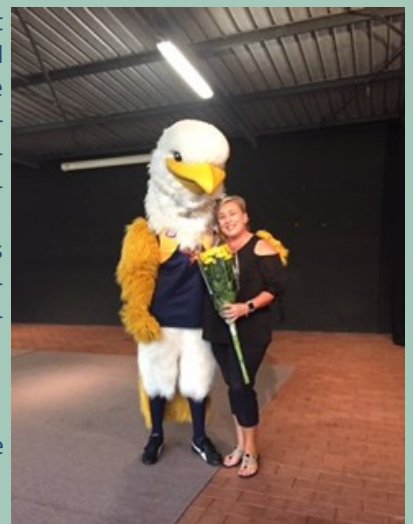
### Ice-Cream Day

Our P & C hosted an Ice-cream Day on the last Friday of Term 1. This was very well received by the students. Thank you to Andrea Reid and everyone involved in supporting this venture.

### Eagles Rock My School

Davallia Primary School was once again visited by the West Coast Eagles as part of their Eagles Rock My School program. Led by Brad Dalziel from the WCE, the program delivered an important message focused on choices and their consequences, healthy lifestyles, inclusive behaviours and giving everyone the chance to belong. This message certainly reflects the values at Davallia Primary School and exactly what our school is all about.

As part of the program, Rick the Rock Eagle entertained the students and also caught up with an old flame (no emphasis on old!) at Davallia Primary School. Rick the Rock presented Mrs Gilbey with a beautiful bunch of flowers. Ahh, how cute was that!!



### Next P & C Meeting – Change of Date

Early notification of a change of date for the next P&C meeting. The next meeting will now be held on Wednesday 23rd May (Week 5).

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## Principal's Message (continued)

### Uniform Update

Nell Gray Uniform Concepts has advised that the Winter uniform items will be available to purchase next week.

### Derby Dress Day

Today we celebrated this weekend's Western Derby with a Derby Dress Day. Just a fun activity coinciding with the Western Derby but also a great way to start the term off. Thanks to everyone who got into the spirit.

Have a great fortnight

John O'Neill  
Principal

## Mrs Lynch's Message

### Book Fair

A hearty thank you to Rachel Ossebaar and all parents who helped with the Book Fair in the last week of last term. Over the week, we sold just over \$5 700 of books and knick knacks. We will be 'saving up' our commission and putting it towards the commission from our fabulous BookWeek BookFair in Term 3. Also noteworthy was our fabulous Library Officer, Elissa Baker and our Library Monitors who were most enthusiastic throughout the Book Fair.



### Typing programs

Our Year 6 students have been testing out a range of online, free typing programs as part of their Digital Technology sessions. These included

PowerTyping <https://powertyping.com/>

Dance mat typing <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr> (an oldie but a goodie)

Typing club <https://www.typingclub.com/>

Z-Type <http://zty.pe/> Preferred by older students

Here are some of their comments:

*"I think that Z type is the best game since it involves a fun game, but also helps with learning. I enjoy it because it gets more fast and challenging as you play and it has helped me with typing quicker."* (Piper)

Amberley preferred the Z-type program. *"It is the most fun and challenging because it is a fast paced game and it challenges children to extend their ability in fast typing. It is fun because it is set in space and kids like games rather than tasks because then they can have competitions for the fastest player!"*

*"I like the Power Typing the best because the computer times yourself while you type the extremely hard paragraphs. It also lets you improve on your grammar by knowing the spaces on a computer between full stops and spaces."* (Maziar)

Isaac liked the power typing because *"it made me think fast and because it really helped me improve"*.

A word of caution though if you try these at home – I suggest you download a reliable ad blocking and security enhancement plugin (which you already have, right?) to ensure that you are not presented with advertisements while you are improving your typing.

## French News

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Bonne rentrée!! Welcome to Term 2 French. This is one of the favourite terms for French as we have LANGUAGE PERFECT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS starting May 15<sup>th</sup> for two mad weeks of languages lunacy! The Year 4-6 students will be receiving their log-ins to start warming up their fingers and brains. Davallia has a history of doing very well in this competition, I'm sure 2017 is going to be our best year yet! We also have the sticker design competition at the end of this term which is always popular. Students in Year 3-6 design a French sticker extraordinaire! Students in Year 1-6 can log into Language Nut anytime to practise French and other languages- I will be encouraging our Year 1-3 to participate during LP fortnight. Finally, I will be inviting Year 1 Parents to immerse themselves in a French Class this term along with their children. Look for your invite and don't be shy! Your 6 year old is managing it very well!



*Madame Dignon  
French Specialist*

## School Notices

### WELL DONE ZIA!

Zia from A4 recently competed in the girls 8yrs and under Kata and Kumite representing her club Shobukan in Whitfords. This is her third year doing karate and in her first year she won the student of the year trophy! Zia has competed in 4 tournaments so far representing Shobukan. Every school holidays she attends a 3 day karate camp and she also trains 4 nights a week with the club. She will be grading in 2 weeks time for her orange/green belt. Good luck Zia!

## 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](mailto:duncraigoshc@careforkidswa.net.au)



### CARINE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY Wednesday 17 May 9.00am to 11.30am

Presentation by Principal and other key school personnel, view working classrooms during school tour and enjoy a morning tea with school leadership and student representatives in the library. All family members are welcome to attend.

Please RSVP attendance to Marcia Shaw on 9243 9100 or [marcia.shaw@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:marcia.shaw@education.wa.edu.au) by Friday 12 May.