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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

New School Uniform and Faction Shirt - Concepts

Thank you to the many parents who have provided me with some feedback on the Faction shirt design concepts. Without exception, all parents who have spoken to me have suggested the style with the piping would be their preferred design. This was also reaffirmed at last night's P&C meeting where all in attendance suggested the shirt with the piping was the better design. I would ask parents to consider the two options and should you have feedback, forward it to me as a matter of urgency as we will need to make the decision very soon. As displayed in the Library, the expected shirt costs are:

Panelled (piping) - \$29.50 same as the school shirt
Block colour - \$26.00

Please be aware there would be a change of shade to Banksia's Faction colour so as to differentiate the shirt from the uniform shirt colour of Bottle Green.

Staff have surveyed upper primary students with the following results:

	Block Shirt (no panel)	Panelled Shirt (like new uniform shirt)
Year 6	3	49
Year 5	4	64
Year 4	1	59

To ensure good usage of the shirts, the school will dedicate a day per week to the wearing of faction shirts. This will be built into the whole of school Faction Competition, with children who wear their Faction shirt to school on these days gaining points for their faction. Kindy kids will certainly not be forgotten and should they not be rostered to attend on these days, they will have another special day to wear their faction shirt.

Transition to all students wearing the approved faction shirt will not be until 2019 and in line with the transition to the new school uniform.



Principal's Message (continued)

P & C Meeting

There is always a great time had at P & C meetings as we hear of the fabulous work the P&C undertakes for the school. Their efforts were recognised in a letter from Robyn O'Neill, School Board Chairperson, who made particular note of the role of the P & C being far more than just fundraising. The P & C have already raised \$25,000 so far this year!!! Well done to all involved and please support the invaluable work of our awesome P & C!

Fidget Spinners and Fidget Cubes

Following my last discussion with staff at the staff meeting, a lot has happened in the world of the Fidget Spinner. There seems to be an increasing number of reports discussing the lack of educational value of the fidget spinners for the general population.

I posted a staff discussion on Connect to gauge staff opinion and as of today there seems to be a unanimous staff position in this regard:

- Staff recognises the **need for a select few students** who would benefit from this as a learning tool (classroom usage). This is nothing new to Davallia PS. For these students it is expected this would form part of a recommendation from a specialist health professional and/or form part of a documented Individual Education Plan or Behaviour Management Plan
- **For all other students fidget spinners and cubes at school are viewed simply as a toy** and should be kept at home.

School Disco

Last Fridays' school disco was a huge success (albeit with the flooding of biblical proportions!) Big thanks to the Disco Coordinators and their band of helpers, who made the night a great success. In excess of \$2500 was raised for the P & C. Thank you to the many parents who supported this venture. Also, thanks to the staff who were able to pop in for a minute or two. There were even reports of a few staff having a 'groove' on the dance floor with the kids. Feedback has been nothing but positive with praise for the way the students conducted themselves on the night and recognition to the Student Council for their work and involvement. Thanks again to the organising committee who give their precious time for the kids to have a good time!



Rainbows Support Program

Davallia Primary School will once again conduct two Rainbows Groups during the course of Term 2 and Term 3. The Rainbows program caters for children who are experiencing grief or a sense of loss due to separation or divorce, death, deployment or trauma.

We have three qualified facilitators amongst our school staff which include Candi Nelson (Coordinator), Shannen Watts (Coordinator) and Louisa Read. Candi and Louisa will facilitate a group each. For more info on the Rainbows program: <http://rainbowsforkidsandteens.org.au/>



2018 Kindergarten Enrolments – Now Open

Do you or a friend 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 Candi!



Have a great fortnight.

John O'Neill
Principal

French News



As we go to press the students are battling away on Language Perfect, scoring for themselves, their class or their school. We are having a tough battle for top primary School in WA this year against another Perth primary school. We are ahead at the moment but it changes daily! I'm sure Davallia will rise to the challenge and use their MANY language skills to compete. We have over 120,000 points and already have 51 awards: Credit, Bronze, Silver, Gold and four Elite (10,000 points). Congratulations for the Elite awards go to Ning X, Brock H, Amberley H and Taiyah L. This year is the first year we have several students who have achieved Elite status. There's also a battle of the classes with the reward of a French Movie and Crêpes at the end of term between B1 and B5. Allez Allez Davallia! The competition ends at 4pm today (25/05).



Language nut has rebranded itself over the weekend and added some cool activities. Every child has a FREE log in from Year 1-6. I'm encouraging Year 1-3 to compete whilst LP is on. Log in and enjoy the fun! There are lots of points and medals being scored – Bravo to all Language Nutters!

*Mdme Julie Dignon
French Specialist*

School Notices

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Following our recent school photography by Kapture, you can now view and order any sports and / or special photos taken on the day. When visiting www.kapture.com.au/event.asp you will need to enter our school code under the Sports & Event tab to access the gallery; **Code: 6DKTE3**



VIRAL GASTROENTERITIS RECOVERY AND RETURN TO SCHOOL

Gastroenteritis (tummy bug) often settles without treatment. It is more common in winter and affects people of all ages. Viral gastro is spread easily from person to person. When a person vomits or has diarrhoea, small droplets containing the virus can contaminate surfaces such as taps and toilet flush handles. People with gastroenteritis can spread the virus up to 48 hours after their symptoms have stopped. With this in mind, we recommend students should not return to school until 48 hours after the diarrhoea has settled. Thank you for your help to keep all of our kids healthy.

P&C News

SAVE THE DATE—SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST

Our P&C are working hard on the next major event on the fundraising calendar ... BOGAN BINGO! After the success of last year's event, next term we will once again be releasing our inner bogan. Further details to follow soon.

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

