



Grow with Respect

# The Davallian

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

**Well done to Mrs Lane and her mighty Year One's from A3 on last week's outstanding assembly.** They presented a great message about perseverance and the challenges and opportunities they will face with their move into the 'big' school. It was interesting to hear of some of the things they worry about and exciting to hear how they can solve their problems and who can help them. Well done A3! I know you all are very ready for the 'big' school and we can't wait to watch you grow and learn.

### Snakes Alive! And not the confectionary kind!

We are extremely fortunate to have a great school site which is well positioned amongst beautiful trees in a bushland setting. However, with the warmer months upon us, we have received a couple of messages from the community of snake sightings in the bushlands around the school oval. Parents and students should be aware of this and endeavour to keep to pathways and be vigilant when walking to and from school.



*NB – Picture for illustration purposes only*

### Kiss and Drive

Just a reminder to all Parents and Grand Parents that Kiss and Drive is a fluid process and, as such, no adult should be getting out of the car to assist students who use Kiss and Drive. If there is the need to help a student enter the vehicle, Kiss and Drive is not for you. Thanks for your understanding in this regard.

### P & C Meeting

It was a fantastic turnout at our first P & C meeting of the year. Thank you to the many parents who attended and gained a snapshot into how the P & C operates, its roles and some of the fantastic opportunities we all can be part of. Don't forget the P & C is not only about raising very important funds for the school, it is also about the social contribution it makes to the school community through ventures and activities. Thanks to everyone who attended and your job is to come back again and this time bring a friend too!



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## *Principal's Message (continued)*

### **Year 5 & 6 Interm Swimming**

Congratulations to our Year 5 & 6 students on a very successful In-term swimming series. They have conducted themselves in an exemplary manner and have demonstrated our school values on a daily basis. Well Done!



### **Labour Day - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (Public Holiday)**

Please be aware it is a long weekend this coming weekend and we look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Have a great fortnight.

***John O'Neill***  
***Principal***

## *Associate Principal's Message*

For the last two weeks the Year Fives and Sixes have been venturing to Sorrento Beach for their swimming lessons. For the first time the children have been scheduled into an afternoon timeslot and what a difference it has made to the conditions. Coupled with the unseasonal weather, the afternoon sea breeze has greatly altered the way the beach has presented this year.

To their credit the children have taken the weather, the waves, the wind and the shifting sand in their stride. I even overheard a student bemoaning the fact that there were no waves on what was possibly the warmest and calmest of days.

One of our four school values is perseverance. In trying to develop their resilience and ability to persevere we teach our students that to do their best they need to put in their best effort and always work hard on the things they may not be all that good at. Overcoming doubt, trepidation and even anxiety often requires getting outside your comfort zone. Throughout this series I have been so impressed with the children who have had a go when it would have been much easier to just not go swimming. This cohort has shown true perseverance throughout and I want to recognise their effort and commitment.

For every little doubt and fear these children have overcome they will be bolder and more confident next time. Pushing through those little moments of discomfort has resulted in a feeling of achievement and self-worth that they'd miss out on by walking away.

Well done to all the Year Fives and Year Sixes for a very successful swimming lesson series.

***Mark Leaning***  
***Associate Principal***

## School Notices

### ONLINE PAYMENTS

Could parents please ensure that their child's surname is included in the reference when making online payments for school excursions, fees etc. If your bank does not provide a reference facility, please email details or your payment to [geraldine.vaughan@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:geraldine.vaughan@education.wa.edu.au)

### SCHOOL PHOTOS—19, 20 & 21 MARCH

Our school photo day is coming! Every student should have brought home a Kapture Photography order envelope. The recommended method of ordering your photos is online through Kapture's website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time. If you pay online, there is no need to return the order envelope to school.

Alternatively you can pay by cash and return the provided envelope to the school on the photography day. Please note that neither the school or photographers can open sealed envelopes and provide change.

You also have the option to order a sibling photo package online, however please note sibling orders will close at least one day before photo day. We suggest you place your online sibling order as soon as you receive your order envelope with your order instructions.

**Log on to [kapture.com.au](http://kapture.com.au) for your sibling photo order cut-off date and time.  
Late requests cannot be granted.**

**Late payment envelopes cannot be accepted by the school office or by Kapture.** You can place an order online for class or individual photographs at any time for the remainder of the current school year, however a \$15 fee will apply if you order more than 10 days after photography.

If your child is in a sports or special group photo, you can use the same school code on your order envelope to view and order these photos on Kapture's website, around the time that school photos are ready to be delivered. Please note; Class group, individual and sibling portraits are not available to view online.

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email [enquiries@kapture.com.au](mailto:enquiries@kapture.com.au).

*All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group photo available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should **NOT** be included in the photo shoot –please contact the school office.*

### COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

Our school is taking part in the Coles 'Sports For Schools' initiative. Please collect the vouchers when you shop at Coles and place them in the box provided in the school library or at Coles in Warwick. The more vouchers collected will mean more sports equipment for our school.

### SCHOOL CLOSED

Please be aware that the school will be closed on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (Tuesday after Easter).

## P&C News

What a way to start our P&C year!! Our first meeting for 2018 was almost a full house with lots of parents attending from all the year groups. Thank you to those who joined us for the first time and we encourage you to continue to participate in our meetings, and bring a friend!! Like anything you do for the first time, your first meeting may feel a little overwhelming, you may not know what to expect or you may not feel comfortable having your voice heard. Although the meetings are required to have a formal structure with Agenda items that are required to be reported against, we do provide opportunity for our wonderful school community to raise ideas and ask questions relevant to them and their children at school. It is quite infectious our meetings, the more you come, the more you learn and become comfortable around our regular members and teachers and the more confidence you gain in adding your voice.

Last year's amazing fundraising effort raised just over \$85,000 which was directly invested back into the school in many ways. What a benchmark for 2018! Funds are already coming in through our assembly cake stalls and via your voluntary contributions from which P&C get a proportion. For those who are looking for a night out grab some friends and join us on Saturday 17 March for our Bus Trip to the Casino. Tickets are only \$25 which includes your transport to and from the Casino, meal vouchers to three of the restaurants at Crown and a gaming voucher. Pop in and see the ladies at Admin to purchase your tickets.



Keep an eye out for our P&C newsletter which will be out end of week 6 for more information on our P&C, introducing the new committee and class reps and what to expect in 2018.

**Nicole Durrant**  
**P&C President**

## 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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