



Grow with Respect

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Congratulations to Mrs McIntyre and her terrific Year 2's who hosted last week's assembly. Bringing alive the 'Olden Days', they thoroughly entertained our school with their folk dancing and information. A big thank you to parents who provided period costumes for the day. Interestingly, there were quite a number of staff who remember the 'good old days'! Well done A6.

MANAGING CHANGES IN FRIENDSHIPS (KidsMatter)

Healthy friendships are a very important part of a child's social and emotional wellbeing.

They teach children empathy, fairness and help foster a sense of belonging. As children get older, friendships play an increasingly important role in their lives and as children grow and change, it's inevitable that friendships will change too.



Helping children manage these changes provides an opportunity to teach children coping skills and will help support their positive mental health.

There are many reasons for changes in friendships to occur including, conflict, growing apart, changes in interests, or moving schools. It's also important to understand that the occasional conflict is a normal part of friendship. It is an opportunity for children to:

- learn empathy, by trying to understand the perspective of their friend;
- learn effective ways to express their own views in a healthy way, and seek to be understood in return.

Sometimes these conflicts are resolved and the friendship continues, and sometimes the conflict results in the loss of a friendship. When friendships end, it might be mutual, or it could be initiated by one child, leaving the other child feeling rejected. It's often difficult for families to see their children going through these experiences, but friendship transitions are inevitable in life, and there are a few things that families can do to help children through it:

Empathise with how they are feeling.

A child who has been rejected might be feeling sad, confused or possibly angry. These feelings are all understandable reactions to a friendship rejection and helping children to recognise these feelings will help them feel understood and loved, and hopefully allow them move on more easily.

Encourage multiple friendships.

Having a broad group of friends, or even different groups of friends can help children weather stormy friendship times. When one friendship hits the rocks, seeking respite with other friends can help a child move on more quickly, and sometimes will help the friendship continue past a rough patch or help a new friendship develop and grow

Encourage repair.

If a friendship that is usually healthy takes a turn for the worse, families might consider helping their child to problem-solve and repair the friendship. Encourage empathy with the other child's feelings and help the child to express their own feelings to their friend.

Help the child to recognise when it's time to move on.

Friendships should be about having fun together, respect and fairness. If the child is feeling rejected, hurt or sad as a result of a particular friendship, families may need to help them to understand that it's time to move on.

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Changes in friendships may stir a range of strong emotions in children and may be their first experience of grief and rejection. Families can use this as a platform for teaching their child effective coping skills and strategies for dealing with painful emotions, as well as normalising changes in relationships. Talking with children about how the change has impacted them, ways they can manage and how to move forward are important conversations to have. It's important to resist the temptation to 'problem solve' directly with the friend's family. Not only can this sometimes create more problems, but it removes an opportunity for children to practice their social and emotional skills.

TALK SOON. TALK OFTIEN.

In the coming days, all families across the school will receive a Hard copy of the Healthy WA publication 'Talk Soon. Talk Often'. This publication from the Department of Health addresses the issue of talking with your children about sex. For some parents, this can be quite a confronting discussion to be had and this book provides assistance in this regard.



P & C MEETING – 10th APRIL 2018

Our next P & C meeting will be the annual budget meeting. Please note the meeting date has been changed to allow as many parents as possible the opportunity to submit ideas for projects the P & C may consider to fund. If you do have ideas you would like to be considered, it is important for parents to complete the P & C form and submit your idea, fully costed, for consideration. Please see the P & C newsletter for more information.

KISS AND DRIVE

Kiss and Drive is going extremely well this year with parents understanding the process which ensures fluidity of the system. A couple of things to remember:

- If you arrive early to kiss and drive and the line fills up quickly, irrespective of how quick your child(ren) usually are you, you will be requested to 'do a loop' and join in again at the back of the line.
- Please ensure grandparents, who collect students, do not exit their vehicles. Although they are only endeavouring to welcome their grandkids or assist, they actually slow the process down.

Thanks for your understanding in this regard.

PERSUASIVE WRITING

It has been fantastic to see a range of writing across the school relating to the persuasive genre`. Last week the students from Mrs Nelson's C4 Year 3 wrote some very compelling arguments of the benefits of having pets at school. Although very persuading, I was not 100% convinced, unless someone had a pet Hippo or Giraffe! Good try C4 and keep up the great work.

INTERSCHOOL WINTER SPORT

Davallia PS will prepare for the 2018 Interschool Winter Sports program, which commences at the beginning of Term 2. Our school competes against 7 other schools in the sports of Soccer, Netball, Volleyball and AFL. Predominately a Year 6 competition, we will have a very small number of select Year 5 students to fully make up our teams. This is a great opportunity for our senior students to demonstrate the qualities expected of good Davallians. Coaches for the teams are as follows:

Mr Westcott - AFL

Mrs Lewington - Netball

Mrs Kendrick – Volleyball

Mr O'Neill – Soccer

DIVING

Last Tuesday, 19 students from Years 3 – 6 competed in the Schools Sports WA Diving Competition at HBF Stadium. Not only did individual team members perform really well and they had lots of fun (some have never been in a diving competition before) we won!!! Davallia Primary School is the 2018 Diving Champion Primary School. Our team did an amazing job and all should be really proud

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of their achievement. Thanks so much to all parents who attended and supported our team, in particular to Tina Marshall and Nyree Scott. Well done Davallia!

EASTER BREAK – FRIDAY 30th MARCH TO TUESDAY 3rd APRIL (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)

Parents are reminded the school will be closed on the following days during the Easter break:

Friday 30th March 2018 - Public Holiday

Monday 2nd April 2018 - Public Holiday

Tuesday 3rd April 2018 - School Holiday

School recommences on Wednesday 4th April 2018.

Have a great fortnight.

John O'Neill
Principal

School Notices

SAFETY HOUSE ART COMPETITION

The Safety House Annual Art Competition is now open with entries closing on Monday, 3rd September 2018.

The competition is limited to Primary School children in the eight age groups; (K, PP, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6). K-Y5 are given a theme for their picture and a blank canvas. They may use whatever artistic medium or style they wish and they can send in their entry by Australia Post, hand delivery or by emailing an image of their artwork. Entry forms will soon be available on Connect VIA YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER.

The Year six age group is asked to create a Safety House poster design with a promotional slogan. The winning poster design becomes the centrepiece of the next year's Safety House poster design with a credit given to the artist and their school.

Every participating student and their school receives a certificate of participation. Each age group will have a winner and those students each receive a cash prize of \$50 and a Winners Certificate.

SCHOOL PHOTOS—NEXT WEEK 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 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.

*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.*

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BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

Rachel Ossebaar and her trusty team of helpers organise the Scholastic Book Club on behalf of the P&C. Scholastic Book Club flyers are sent out in Terms 2 and 4 and **amazing** Book Fairs are held in Terms 1 and 3.

Our first Book Fair is **WEEK 9!!**



The Library will be open:

- Monday to Thursday morning before school
- Monday to Thursday after school
- Wednesday 9.30am after the Easter hat parade, as well as a morning tea, provided by our P&C
- During lunchtimes.



There is always an enticing range of books and novelties which can make wonderful gifts and/or alternative Easter options!!

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.

ICAS / UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES COMPETITION

ICAS in 2018 will be restricted to English and Maths. Further information will be forwarded to families later in term 1.

RIDE TO SCHOOL

Ride To School Day for Davallia will be held on 29th March (the last Thursday of Week 9). Children over 10 years of age are encouraged to ride their bikes to school, then gather on the senior basketball court where a photo will be taken before school. There will also be stickers and prizes to be awarded. Children under 10 are also encouraged to ride their bikes, but should be accompanied by an adult. Please ensure that bicycles are well maintained and that all children wear a bicycle helmet. If students will be leaving their bikes at school, they will require a lock to secure it.

DIVING DAVALLIANS

Congratulations to the team of 18 students from years 3-6 who were one of 11 primary schools competing in the Interschool Diving competition at HBF Stadium on Tuesday March 13. All divers had a great day with many of them having no previous diving experience. Special mention goes to Laney Noto (yr 3) 5th place, Summer Marshall and Orla Gardiner (yr 5) 3rd and 4th respectively and Ella Scott (yr 6) 5th place. Davallia was also crowned Champion Primary School at the end of the meet. Thank you to the parents who came along to support the divers on the day.



SAFETY HOUSE CONTACT CARDS

Please read the information attached to this newsletter regarding **FREE** Safety House Contact Cards for your child.

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

