



Grow with Respect

The Davallian

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome Back

Welcome Back to Term 3 which is all set to be another fantastic term at Davallia PS. This term is very busy as we work towards the Faction and Interschool Athletics Carnivals. It's a great term of building team spirit amongst our Factions and also as a whole school as well. Our carnivals are awesome days and parents are encouraged to plan to attend. All dates are on the school website. There is always something exciting happening at Davallia Primary School; I encourage you to become active contributors to our school.

Staff Changes

We officially welcome to staff Madame Richardson, who will instruct French whilst Madame Dignon accesses Long Service Leave during Semester 2. We also welcome back to Davallia Primary School, following an extended absence on Long Service Leave, Mr Mark Leaning (Term 2) and Mr Greg Perry (Semester 1). Mrs Jess Linfoot also returns to school following maternity leave.

Kindergarten Enrolments

2019 Kindergarten enrolments are closing tomorrow!

In many cases, the Kindergarten intake may well be the only time parents from outside the catchment area have a realistic opportunity to attend our school. **Our goal is for 60 Kindergarten students for 2019.** So, if you have friends who may like their children to attend Davallia PS or neighbours with appropriately aged kids, have a chat to them and send them along to enrol. Should an enrolment from outside the catchment be accepted for Kindergarten, they will hold their position at our school through to Year 6.



STEM Week– Joondalup Times Article

The activities of our STEM Week were recently published in the Joondalup Times. Please find the link to view the article. <https://www.communitynews.com.au/joondalup-times/news/duncraig-students-become-forensic-scientists/>

Winter Lightning Carnival – Soccer 'A' Champions!

Davallia Primary School's value of 'Perseverance' was certainly on show at the Interschool Winter Lightning Carnival last term. Our students performed well and gave their all as they represented our school in the sports of Volleyball, Football, Netball and Soccer. Our students were constantly commended on the positive behaviour and conduct both on and off the field. Well done to the Soccer A team who did exceptionally well and were the Lightning Carnival Soccer Champions on the day.

Semester 1 Student Achievement Reports

Following the issue of the Semester 1 Student Achievement Reports, parents are most welcome to contact staff to arrange a parent interview to discuss any aspect of their child's report. Please contact the staff directly via their email address. Email addresses for all staff are available on the school website.

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Principal's Message (continued)

School Uniform – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

From the beginning of 2019 all students must wear the Board approved Davallia Primary School Uniform purchased through Uniform Concepts. The old school uniform is not to be worn from the start of next year. I have been reminding parents for some months now to ensure that they do not leave the ordering to the last minute. Parents are requested to support the school in this regard.

Arrival at School

It is important for parents to ensure children arrive at school well before the start of the school day. This allows them to be well organised and present for the important information teachers share with students about the day ahead and expectations for the day. At present, there are regularly 20+ students arriving to school after the siren has sounded. We understand that from time to time things go wrong, resulting in unavoidable lateness to school. However, this number of late students is excessive and needs to be addressed. Your support is greatly appreciated in this regard.

Capital Works – Gardener's Facility and Sports Store

Works will shortly commence with the demolition of the existing Gardener's Shed and Sports Shed. Both must give way for the provision of the new Gardeners facility, to be built in the same location as present. It is larger than the existing structure which necessitates the demolition of the existing Sports Shed. The new Sports Store will be built on the back of the Under Covered Area, which will ensure students do not need to cross the staff carpark for access. Building is planned to commence in the coming weeks.

School Lapathon

Our annual School Lapathon will be held this term. The challenge this year is for each and every student to identify a minimum of 5 people (other than their parents) and seek sponsorship of \$5 from each person. Based on having approximately 490 students, it is hoped to raise a minimum of \$12,250 from this venture. This year's Lapathon will not be exactly the same as the traditional Lapathon we are all used to, but it will have a twist! I wonder what's being planned? Stay tuned but start organising those sponsors!



Former Davallian Achievements

We always love to hear about the achievements of our past students, so today I am proud to inform the community of the following outstanding achievements of three past Davallians.

Taiyah Lewis is a talented basketballer who represented the school in the very successful Girls School Slam Basketball Team. Taiyah plays for the Stirling Senators U/14's and her team will travel to Victoria in October for the National Championships.

Dejan (DJ) Lewis represented Davallia PS in Interschool Soccer and possessed outstanding skills when representing our school. He has continued with his passion and now has been selected to represent Western Australia in the U/15 State team. In August, DJ and the State U/15's team will travel internationally to compete in a tournament in China.

Tori Leaver loves Netball and was a team member of the 2017 Davallia PS Interschool Netball Champion Team. Tori continues to excel with her Netball pursuits and has now been selected in the 12's Schools Sport WA Netball team. Representing the state, Tori travels to Darwin in September to compete in the National Championships.

Principal's Message (continued)

We are so proud to recognise the efforts of all Davallians (past and present) and celebrate with Taiyah, Tori and DJ on their achievements. We wish them every success. If you are aware of any past Davallians who deserve to be recognised in our school newsletter, please send an email with the information to Candi Nelson Candi.Nelson@education.wa.edu.au and we shall share their achievements with the wider community.

Have a great fortnight.

John O'Neill
Principal

Important Dates

Tuesday 24 th July	Faction Cross Country
Thursday 26 th July	A4 Assembly
Tuesday 7 th August	Interschool Cross Country
Thursday 9 th August	B5 Assembly
Monday 20 th August	Book Week commences
Thursday 23 rd August	Open Night and B1 Assembly

REMINDER - NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM TRANSITION

Just a reminder at the conclusion of 2018, the old styled school uniform will not form part of our school uniform and only the new styled uniform will be worn to school. Parents are requested to plan to acquire the new styled uniform, including Faction shirt, during the course of this year. The old uniform is no longer available for sale through the school.

Associate Principal's Message

No Face Like Home

Well I'm back.

It's been thirteen weeks since I went on leave and this week, in my first days back at Davallia, I've been feeling it. Luckily the staff are allowing me to find my feet. They've been trickle feeding me a list of tasks to tackle and things that I need to know about.

Of course, the best part of coming back to work are the kids. *I have the best job in the world.* They're all a couple of months older and a whole term wiser but they are the same great children I have enjoyed working with throughout my time at Davallia.

They are funny. I've heard plenty of new 'Dad' jokes that I can recycle. Thanks for those.

They are inquisitive. 'No, I didn't try kite surfing anywhere near the erupting volcano. Sorry to disappoint.'

They are observant. 'You're right, my hair really didn't grow much while I was away. Thanks for noticing.'

They are so very friendly. Saying hello, high fiving, low fiving and knuckle tapping while they tell tales of Mr O'Neill making jokes at my expense. Don't worry I'll get my chance to rebut soon enough.

Some are forgetful. 'Excuse me Mr Westcott.'

Some are cheeky. 'Howdy stranger.'

All are uniquely Davallian.

Thanks for welcoming me back and noticing I wasn't around for a while.

Now it's back to work.... As soon as I can remember my password.



Mark Leaning
Associate Principal

School Notices



On Thursday, 21st June Bec Wellard from Project O.R.C.A. visited our school and spoke to the year 6s.

Bec Wellard has been working with marine mammals for the past 10 years and is an avid conservation scientist, naturalist, cetacean nerd and ocean adventurer.

She has been involved in numerous research projects both in Australia and worldwide and her main research interest centres on Killer Whales.

To say her presentation was fascinating is an understatement. She was knowledgeable, enthusiastic and willing to answer all questions asked of her.

The children learned about the creatures of the sea and how to take care of our marine environment.

A highlight was being given the opportunity to name a new Orca calf.

The mum's name is Tarni and the name chosen by the year 6 students for Tarni's calf, is 'Wyuna' which means 'Clear Water'.

Bec will be returning to Davallia to present the year 6 students with a poster of "Wyuna".

Trenna Lewington
Year 6 Teacher



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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