



Grow with Respect

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome back to Term 4. I trust you have had a fabulous two weeks with your children and are ready for the final term of the 2018 school year. With a blink of an eye this term will be over, so please ensure you keep up-to-date with the activities of our school and plan to be involved. Our school website has a live calendar which should answer any question about what's happening at Davallia Primary School. www.davalliaps.wa.edu.au

In-Term Swimming Lessons (PP-Year 4)

A massive thankyou to all parents involved with swimming lessons, ensuring your children are well prepared for these lessons. Swimming lessons have been going very smoothly, and as expected, our students have been fully participating and well behaved.

Swimming lessons are an important part of the physical education curriculum as they not only teach and develop the invaluable skill of swimming, but they also help educate students with water safety. As such it is important for all students to participate.



2019 Kindy Orientations

Earlier this week and during the course of next week, our 2019 Kindy students and parents will be visiting our school and enjoying an orientation to Kindergarten. This gives new families to our school the opportunity to engage in a few fun activities in the classroom and get to know some of the staff. It's a very exciting time as 2019 will see approximately 60 new students join our school!

Parent Supervision After School

With the warmer days upon us it is fantastic to see more and more families utilising the school facilities after school hours. Although I am a strong advocate for Davallia PS to be considered as a community school and I encourage our school community to use the school facilities after school hours, **parents must be in attendance or have organised another adult to supervise and provide care for their children.** Children who ride or walk home are unable to remain at school unsupervised. Thank you for your understanding in this regard.

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Principal's Message (continued)

JUMP JAM™

Jump Jam – Brett Fairweather Visit

Make sure you pencil in Friday 19th October (Week 2 Term 4) to come to school and experience Brett Fairweather in action. Brett is the founder of Jump Jam and his attendance at school will certainly take our school performance to the next level. This is an open community event so parents, grandparents etc are all welcome to attend and gain an understanding of how enthusiastic our students and staff are about Jump Jam. Representatives from a range of schools will also be in attendance to gain an insight as to what Jump Jam is all about. It would be great to see the Davallian Community in attendance to support this visit.



With Sympathies

On behalf of the school community, I wish to extend our sympathies to Mr Greg Perry and family on the recent passing of Greg's father. Our collective thoughts are with Greg, Carol and family during this difficult time.

New Sports Store

Mrs Lewington and Mr Perry are extremely excited with the completion of the new Sports Store. This week the store has been fitted out with shelving and we are all set to return all our sports equipment to their new place.



Are You Ready for a Busy Term?

We are all set for an incredibly busy but very enjoyable Term 4. Just to name a few things happening, we have In-term Swimming, High Flyers, 2019 Kindy Orientations, class assemblies, Yr 5 Zoo Snoozes, Yr 6 Rottnest Island Camp, Graduation, Presentation Assembly, Student Councillor Assembly, Colour Run, Family Fun Night, Yr 6 WOW Day and a heap more things. It's going to be very busy but it's going to be heaps of fun! Oh... and lots of school work too!

Have a great term.

John O'Neill

Principal

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.

School Notices

FREE SCORCHERS CRICKET CLINIC

On Wednesday 31st October from 7.30—8.30am there will be a **FREE** cricket clinic being held here at Davallia Primary School. No need to RSVP, you can just turn up on the day.

Associate Principal's Message

Like Ducks to Water

Excuse me, I don't want to make too much of a fuss, but can we just have a little cheer?

Well done parents!

Once again, you've done an amazing job readying your children for in-term swimming lessons. Congratulations.

In getting our Pre-Primaries through to Year Fours ready for swimming, the challenge is never about getting them into the water, it's not even about perfecting that stroke that last year gave them so much trouble. The challenge comes in getting all these children to a point where they can look after the little things without Mum and Dad watching over them. For many, it is the first time they've had to look after their own things, dry and dress themselves in a hurry, surrounded by dozens of other children in a similar hurry themselves trying to put on shirts, shorts and skorts that all look the same and at the end, leaving with everything they brought with them.

Even in the three days we have been doing swimming lessons this term, I have been so impressed with the level of independence being shown. Our Year Fours behave like the wise veterans of swimming lessons but our Pre-Primaries and Year Ones have been pretty capable too. I've had very little lost property to repatriate and very few soggy flamingos to dry and dress.

For weeks I have been teasing the children about learning how to dry themselves before they dress. Joking with them about the order one should be putting on their clothes.... *undies first*. A number of them have been pretty keen to point out how skilled they are, 'Mr Leaning', in putting their undies on first. Of course, drying oneself is a skill that takes a bit longer to perfect. Some of our Year Fours are so fast that they believe the friction caused as they move at light speed through air will evaporate any moisture from their bodies and allows them to come back to school with a neatly folded and bone-dry towel. Amazing.

So once again congratulations Mums, Dad's and Grandparents. Yes, your children are learning to swim, but also very importantly, they are displaying a new independence that you can all be proud of.

Parents are reminded that they are not to take photographs or film students at swimming lessons. This is pool policy and we also have families who have requested that their child not be filmed during school hours.

Secondly, if parents have any concerns during swimming lessons, they must address them through the school. As stated on the swimming permission note, parents are discouraged from communicating directly with the DOE Swimming staff.

Mark Leaning
Associate Principal

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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Instyle Tennis Management



Hot-Shots Tennis lessons with InStyle Tennis! Tennis lessons at Davallia Primary school are held Tues 8-8.45am/ Wed 2.45-3.30pm, starting week 2 of term 4. All first time players receive **free racket!** And Mum's, after school drop off why not try Cardio Tennis at Sorrento TC. 9.15am Mon-Fri! Great fun and all ages/ levels welcome! Details and online registration at instyletennis.com.au/ 0433 777 195