

Merry Christmas

19th December 2019



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Where did that year go?

It is hard to believe the year is all but over. Well, they say time flies when you're having fun. We certainly have had a heap of fun mixed in with a lot of hard work.

Our school has a wonderfully supportive and positive culture, which many visitors have stated you can feel the moment you walk into the school. In many ways, culture is a difficult thing to simply put your finger on. It's not only the big things we do, it is also the little things and the intangible things which collectively create the school culture we enjoy. However, our values are what drive our school culture and are what is at the foundation of everything we do.

On the 4th December this year, Mrs Katherine Ward (Director Public School Review) and Mrs Alison Robb (Peer Reviewer – Principal Mosman Park PS) undertook a Public School Review of Davallia Primary School.

They met with staff, students, parents and community members to validate the claims our school has made in regards to being an 'Effective' school. They were extremely complimentary of the work the school has done, the high level of engagement of staff and community, the positive and supportive school culture and the future directions the school intends to take. They validated our claims and confirmed Davallia PS is an 'Effective School' as indicated by Stephen Baxter, Deputy Director General who stated,

'Your school performance rating, determined through your self-assessment submission and validated by the review team is 'Effective'. I acknowledge the outstanding efforts of you and your staff in creating the positive conditions for successful students'. Stephen Baxter, Deputy Director General of Education (2019)

What a great way to end a fantastic school year, to receive affirmation from an external source, that Davallia is a great school.

Wishing you all a fabulous festive season.

John O'Neil
Principal



Wishing you all a 'Merry Christmas' from the Staff at Davallia Primary School.

Class of 2019

Congratulations to the graduating Class of 2019, who today conclude their primary school education. We trust they leave our school well prepared for the rigors of secondary school and wish them the very best of luck.

At their graduation last Tuesday evening, I left them with some advice, which if applied in secondary school, will mean their experience will be awesome. This included:

- Without exception, treat everyone with **RESPECT**, including yourself and that's important
- Take **RESPONSIBILITY** for your learning as there are no hitchhikers in learning
- Be **INNOVATIVE** and creative. Think outside the box to solve your problems
- When things get hard, keep going! Don't give up as **PERSEVERANCE** is one of your strengths

Our school values are as relevant in high school as they are at Davallia PS.

And remember what Sophie Moody said at the Presentation Assembly, "once a Davallian, always a Davallian".

Best wishes from the staff, students and school community and congratulations on your graduation from Davallia Primary School.



To The Staff

To say I have an 'effective' staff is an understatement. Without exception and irrespective of their role, each and every one goes far beyond what is expected of them, and this is simply for the students who attend Davallia Primary School. I am immensely proud of the team I have here. Their efforts and the way they go about their business, was well and truly recognised by the Reviewers.

A quote from the School Review

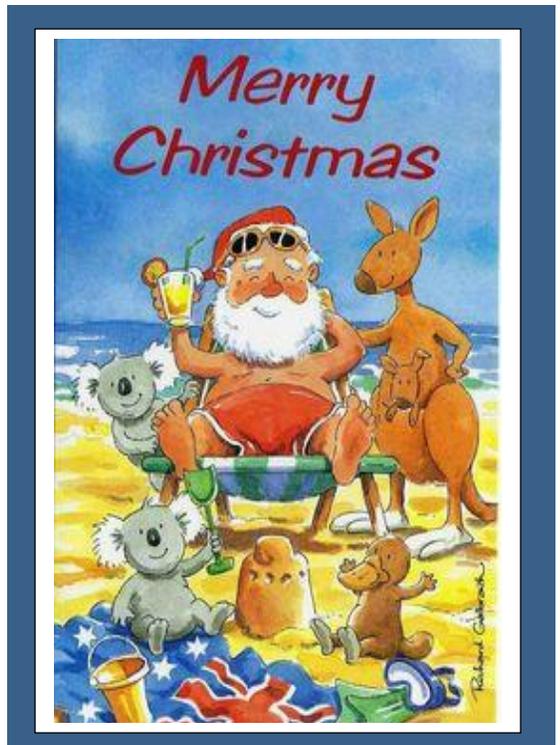
"A highly collaborative culture is evident. Staff are dedicated, enthusiastic and as willing to share knowledge, skills and strengths as they are to learn from their colleagues".

Kath Ward, Director, Public School review 2019

You know the old saying, "it takes a village to raise a child", well it takes a team to orchestrate an outstanding learning environment where kids can thrive, academically progress, socially and emotionally grow, and to create a place where kids can feel safe and happy to come to school.

So it's time for the staff to put their feet up and have a well-earned rest!

A sincere thank you to each and every one of them. You all make a great team!





The Davallian Community

And what a Community we have....

'Respectful relationships premised on trust underpin a strong culture of support for students, their families and staff. This highly cohesive school community is further enhanced by strategic partnerships that benefit students directly.' There is positive and vibrant community involvement with the school, which is underpinned by the work of the School Board and the Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C).'

Kath Ward
Director, Public School Review

I say this regularly, there is generally not a single day in any given week of the school year, we do not have a member of our school community (parents, grandparents and family friends) working at our school. There are few Principals around who could make a claim such as that. It's a reflection of the positive relationship the school enjoys with our community and it has been recognised by the School Reviewers. However, we should never become complacent in this regard and I would ask all of our community to consider how you can be, or continue to be, active members of the school community, helping to continue to solidify such a positive relationship.

Head Boy and Head Girl!

Well done to Sophie Moody and Ethan Ding who lead the student body in exemplary fashion.

They took on their roles with enthusiasm and dedication. Leading by example, they have been ideal role models for all of the school.

Well done to Sophie and Ethan. The school community thanks you both and wishes you well in 2020 and beyond.

2020 Head Boy and Head Girl

We also announced the 2020 Head Boy and Head Girl. Congratulations to Owen Challen and Rami Lynch.

I know you will have an amazing 2020 leading our school and I can't wait to see your positive influence around the school.



2020 Class Lists – Please Note

A polite reminder to all parents, **you are not permitted** to share images of the 2020 Class Lists on any social media. Although parents are permitted to take a digital image of class lists for personal usage, for the safety of all children, you do not have permission to share these lists via social media. Your respect of this requirement is appreciated.

Thank you to our school community for all your support in 2019.