



Grow with Respect

# The Davallian

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 4. I trust you all had an enjoyable fortnight with your family and are well prepared for the term ahead. We are certainly all set for what will be a jam packed term, full of exciting activities, quality teaching and learning and a heap of fun for the kids. Looking forward to a sensational Term 4!

### B3 Assembly

Our awesome Year 4/5 students from Miss Zaccaria's B3 did a fabulous job hosting today's assembly. They spoke about what it is to be a good friend and how good friends treat each other with respect. Some very important messages were shared. Well done B3 and Miss Zaccaria on a super assembly.



### School Disco – How good are my staff!

To say my staff are invested in the school is an understatement! The call went out for staff to attend this Friday's school disco, for without their support the Disco would not occur. Over 40 staff, over two sessions, will be in attendance supporting the discos. I want to again recognise the commitment of the staff for your children. They have been determined all year to endeavour, where ever possible, for the children not to miss out on activities due to Covid restrictions. This is yet another example of this. So, please take a moment to thank the staff for their willingness to put your children first! I am sure it will be a great night for all. An email has been sent out today with organisational arrangements for drop off and pickup. Again, this is a student only event.

### Wellbeing Show

Following on from our very successful Wellbeing Day, held on the last day of Term 3, today saw the Wellbeing Show performed at our school.

The show is an interactive performance which aims to promote the attitudes and behaviours that each student needs to acquire, in order to be successful academically, in social interactions with others and to generally experience happiness and wellbeing within themselves. The students thoroughly enjoyed this very entertaining, interactive and meaningful incursion.



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## *Principal's Message (continued)*

### **Covid Update – Phase 4 Extended**

Premier Mark McGowan recently announced the continuance of Phase 4 restrictions, with some slight changes to the 2m2 restriction for **seated venues of significant capacity**. Unfortunately, this does not affect any change to the existing operational processes currently in place at Davallia Primary School. We will continue with student only events, particularly when the event is seated or indoors. This will include all assemblies, including the Presentation Assembly, Student Council Assembly and Talent Quest.

**Unfortunately, and under the advice of the Covid Support Team of the Department of Education, our annual Family Fun Night will also be a casualty of the Covid restrictions and will not take place in 2020.** It has been a tough year for our school in this regard, however, all decisions made have been with the best intent. As always we are appreciative of your ongoing understanding and support.

### **School Development Days**

A reminder we have two **School Development Days during Term 4.**

- **Week 4 - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020**
- **Week 5 – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

A reminder, students do not attend school on these days.

### **2021 Class Placement Requests**

Class Placement Requests is simply a courtesy extended to the school community to provide opportunity for parents who believe they have important information to be considered when placing their children in classes for the coming year. **In this newsletter is information regarding the Class Placement Request process for 2021 and the criteria under which all requests will be considered.** Parents who consider they have critical or relevant information pertaining to their child's placement in 2021, should advise via email to myself, School Principal, Mr John O'Neill ( [John.Oneill@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:John.Oneill@education.wa.edu.au) ), who holds responsibility for the process. Requests must be received by 3.10pm, Friday 6th November 2020. In fairness to all, late requests will not be considered. Staff **WILL NOT AND DO NOT** entertain any requests for students to be grouped in particular classes outside this process. Parents are requested to refrain from making requests of staff.

Please refer to the information contained within the newsletter.

### **Toilet Upgrade – Capital Works**

Our renovation of the toilet blocks continues with C Block toilets being stripped last weekend. C Block toilets will be out of action for the next 4 weeks. I would like to congratulate all students from A Block for the outstanding manner in which they conducted themselves whilst inconvenienced during the renovation period. They showed how responsible they are by navigating their way to the C Block toilets without issue. Although A Block is operational, they are yet to be 100% completed.

Planned Refurbishment Schedule:

- C Block – Week 2 to Week 4, Term 4 (Inclusive)
- B Block – Week 5 to Week 9, Term 4 (inclusive)

### **Carine Senior High School – A Division Athletics Champions!**

Congratulations to the students and staff of Carine Senior High School, who yesterday won the 2020 A Division Athletics Carnival. No doubt there will be a number of former Davallians as members of the team and we look forward to hearing of their individual successes. Well done.

### **Grounds Committee Busy Bee – November 1<sup>st</sup> 2020**

The Grounds Committee will be holding a Busy Bee at Davallia primary school on Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup> 2020. They will undertake some grounds maintenance during the morning. More information to come.

### **Lapathon – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

This year's Lapathon was a great success and the Lapathon Committee should be congratulated on hosting an awesome event. So far approximately \$8517 has been raised. If you are yet to do so, please send in your sponsorship money asap. All funds raised will go to our P & C to purchase items from the 2020 Wish List.

## Principal's Message (continued)

### Interm Swimming

Next Monday will see the start of two weeks of swimming instruction for students from Pre-Primary to Year 4. Lessons are conducted at the Craigie Leisure Centre. Due to Covid restrictions, **parents are encouraged not to attend as entry may be declined.**

This year will also see the final Year 4 cohort attend swimming lessons in the pool environment. From 2021, students from Year 4 – Year 6 will have swimming instruction conducted at Sorrento Beach. The ocean is a very different experience to that of swimming in a pool and will provide the opportunity for students to develop confidence and understanding of the marine environment, whilst learning to swim.



### Honour Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognised this week for their great effort:

K1	Jolynne M	A6	Tom W	B3	Charlie J
K2	Isla S	A2	Tanner F	B3	Sullivan W
K2	Nicholas S	A3	Eli T	B5	Anda C
K3	Madeleine L	C1	Lauryn H	B5	Sarah C
K3	Julia H	C1 French	Ella O	B5 French	Lennox A
K4	Dieter vB	C2	Zac O	B6	Isaac B
K4	Evelyn S	C3	Charlie K	B6	Ava G
PP1	Indigo M	C3 French	Liliana M	B1	Amelie B
PP2	Abigail C	C4	Georgia C	B1	Bailey C
PP3	Jason W	C4	Samuel G	B2	Jack M
A4 French	Brydon S	C5	Victor Z	11	Roshani T
A5	Devin dV	C6	Alice C	B2	Nathan M
A5	Jay D	C6 French	Josh R	B2 French	Ellie E
A6	Blake L				

Have a great fortnight,

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



*Some images from our Wellbeing Day last term.*

## Class Placement Requests

### **DAVALLIA PRIMARY SCHOOL - 2021 CLASS PLACEMENT REQUEST**

The placement of students to individual classes can be an emotive issue for parents. To ensure that the process is open, equitable and transparent for all, the following will be applied for the placement of all students in classes.

Parents who consider that they have critical or relevant information pertaining to their child's placement for 2021 should advise via email, to the school Principal - Mr John O'Neill ([John.Oneill@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:John.Oneill@education.wa.edu.au)), who will oversee the process. **Requests for a specific teacher or not to have a specific teacher WILL NOT be considered, as this will be deemed outside the placement criteria.**

**All requests will remain confidential, and in fairness to all, late requests will not be considered.**

### **GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT PLACEMENT**

Individual class placements are decided by the school's administration team, based on professional judgements regarding a student's educational need, circumstance, interests and organisational need. Such professional judgements are made in consultation with school teaching staff (existing 2020 classroom teacher).

#### **Placement Criteria**

The following criteria will be considered by the administration team, and in consultation with 2020 teaching staff, regarding the placement of students in a given class:

- Special Needs of the Child – Students at Educational Risk
- Group Homogeneity-
  - the retention of positive relationships and groups that work well together
  - identifying individual students who need to work separately from other individuals
- Maintaining a balance of
  - academic abilities
  - social and emotional needs and abilities
- Maintenance of a gender balance (where practicable)
- Class placement in previous year

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Regards.

*John O'Neill*  
*Principal*

## Associate Principal's Message

### **Winning at Losing**

On the weekend I watched the West Coast Fever fight out the grand final of the 2020 Super Netball tournament. After a season heavily compromised by COVID19, it was a nail biting finale going down to the very last moments of the game. It must have been heartbreaking, after enduring so many weeks of being away from home and making it to the final, to lose by two goals.

A teary Courtney Bruce was a most gracious captain in defeat. Her speech was all about congratulating the winners and recognising the retiring Vixens players, Caitlin Thwaites and Tegan Philip, who she'd had admired and played against over her many seasons as a netballer. She acknowledged that to be the best you have to beat the best and promised that her side would be back to challenge again next year. What an inspirational leader and such a positive role model, who must have been stinging after the loss.

A week or so earlier two AFL footballers played tough uncompromising football against each other as part of the final held in Perth. For two hours they were in combat in a high stakes game where the West Coast Eagle's season came to an end at the hands of a brilliant Collingwood side. It would have been very easy to be annoyed and frustrated after going down by a point, but instead Liam Ryan and Brayden Maynard embraced in a show of class and respect. It was such a fantastic thing to witness and helped to put the game and all of its consequences into perspective.

## Associate Principal's Message (continued)

Being a 'good loser' is not easy. It comes down to great role modelling. All the significant adults surrounding the sports our children engage in must get on board.

Of course no one wants to lose, but it is an important part of life. Losing can make you stronger and builds resilience. Losing has the potential to inspire you to confidently face up to and weather setbacks in the future. Losing teaches you humility and helps to keep you grounded.

How lucky are we to have such great role models, front and centre, representing Western Australia at a time when everyone's resilience is being tested more than ever?

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

## School Notices

### CONGRATULATIONS!!

Well done to Sully W, who recently attended trials for the State 12 Years and Under AFL State team. Sully has made it through to Phase 2 of the selection process. We wish him all the best at the next stage of the selection process. Well done Sully!

## 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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## Lapathon 2020

