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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

The fabulous Year 5's from B2 hosted our most recent assembly. As always, they delivered a great assembly with a focus on the talents people possess. I can tell you, the students of B2 are very talented indeed as we saw and heard musicians, gymnasts, dancers and even Rubik Cube solvers! They made some very good points on how to develop your talents through setting realistic goals, lots of practise, persevering and being resilient, as talents are not developed overnight. Well done B2 and Miss Read. A great assembly with an important message.

Pre-Primary 2 Assembly – Postponement

Unfortunately, we were forced to postpone this week's PP2 Assembly. I know the students and the parents were disappointed with the news. However, it has been rescheduled for Thursday 22nd July, 2021 (Week 1, Term 3). Our fingers are crossed in the hope restrictions will be lifted and parents will be able to attend.



How things can change in a blink of an eye!

Having just celebrated with the school community the removal of the two square metre rule, which allowed Davallia Primary School to return to pre-Covid conditions, things changed. I share the communities' frustrations in this regard. However, things go on irrespective of the restrictions that are in place. We look forward to seeing the relaxation of restrictions as we once again head towards pre-Covid conditions.

Winter Lightning Carnival

Well done to our senior students, who recently took part in a very successful Winter Sports Lightning Carnival. Davallia was very competitive and performed very well. Most importantly, our student behaviour was exemplary and Davallia PS was a stand out in this regard. See the full results further in the newsletter.

Kiss and Drive – Not for Pre-Primary

A reminder to Pre-Primary parents, there is an expectation Pre-Primary students are still delivered to the door in the mornings by an adult. Kiss and Drive should not be used for Pre-Primary students in the morning. Students who are in Years 5 and 6 are able to collect a Pre-Primary sibling at the end of the day and walk to Kiss and Drive.

Holiday Maintenance Works

Painting of the staffroom block will be undertaken over the school holidays. This will see the completion of internal painting of our school.

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Principal's Message Continued

Staffing News

We have a number of staff changes for the commencement of Semester 2.

Departures

Abbey Kalphas (K2 & K3) leaves us to take up a teaching position at Harrisdale PS. Abbey has been with us only for Semester 1, instructing in our Kindy program. We wish her all the very best.

Sharmila Abdul Mutalif (EA K3) concludes her fixed-term contract. As a qualified teacher, Sharmila will be actively pursuing Teaching opportunities in Semester 2. We may even see her teaching at Davallia PS on a relief basis. We wish her all the best.

Arrivals

Elycia Thomson has been appointed to teach K2 & K3. Elycia has already worked at Davallia PS and comes from a recent experience at St Mark's Anglican Community School.

Fiona Backx has been merit selected as Education Assistant in K3.

Michelle Hendrick continues in PP4 for Term 3 on Fridays

Leslie Graimes has been appointed fixed-term SEN Education Assistant (Fridays)

Congratulations

Well done to Lydia Butler, who has been merit selected to the permanent position of School Officer Level 2 (1.0FTE)

Well done to Deb Smith, who has been merit selected to the permanent position of School Officer Level 2 (0.2FTE Library)

Well done to Mia Campbell, who has been merit selected to the permanent position of Mainstream Education Assistant (0.5)

Well done to Liz Bromley, who has been merit selected to the permanent position of Mainstream Education Assistant (0.2)

School Uniform

This term has seen a number of students wearing items that do not comply with the school dress code. Please visit Uniform Concepts as they are fully stocked with our school uniform items. Our second-hand uniform shop will also be open early next term. We are also seeing a number of students wearing shoes that are inappropriate for school. As we move into Term 3, which is our Athletics term, students will be required to wear suitable footwear.



2022 Kindergarten Enrolments – Now Open

The enrolment process for the 2022 Kindergarten program is currently open and closes at the end of Week 1, Term 3. As we are experiencing significant accommodation pressures, it is highly unlikely positions will be offered to enrolment requests from beyond the local intake area. Obviously, **I will support existing families who reside outside the catchment area**, however, new families to the school who reside outside the catchment area I cannot. We currently have 69 applications for Kindy in 2022, of which 7 are from outside the catchment area without existing siblings. Parents who are yet to enrol need to do so urgently and can simply email Lydia Butler (Lydia.Butler@education.wa.edu.au) for an application form. **Closing date for 2022 Kindergarten enrolments is 23rd July 2021.** If you have any concerns in this regard, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

My sincere thanks to the school community for your steadfast commitment to our school. Your understanding and support has been greatly appreciated. The kindness shown to the staff has been second to none. On behalf of the staff, I wish you a safe and enjoyable fortnight with your children and we look forward to seeing you all for the commencement of Term 3.

Have a great fortnights holiday!

John O'Neill
Principal

Associate Principal's Message

Talking the Talk

Discussions about puberty, growth and development and sex have been an important part of Health education in Primary Schools for as long as I have been teaching. As I'm sure you'd understand, the conversations begin to get a little more detailed and awkward in Year 5 and 6.

As these topics are covered at school, parents often find they are getting some tricky questions at home. I encourage you to take the opportunity to have conversations of your own and make sure your child feels comfortable to ask you about such topics. The longer these lines of communication stay open the more confident you will be that your child is getting factual and appropriate information. It is too easy today for kids to find information elsewhere that is neither accurate nor appropriate.

In the 21st century the way our children are exposed to imagery, questionable role models and sexuality in general is so very different to what you, their parents would have experienced growing up. Filtering out the misleading and harmful material our kids could potentially consume is challenging. Inappropriate content delivered through television, in music, advertising and on the internet is just too vast to completely restrict. This is where education and open conversations play a role.

Having those awkward talks and arming our children with the tools to view content critically is so important. Restricting your child's access is very important too, but for those odd times when you can't be there, it comes down to how well you have prepared your child. If they know to raise the alarm when something they see or hear is not appropriate you will have a chance to protect and educate them straight away. Make sure your children know if they do encounter inappropriate images or content, they can feel comfortable to come to you and they will not be in trouble. For older children, start talking now. There is some excellent content on the Australian Government's eSafety website that may help you to start a conversation with your own children. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/hard-to-have-conversations>

And remember, listen, don't judge. Ask questions and get help if you need it.

Mark Leaning
Associate Principal

From Mr Perry

Lightning Carnival

On Thursday 24th of June Davallia Primary participated in the Carine District School Sport Association Lightning Carnival held at Kingsway Reserve. All the Year 6 students and some Year 5's were involved in the carnival where they played teams from seven other schools in the sports of AFL, Soccer, Netball and Volleyball. After a cool, brisk start the weather was perfect and an enjoyable and rewarding day was had by all. All our teams exhibited terrific sportsmanship and we had a very successful day with our AFL team winning the A-Division pennant and going through undefeated and the A Soccer, A Netball and Volleyball teams being Runners-Up in their respective competitions. Congratulations to all our teams on showing great perseverance and resilience. A big thank you must go to all our coaches (Mr Leaning, Mr O'Neill, Mr Warner, Miss Zaccaria, Mrs Kuenen, Mrs Kendrick and Mr Howarth), our volunteer helpers and all the parents and spectators who turned up in large numbers to cheer our teams on. Special congratulations must also go to our AFL and Volleyball teams who won the shields for being the Champion School in their respective sports for the Home and Away season this term. This is an awesome achievement by these teams.

Mr Greg Perry
Physical Education Teacher



School Notices

ClariSax Feast

So very proud of the wonderful performance and workshop for Emily S, one of our Year 5 Clarinet students. Bravissima! Thank you to CASSWA and UWA for organising this year's dynamic and inspiring ClariSaxFeast. Congratulations, Emily!

Miss Anna Agnello
Music Specialist

Mr Bruce Gillam
IMSS Clarinet Teacher



One Big Voice

Our school choir is participating in the OneBig Voice Festival, to be held at RAC Arena on Friday 20th August, 2021. The evening event will commence at 6.15pm with Young Talent, followed by the OneBig Voice Choir at 6.45pm. Parents, carers, grandparents and friends are invited to attend the festival. Please save the date in your calendar, you won't want to miss out on this amazing event. We will notify you when tickets go on sale. Otherwise check the RAC Arena Ticketek.



FreshConnect Community Engagement Program

Carine IGA has recognised our contribution to our community and has nominated Davallia Primary School for our FreshConnect Community Engagement Program. Only two entities have been nominated FreshConnect is a Tucker Fresh community engagement program, focused on contributing to local community organisations, charities and clubs with the goal of elevating and enriching Tucker Fresh shoppers' lives. Carine IGA shoppers can donate their points, earned by shopping in-store, to one of two local organisations at the checkout - ours being one of them!

The organisation that accumulates the most points at the end of each quarter will receive a monetary donation paid to the amount of \$500 by Tucker Fresh Group, with the second organisation receiving \$300. In addition to this, every 100 points contributed by customers to the organisation will equal \$1.00 and will be paid as an additional contribution to the organisation by Tucker Fresh Group. This is a fabulous opportunity to support Davallia PS through Carine IGA, who have always been great supporters of our school and over a long period of time.

For more information, just ask at the checkout at Carine IGA.



School Notices (continued)

Martial Arts Machine!

Kye M (C6) trains at the Academy of Martial Arts in Balcatta in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and competed in the Submission Grappling Tournament held at HBF Arena on Sunday 12th June. This is a submission only event and Kye competed in the Gi and No Gi division in the age group above him. He got 5 submissions and 2 draws out of his 7 fights and won the gold medal in both divisions. Kye has competed all over the world and has won gold medals in Japan and New Zealand. He has also won the Pan Pacific Championship as well as multiple state titles. Way to go Kye!!



Dancing News

Madeleine E (A5) and her dance team did really well at the recent WA state championships held over the long weekend - 2nd place for jazz troupe and Honourable Mention for the '10 years and under duo' section with her best friend and duo partner. Well done Madeleine!

State Champ!

On Friday 11 June, Sarah Lehmann (C6) competed in the WA Gymnastics Championships and won 1st place and title of State Champion in the National Development Category for Aerobics. It was originally to be held at the beginning of May and postponed due to the Covid situation in WA at that time. Sarah trains at Northern Districts Gymnastics Club.



It's Athletics Time!!

Term 3 is jammed full of athletics. Please see the attachment for our full calendar of events and mark them in your diary.

P & C News

From the President

As always with our amazing army of P&C volunteers there has been a lot going on behind the scenes and I would like acknowledge some great initiatives. Firstly, our budget meeting in Term 1 resulted in an allocation of funds to speech pathology screening of all our Kindergarten students. We hope to continue contributing to this in the future and have Cheraine Connell to thank for getting this off the ground.

A second great initiative this term was the trial introduction of an additional canteen day and the wonderful Susan Boswell has co-ordinated a team of helpers to ensure the smooth running of this now very busy operation. We will continue offering Thursday canteen lunches due to the support of those volunteers.

Finally, we are thrilled to have opened our second hand uniform shop with thanks to Neroli Ridgewell. If you are looking to buy or sell uniforms this is the place to go on Tuesday's from 2.30pm—3.05pm and Friday's from 2.30pm— 3.15pm .

We have had some great fundraising events this term. Each of these events help to fund items on our P&C wish list. A big thank you to all the parents who attended Bogan Bingo. You helped us to raise over \$2000! Steve and Sue Nicoloff did a brilliant job of keeping everyone merry and hydrated. Megan Thomason is also a special mention for organising our silent auction on the night. The kids got a night out too at our disco which finally went ahead on Friday 18th June. Pippa Lee did a great job of organising and re-organising this event. Our final fundraiser for the term was the ever popular such for lunch last Friday which was another success.

P&C News (continued)

The P&C will be on the lookout for executive roles later this year – Secretary and Treasurer. Megan Varker and Dan Davis have done an amazing job in these roles respectively and are ready to pass the torch. As these roles are more involved we would like to give those incoming time to learn the online system. If you are interested in either of these roles please get in touch – pcpresidentavallia@gmail.com

Our P&C has worked hard over the past year to make full use of the technology paid for by our members. All executive members and those with other key roles within our organisation have received training to use all the facilities offered on our website. This allows us to track orders, create reports on events, make payments and so much more. If you haven't had a chance to check out our website please do! Everything you need to know about upcoming events and purchasing is on the site and updated regularly - <https://www.davalliapspc.org.au/>.

Taking on board some of the feedback from the recent school survey, the P&C Executive will be looking into ways to make our meetings more accessible to committee members. At our previous meeting we were able to have an executive member successfully join the meeting via Microsoft teams and will look at ways of tweaking this for the broader membership.

As always, the parents at Davallia never cease to amaze me with how willing they are to offer their support in any way they can. I wish you all a wonderful holiday.

Leigh Walker

P&C President



Coming in term 3...

Xmas in July: Wine and Cheese Tasting 24th July 7pm. Check out the attachment for more information.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser will open this week for collection in mid-August (more info to come shortly)
Interschool and Faction Carnival: Cake Stalls and Coffee Van



Uniform Shop

Good news! The on-site uniform shop, which stocks new school bags and library bags, as well as pre-loved uniform items, will now be opening on both Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Please note the opening times: Tuesday 2.30pm – 3.05pm, Friday 2.30pm – 3.15pm,

Community Notices

Arty Pants

Please find attached information on Arty Pants which is held every Tuesday afternoon in the art room at Davallia. There are a few spots left commencing term 3 so contact Katrina if you are interested.



Football Holiday Clinic

This coming July school holidays on Wednesday 7th July, 2021 the Subiaco Lions district will be conducting a school holiday clinic for Boys and Girls in Pre-Primary - Year 6 at Seacrest Park, 93 Seacrest Dr, Sorrento WA 6020 commencing at 8.30am and concluding at 12.30pm with morning tea and drinks Provided. Applications close 12.00pm Tuesday 5th July or when full - Places are limited so register at <https://www.playhq.com/af/register/89b4a9> to avoid missing out. For more information please see attached.

Care For Kids @ 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 government benefits and rebates apply. For bookings, meet us on site or contact us on 9246 9551 or duncraigoshc@careforkidswa.net.au

