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# The Davallian

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## Principal's Message

### Dear Parents and Community Members,

Yesterday's assembly was hosted by the very 'grateful' students of C2. They did a great job demonstrating what gratefulness was and explaining the strong connection between gratefulness and happiness. Mrs Fulford was extremely grateful for the efforts they gave, and they certainly made her happy! Well done C2. You did a fantastic effort in hosting the assembly and you all definitely made Mrs Fulford's day, particularly seeing it was her birthday! Well done and happy birthday Mrs Fulford.



### Boardies Day

Our Student Council hosted their first fundraising venture for the year with a very successful Boardies Day. Last Friday, our students came to school in their faction shirt along with some very colourful boardies. A gold coin donation was collected raising over \$620. These funds will be provided to Sorrento Surf Lifesaving Club to support the Nippers program. Well done to everyone who brought in a gold coin donation.



### Kiss and Drive

Thank you to all parents who use Kiss and Drive well. A reminder to parents, grandparents and other adults who utilise Kiss and Drive:

- Only students exit the vehicle and must exit the vehicle on the footpath side. Should students need assistance, then Kiss and Drive is not for you.
- Please wait until your vehicle is in the first 4 bays before permitting your child to exit the car.

Kiss and Drive is closed from this Wednesday until further notice.

### New Undercover Area

The new undercover area is progressing, albeit just slightly behind schedule. The next phase of the building process will see the steel work erected on site. During this time there will be interruptions to Kiss and Drive, as mentioned above.

### P & C Meeting

Our P & C Association is a very important entity of our school. The P & C works tirelessly for our school and your children. Many hands make light work, so I encourage everybody to consider becoming part of this fantastic group of parents. You do not even have to take a leadership role, but become an active and supportive parent when you can. The many things our students enjoy are due to the efforts of our fantastic P & C. We would love to see a greater number of parents involved. The P & C meet on the Tuesday evening of Week 4 and 9 of each term.

### Class Information Sessions – Class Meetings

Thank you to the many parents who were able to attend the Class Information Meetings which her held over the past two weeks. These meetings provide parents with an insight as to the operational structure and processes to be in place during the 2023 school year. More importantly, they provide an opportunity to meet the classroom teacher, putting a face to their name. Should you have any questions arising from your class session, please email the teacher directly.

## Principal's Message (continued)

Congratulations to the following parents who are the class representative for the following classrooms.

K1	Natalie Dalgleish	A6	Kirsten Barker
K2	Cherraine Winch	C1	Joanne Stewart
K3	Hillary Tremain	C2	Karen Jaycock
PP1	Melissa Bluntish	C3	Felicity Hampson
PP2	Kristy Hill	C4	Katie Cruse
PP3	Alycia Simmonds	C5	Susan Boswell
A1	Emma Senior	C6	Leigh Walker
A2	Jemima Heley	B1	Christina Maguire
A3	Suzanne Rogers	B2	Michelle Haughton
A4	Cinzia Bulegato	B3	Kellie Rowe
A5	Cheraine Connell	B5	Katie Mitchinson
		B6	Leigh Walker



### In-term Swimming – Year 4 – 6

As we finish the week, so conclude in-term swimming instruction at Sorrento Beach. Over the previous two years, and because of a reduction in available swimming instructors, students only participated in five days of instruction. However, it was pleasing to see our Year 4 – 6 students enjoy a full series of 10 lessons. Students should be congratulated on their self-management skills and their willingness to persevere in the marine environment, as at times conditions were quite challenging. Their conduct and manners have been exemplary. Well done and special mention to our Year 4's who attended beach swimming lessons for the first time. They did a great job!



### Celebrating Birthdays – Lolly Bags and Gifts

At Davallia PS we are always up for a great celebration and birthdays are no exception. Recently there has been a bit of discussion regarding the birthday treats brought to school to share with the class. As a school we encourage healthy eating and we teach the 'traffic light' system for healthy eating. To this end, we encourage parents who wish to send along to school a special 'something' for the class to celebrate your child's birthday, to do so with a smaller or token gesture that reflects an individual portion and/or healthier options. Alternatively a small toy or bouncy ball in lieu of a food treat. Some lolly bags being sent to school have been quite significant and not something all parents wish for their child(ren) to consume. I would also encourage parents to discuss with your children what you would wish for them to do if they are a recipient of a birthday treat. Eg. not to eat them until they are home. Thanks for your understanding.



### Davallia Primary School Choir

It is wonderful to see 47 students attending the school choir rehearsals. This is a huge increase in participation that has Miss Agnello extremely excited. Can't wait to hear their first mass performance! Well done to all students who have joined the choir for 2023.



Have a great fortnight.

**John O'Neill**  
Principal

## Principal's Message Continued

### Help Needed

#### Traffic Wardens Needed– Are you interested? Do you know someone who may be interested?

Currently the Traffic Warden State Management Unit of the WA Police Force are experiencing a significant shortage in traffic wardens and are unable to fill vacant positions, including here on Davallia Road. A number of years ago, I would man the crosswalk in the absence of a Traffic Warden, however, I was informed it was illegal for me to do so as only a trained Traffic Warden or a Police Officer is legally permitted to stop traffic.

#### What is the eligibility criteria to become a Traffic Warden?

Having spoken to the Traffic Warden State Management Unit this morning, they have informed me the initial criteria for a Traffic Warden is:

- to have access to email
- a full driving licence with access to a vehicle and
- be able to work the full 10 shifts per week. The shifts will be an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon.

Initially they would be a relief warden covering at various crossings within a 10km radius of their home.

#### How do I apply and what is the process?

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Traffic Warden, you/they can contact the Traffic Warden State Management Unit of the WA Police Force on 6274 8735 to obtain an application pack. Once the application is submitted it will be passed to the Personal Security Vetting Unit of the WA Police Force and if they support the application, the applicant will then be sent a medical assessment form to take to their doctor. Once this has been passed, the applicant will then be invited to attend a training day in Midland. I thought I'd send this information out with the hope a member of our school community maybe interested in the role. It could be a parent, grandparent, neighbour or friend. Just 10 hours per week! If you or someone you know maybe interested, please contact the Traffic Warden State Management Unit of the WA Police Force on 6274 8735 to obtain an application pack.



## Associate Principal's Message

### Sooner Than Later

For the first time, NAPLAN will be conducted in Term One this year. In Weeks 7 & 8 our Year 3 and 5 Students will be assessed in Literacy and Numeracy through the administration of NAPLAN Online. NAPLAN is an Australia wide assessment conducted in every school at the same time to capture a snapshot of how the country, state by state, is going in Reading, Writing, Numeracy, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. It will be quite different this year being two months earlier and some of the measurement tools have changed too. For children, NAPLAN shouldn't be a big deal. Most students are quite used to sitting tests online and doing NAPLAN will be no different. Teachers have spent time making sure the children they teach are ready, and parents can help by playing down its' importance at home. Each test is on one day, a few weeks into a new year and as such is just a part of a bank of evidence reflecting a child's abilities. The results will arrive sooner this year but even so they won't be reflective of where your child is by the time the results are published. By then your child will be some months older and will know more and be able to do more than test results will show they were able to in March. The best way to determine how your child is going is to talk to their teacher. Any number of variables can be at play during a NAPLAN test and it is for this reason our staff interrogate the data very carefully to determine what information is useful. During NAPLAN week it is important to make sure your child is punctual. Tests often start early and children who are late undergo unnecessary stress. If your child is unwell, keep them at home. No test is more important than your child's health. Sick children will not perform well anyway. At home, talk about NAPLAN but don't overstate its importance. We want our students to do their best, but we don't want students to be anxious or worried about doing badly. By the end of this term, NAPLAN will be behind us for another year. If you'd like to know more or have a go at some example questions you can find them on this website.

<https://nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers>

<https://nap.edu.au/naplan/public-demonstration-site>

<https://www.acara.edu.au/assessment/naplan/naplan-2012-2016-test-papers>

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



## P&C News

### A message from the P&C

Hi everyone. My name is James Milne and I am the Secretary for our school's P&C. After each of our meetings this year one of the P&C committee members will provide a summary of the meeting and key outcomes in the school newsletter and also explain a little about our roles and what we consider to be the benefits of the P&C, and I've been nominated to go first! I've been doing the secretary role for nearly a year after joining the P&C two years ago when my daughter started kindy. From the beginning as a member, I could see the benefits of attending the meetings which happen in week 4 and 9 of each term. Its a great way to hear from and engage directly with the school's executive and decision makers on matters that affect our children and their time at Davallia Primary. But its also an opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the school community to ensure it continues to be the wonderful school that we all know it to be. Since becoming Secretary, a role that is critical to the effective governance of the P&C, I feel even more involved and connected to the school and its decision makers in a way that I consider is beneficial for me as a parent, but importantly for my daughter as well. It was great to see so many people turn up for this week's meeting including a number of new faces. We discussed key fundraising opportunities for the year, heard that the P&C is in a solid position financially to support some great initiatives this year for the school and that our next meeting on Tuesday 28 March is arguably the most important one for the year. That's the 'budget meeting' where the P&C votes on what our available funds should be spent on this year. We also heard that last year the P&C funded the purchase of two classes worth of iPads, the hearing tests for all kindy students and paid for grammar books. All items that would ordinarily be beyond the capacity of the schools operational budget to fund. The ideas that get voted on all come from staff and members of the school community and if you have something in mind that you think should be on the P&C's 'wish list' for consideration at the meeting, you are encouraged to make a submission by no later than **Tuesday 21 March**. Importantly, you are also encouraged to come along to the meeting, join the P&C (for \$1) so you can become a voting member, and contribute to this critical decision-making process. Submissions can be made online at the P&C's website (<https://sites.google.com/view/davallia-p-and-c/pc-programs/p-c-budget-wish-list>). If you have any queries about the P&C or the budget meeting in particular, don't hesitate to email me at [davalliapc@gmail.com](mailto:davalliapc@gmail.com).

Thanks,

**James Milne**

**Secretary, Davallia PS P&C**

## School Notices

### Singing Star

Emily Pilkington performed a solo at the Perth Concert Hall, accompanied by the West Coast Philharmonic Orchestra and choir on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February. The concert was titled "Movie Magic: Sounds from the Silver Screen" and featured songs from a handful of major motion pictures. Emily sang part of "When You Believe" from The Prince of Egypt. The concert was a sold out event with over 1400 people in attendance. Way to go Emily!



### Chaplains Corner

Hi School Community, I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the start of this year. Please find in the links below, some information on programs and services provided by Anglicare that you may find helpful as parents.

- Parenting services and support
- Supporting Children after Separation—individual and group counselling sessions.
- Mums and Dads Forever Program—support, information, conflict and communication skills.

Parenting Support

[www.anglicarewa.org.au](http://www.anglicarewa.org.au) <https://www.anglicarewa.org.au/get-help/parenting-support>

[Supporting Children after Separation | Anglicare WA](https://www.anglicarewa.org.au/get-help/relationships-and-separation/supporting-children-after-separation)

Supporting Children after Separation offers short term individual counselling sessions and group sessions children and young people.

<https://www.anglicarewa.org.au/get-help/relationships-and-separation/supporting-children-after-separation>

[Mums and Dads Forever Program | Anglicare WA](https://www.anglicarewa.org.au/get-help/relationships-and-separation/mums-and-dads-forever-program)

Mums and Dads Forever assists separated parents navigate their way through family separation by offering support, information and enhancement of skills.

<https://www.anglicarewa.org.au/get-help/relationships-and-separation/mums-and-dads-forever-program>

**Carolina Lopez**

**School Chaplain**



## School Notices Continued

### Triple P Positive Parenting

On Tuesday 21st March there will be a free seminar offered to Davallian families designed for parents of children and teenagers aged between 6 and 14 years. Please find attached information on how to register.

### Marmion Dental Therapy Centre

Children commencing Pre Primary or who are new to this school, will soon be offered enrolment to attend the Marmion DTC. This is a free dental service to all school age children from Pre Primary to the end of year 11. The DTC is located at Marmion Primary school and operates school hours as well as some school holidays. If you choose to enrol your child it is your responsibility to bring them to their appointment. This is not a compulsory service, and we advise prior to completing the form that you thoroughly read all the information. If you do wish to enrol your child please return the completed form either to the DTC or to your child's school office.

We can be contacted on 9447 1275 if you have any questions.

## Community Notices

### A Maths Expo – Now That's Something Different!

The Mathematical Association of WA is hosting an expo targeting families in the aim to provide support to parents and students with mathematics learning at home by showcasing interactive resources. It will be a fun, interactive day with lots of opportunity to see a variety of resources that make learning fun and there are prizes to be won on the day!

Date: Sunday 12th March 2023

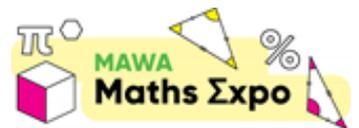
Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Venue: Stirling Community Centre, Main Hall – Karrinyup

Expo Registration: Members: \$10 per family Non-members: \$15 per family

Every family that attends will receive a \$10 voucher to use at the MAWA stand.

Register - <https://mawainc.org.au/maths-expo/>



### Play Rugby League

This Sunday 26th February, North Beach Rugby League Club will be having a 'Come and Try Day' to see how much fun Rugby League can be! At Charles Riley Reserve from 11am to 1pm, there will be skills and drills for all the kids, a free sausage sizzle, inflatable castle, games, prizes and much more! You can even register on the day to play for North Beach. For more information please contact [secretary@nbrlfc.com.au](mailto:secretary@nbrlfc.com.au) and please note attachment.



### 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 at [duncraigoshc@careforkidswa.net.au](mailto:duncraigoshc@careforkidswa.net.au)

