



P & C General Meeting
13th September 2022

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

STUDENT ENROLMENTS

Enrolment Data

Kindy	67
Pre-primary	63
Primary	427
Total	557

Summary by Cohort and Gender as at 13th September, 2022

	K	PP	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Total
Male	41	29	35	34	38	48	33	31	289
Female	26	34	52	28	38	30	22	38	268
Total	67	63	87	62	76	78	55	69	557

Faction Carnival

This years Faction Carnival was once again a great day for all. The weather was amazing, and Mr Perry and Mrs Warner did a terrific job organising the day. Our carnivals involve a lot of planning and training leading up to the day, but the payoff is that it a very active and engaging event for everyone. There was a brilliant atmosphere on the day and a fantastic turn out from our always supportive community.

Interschool Cross Country – Postponed Again

The Interschool Cross Country planned for Tuesday 9th August, has now been postponed twice. Sadly, due to the weather, the Interschool Cross Country will not take place until next term. The Carine District sports teachers will meet next week to discuss a possible alternative date for the event.

Capital Works – New Under Covered Area – See Map

Public Holiday 22nd of September Week 10.

The Prime Minister has declared a national day of mourning for Queen Elizabeth II to take place on Thursday the 22nd of September. As it is will be a public holiday, schools will be closed on this day. This impacts our plans for the Year Six social dance evening and the A2 and A3 Year Two assembly scheduled for this day. The social dance evening has been moved forward to the Wednesday evening (21st) and the assembly will be postponed until the 20th of October in Week Two, next term.

Sustainability Project

Now that the cage has been moved to the senior oval we are finally able to start setting up our Sustainability Garden. On the holidays we will be setting up the garden with four 2m raised garden beds, two scarecrows (made by the students), a garden shed and some worm farms. The hope for the garden is a planting of a range herbs and seasonal vegetables that the students, along with the Eco Warriors, can look after and pick when it is time.

We have also made great improvements in our recess and lunchtime recycling program with more and more waste being recycled appropriately. Since collecting the Containers for Change we have collected 2689 cans and bottles and have raised \$268.90, which will go to funding the Sustainability Garden.

Indigenous Literacy Day

September 7th was Indigenous Literacy Day. 2022 is also the first year of UNESCO’s Decade of Indigenous Languages. Indigenous Literacy Day celebrates and promotes the revitalisation and preservation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages now and for future generations of Indigenous children. At Davallia, we came dressed in free dress red, black and yellow clothing on last Friday to raise money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Great job Davallia, we raised \$611 for a fantastic cause!



Lapathon

As you are aware our Lapathon is fast approaching with our date set for Friday September 23rd. This year the Lapathon Committee have been working hard to mix it up and change it from last year's Lapathon, as we are no longer able to using inflatable jumping castles. This year will be Davallia's very first Colour Run! There will be coloured powder and water to make it the most memorable Lapathon yet!

While we are excited to see the students covered in colour, we understand that not all students will be comfortable with this. If your child wishes to take part in the colour aspect of the Lapathon we ask that they come to school in a white t-shirt. This will help teachers easily identify who wants to be covered in the colour powder and who does not.

Don't forget, we are encouraging all students to identify five sponsors who will donate \$5. If you can find more, that will be terrific.

Swimming Lessons Term 4

A reminder that year fours, fives and sixes will be participating in beach swimming lessons next term commencing on Monday the 21st of November. Lessons will be held at Sorrento Beach at 9.20, 10.05 and 11.00. It is time to start practising drying and dressing (in the correct order) and to make sure everything is labelled clearly with your child's name.

NAPLAN

2022 Reports

Year Three and Five NAPLAN Reports were sent home last week. Staff will be busy analysing the results to determine strengths and weaknesses across both cohorts. Based on this kind of interrogation of the data, there has been a deliberate focus on Punctuation and Grammar this year. We will know soon how much impact our intervention has made.

<https://theconversation.com/what-parents-should-and-shouldnt-say-when-talking-to-their-child-about-naplan-results-189636>

Changes

NAPLAN in 2023 will take place in March (Week 6 Term 1). Parents with children who will be in years 3 and 5 next year are encouraged to access Typing Tournament and to provide opportunities for their children to hone their mouse skills in readiness for the online tests. All NAPLAN assessments will be completed on a computer except Year Three Writing. It will be upon us before we know it as we have Yr4-6 Beach Swimming Lessons (Week 3&4 Term 1) next year too.

iPads

The iPads funded by the P&C are up and running in A Block and C Block.

A Block – "Thank you...They are awesome"

Year Ones have been using PicCollage for Geography and Science based learning.

C Block have been using the iPads for research, their Lexile reading and Design and Tech work.

John O'Neill

Principal
