



P & C General Meeting
17th May 2022

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

STUDENT ENROLMENTS

Enrolment Data

Kindy	65
Pre-primary	63
Primary	425
Total	553

Summary by Cohort and Gender as at 17th May 2022

	K	PP	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Total
Male	41	29	35	34	38	48	33	32	290
Female	24	34	51	28	37	30	21	38	263
Total	65	63	86	62	75	78	54	70	553

COVID-19 and Unwell Students

COVID and other sickness is certainly taking a toll throughout our school community and our school is no different. We commenced this week with 117 students absent from school due to illness and 9 staff absent. To date, the school has been able to backfill all staff absences, however, we will need to become quite creative when relief is unable to be sourced. When this occurs, some of the strategies that may be employed include:

- Cancelling specialist programs (PE, French, Music, Art)
- Cancelling DOTT time for teaching staff
- Cancelling intervention programs
- Combining classes with additional EA support
- Deploying Admin to classrooms

Schools also have access to a central relief pool, however, this too is currently being depleted due to COVID-19.

Over the past 2 weeks, we have sent home from school 4 or 5 sick students every day! Parents are requested to keep students home should they be symptomatic or feeling unwell. We have very limited medical room with only one bed. Should students become unwell at school, parents will be called and requested to collect their child from school. We do realise this has an impact on working parents, however, the school is not equipped to manage sick children.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Amy Read (B2) and Damon Williamson who were married last Saturday. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Williamson back to school.

Arrival at School

Parents are requested not to bring their children to school before 8.40am if you are walking your child(ren) to their classrooms. We are finding a number of parents are allowing children to play on playground equipment or kick balls before school which is not what we do at Davallia PS. We strongly discourage this as we have found from experience, with your child playing before school either on equipment or with balls, others tend to join in when they should be in the under covered area. This results in students being unsupervised by staff. Although it is nice to see parents and kids being active, please plan for this to occur after school. Thanks for your understanding.

Under Cover Area – Acoustic Up-grade

These works are basically now complete. As a result of a combination of wall panelling, ceiling panelling and acoustic grade insulation, the acoustic qualities have been significantly improved. We also received a new metal roof in the undercover area which was an added benefit from the program of works.

Assemblies – commencing Week 6

We will return to hosting open community assemblies from Thursday of Week 6 (2nd June). This will see our community welcomed back to attend in large numbers and classes hosting assemblies. As we have lost a term and a half of opportunities for assembly, at times classes will combine and share the hosting of assemblies. Our current assemblies are run by the student council without class items. Parents of honour certificate recipients are invited to attend assemblies.

John O’Neill
Principal