



Davallia Primary School
Parents and Citizens Association
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
29th November 2022

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As a school we are extremely fortunate to have a proactive and interested school community that invests much time and effort for the betterment of our school. Predominantly, this is through the undertakings of the P & C Association. Without your support our school would not be able to provide the many things our students have access to. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the P & C for your commitment to the school and your willingness to be actively involved. I would also like to encourage the wider community who have not taken the opportunity to help the P & C to consider your involvement in 2023. A successful renewal process will ensure longevity of the P & C and its efforts. So please encourage others to become involved and share the load.

Our P & C Executive is the driving force behind the ventures of the P & C and I would like to thank the Executive, led by Leigh Walker, for your work during the course of the year. Annually there are changes to the Executive, so I wish to express my gratitude to departing Executive members and other portfolio leaders who may not be continuing in their roles. In particular, I wish to thank Leigh Walker (President) for her tireless efforts over the past two years. I would also recognise the perseverance shown, as the past two years would have to be the most challenging any P & C President has had to navigate. As you step down from the role and on behalf of the staff, students, and community, a heartfelt thank you is extended.

Sadly, we also say farewell to aspects of our school community who no longer will have children attending our school. Some families have invested 14 years at Davallia PS and your presence will be missed. We wish you and your children the very best for 2023 and beyond.

Student Enrolment

Summary by Cohort and Gender as at 30th November 2022

	K	PP	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Total
Male	43	29	35	34	39	48	33	31	292
Female	26	34	52	29	39	31	23	38	272
Total	69	63	87	63	78	79	56	69	564

Total number of families: 381

Over 2022, our school has seen a modest growth in student numbers with 18 new students enrolled at Davallia PS (excluding our Kindy students) with only 3 students departing. The 2023 projected commencing enrolment will be 553 students, however, it is expected this may slightly rise with additional enrolments from within the local in-take area.

Our school continues to be the school of choice amongst the local community, receiving a multitude of enrolment applications from families who reside outside the local in-take area. Why Davallia PS? These families suggest the following key points drive their wish to become part of our school community:

- the positive school culture
- community atmosphere
- quality teaching and learning
- pastoral care

Sadly, as our school population moves closer to capacity, most families outside the local intake area are unable to be accommodated.



Staffing

Davallia PS is very fortunate to have a team of very dedicated and well skilled Teachers, Non-Teaching staff and Administrative staff. They work collectively to provide the best opportunities for the students who attend. Our workforce does continue to remain quite stable with the majority of staff being permanently attached to our school. A small number of teaching staff (3) are fixed-term placements which may be renewable annually.

Our Education Assistants are simply amazing. They work behind the scenes supporting learning programs, classrooms, teaching staff and students. Our school would be a far lesser place without them, and I wish to recognise the efforts they each give to their individual roles. Such efforts are above and beyond what is expected, including – entering the water at swimming lessons to support students, attending camps, Zoo Snoozes and sleep overs, even giving up their weekend time to support students learning to ride a bicycle!

Teaching Staff Departing Davallia PS

- Miss Sarah Khandan (Year 5) – conclusion of fixed-term contract
- Mrs Karlie Gilchrist (Year 3) – conclusion of fixed-term contract
- Mrs Hilary Bootsma (Year 3) – North Tom Price PS (Fixed-term)
- Madam Thorn (French) – Study Leave
- Mrs Christine Lane (Year 2) - 12 months leave
- Mr Greg Perry (PE) – LSL and then retirement

Non-Teaching Staff Departing Davallia PS

- Anneke Hall-Strickland (Special Needs Education Assistant) – conclusion of fixed-term contract
- Ruby Boyce (Special Needs Education Assistant) – conclusion of fixed-term contract
- Brea Jewson (Special Needs Education Assistant) – conclusion of fixed-term contract
- Amanda Hutton (ECE Education Assistant) – conclusion of fixed-term contract
- Stella Burke (ECE Education Assistant) – conclusion of fixed-term contract

We congratulated Joel Warner and Elycia Thomson who were granted permanency at Davallia Primary school. It was also very pleasing to be able to welcome back Cindy Baker (Allen) to Davallia PS, through permanent transfer.

School Board

The School Board continues to act as an advisory entity in regard to school management. Their advice and deliberations over policy interpretation aspects is always greatly appreciated.

I wish to thank the Board for their commitment to the school and the time given to their duties.

This year our School Board consisted of Adrian Fuller (Chair), Dan Davis, Robyn Horsman, Dave Perry, Nick Shmakov, Sunny Kendrick, Mark Leaning, and Mandie Shean.

The Board's role is wide and varied with some of their work including:

- approving the Voluntary Fees and Charges Schedule
- overseeing the financial management of the school including approving the school's one-line financial budget
- considering and approving changes to school uniform
- analysing student performance data

Capital Upgrades

2022 saw significant funds directed to improving the acoustic qualities of the Upper Primary Under Covered Area, stage area and Junior Primary Under Cover Area. Some \$400,000 was invested in acoustic ceiling panels and wall panels.

The new, purpose built Under Cover Area and Music Room commenced and this facility should be handed over to the school in July 2023.

Sadly, a small number of large trees were lost in preparation for the new build. Following the completion of the works in 2023, a tree planting event will be held for the school.



Concluding Comments

Although having a lesser impact, 2022 was still impacted by COVID-19. However, our school has always and will continue to, make the very best of what is thrown our way. Our commitment to not having the students miss out on anything still stands strong. Our P & C has always stood by our side in every venture we take on and that level of support is greatly appreciated. Whether that be Open Night, Family Fun Night, carnivals, lunch provision, Colour Run and the list could go on and on, the community involvement and engagement is outstanding.

On behalf of the staff, I wish the community a wonderful Christmas break with your children and we look forward to seeing you in 2023 relaxed, recharged, and ready for the fun again.

John O'Neill

Principal
