



P & C General Meeting

10th September 2024

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

STUDENT ENROLMENTS

Enrolment Data

Kindy	56
Pre-primary	62
Primary	453
Total	571

Summary by Cohort and Gender as at 9th September 2024

	K	PP	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Total
Male	29	24	46	30	38	38	39	48	292
Female	27	38	27	36	52	30	40	29	279
Total	56	62	73	66	90	68	79	77	571

Projected Enrolment and Proposed Class Structure

In 2025, Davallia PS will open our doors with a projected enrolment of approximately 555 students. Modest growth over the course of the coming year is also expected.

Based on these numbers, the following 'proposed' class structure is expected to be actioned for 2025:

- 3 x Kindergarten
- 3 x Pre-Primary
- 3 x Year 1
- 3 x Year 2
- 3 x Year 3
- 3 x Year 4
- 2 x Year 5
- 1 x Year 5/6
- 2 x Year 6

2025 Class Placement Requests

Early in Term 4, information regarding 2025 Class Placement Requests will be issued to parents. This will give parents the opportunity to provide critical information to be considered when attending to class placements for 2025. All requests will be considered in accordance with the set criteria contained within the documentation.

Faction Carnival – Banksia Faction are Champions

Congratulations to the mighty 'Green Machine' being Banksia Faction, who are the 2024 Davallia Primary School Faction Athletics Champions! They were the force to be reckoned with, dominating on the day. Well done to Joel Warner and Tanneal Burch who delivered a very 'slick' carnival, which ran like clockwork. Along with Mr Hockett (gardener), they were at school before the sun had risen setting up for the day ahead. Their collective eye for detail ensured the students had a great day of healthy competition and heaps of fun. As always, we will review the process and procedures of the carnival, looking for improvements for the day. Special mention of our Faction Captains and Vice Captains and other staff, who also arrived early to assist in the set up. We couldn't have done it without you.

Not only did we have outstanding individual and team efforts on display, from my perspective, the most important aspect of sportsmanship, encouragement between students, consolation between students and comradery, was the standout on the day. Our students were outstanding and should be congratulated for this.

Following a suggestion from the P & C, this year it was lovely to be able to present each member of Banksia Faction with their own 'Champion Faction' ribbon.

ARTs Assembly

It was a 'cast of thousands' of very talented students on stage for this year's ARTs Assembly. Performances included Choir students, String Ensemble students, Drama students and Visual Arts via multimedia presentation. Congratulations to all students involved and to Nat Carter, Vicki Secrett, Anna Agnello, Shar Baird, Bruce Gillam, Sunny Kendrick and Mark Leaning who all contributed to creating such a great assembly.



Open Night – 50th Anniversary Celebrations – Book Fair

As reported, our Open Night/Book Fair/50th Anniversary display was a huge success with current and past staff, students and parents enjoying the night. It was fantastic listening to many past students reliving past events and recounting some of the more infamous activities undertaken back in the early days of Davallia PS. Huge credit needs to be given to Mark Leaning and Sunny Kendrick, who created the fabulous display in the new under covered area.

Once again, our P & C conducted a very successful Book Fair which was solidly frequented during the week and on Open Night. Well done to all involved. Thank you also to the P & C for holding a Sausage Sizzle which was also a great success.

Tree Planting Day

Before the end of term, our students will participate in a class-based tree planting activity, where some 50 trees and shrubs will be planted around our school grounds. Further to this, our school has been donated over 250 red and yellow Kangaroo paws to also be planted. Thanks is given to the Hester Warwick Alliance who gifted the plants.

One Big Voice Spectacular

Our school choir, consisting of 36 students from Years 3 – 6, joined a multitude of other school choirs to perform in a massed choir of approximately 4000 students. Our choir performed beautifully and stood out in their distinctive choir uniform. A huge thank you to Miss Agnello, who conducts the choir, and to the staff and many parents who were able to attend the Perth Arena for the One Big Voice Spectacular.

2025 School Development Days

At last week’s Board meeting, the six School Development Day for 2025 were discussed and approved. The dates are very similar to this year, apart from a change to the Term 2 School Development Day.

Day 1	Monday	3 rd February 2025	(mandated - before school commences)
Day 2	Tuesday	4 th February 2025	(mandated - before school commences)
Day 3	Friday	30 th May 2025	(Term 2)
Day 4	Friday	7 th November 2025	(Term 4)
Day 5	Monday	10 th November 2025	(Term 4)
Day 6	Friday	19 th December 2025	(Mandated – after school concludes)

Next year, our network of schools will be holding a common school development day being Friday 30th May 2025. This will be a great opportunity for staff from all network schools to engage in professional learning along side colleagues from other schools.

NB – The Term 2 School Development Day is the Friday before the Monday WA Day long weekend.

VacSwim free this summer

You may have seen the Minister for Education announced cost of living measures to improve access to vital water safety skills for families across our state.

VacSwim will be offered free to families for the December and January programs. In addition, where venue entry fees apply these will be free for each child participating in VacSwim. This will remove financial barriers for many families. To ensure as many children as possible can access swimming lessons there will be an initial enrolment of one program per child, with additional programs offered, where available. VacSwim summer enrolments are now open and close on 16 October 2024.

John O’Neill
Principal

Key Dates:

- 12th/13th September - Interschool Athletics Carnival
- 19th September - A4 Assembly
- 20th September - Lapathon, term concludes
- 7th October - Term 4 commences