



Grow with Respect

The Davallian

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome Back to 2026

Welcome back to a brand new school year! I hope everyone has enjoyed a safe, restful and happy holiday break and is feeling refreshed, excited and ready an exciting year ahead.

A very special welcome to our new students and families joining our school community this year. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you. We hope you quickly feel a strong sense of belonging and connection, as our school is a place where everyone is valued, supported, respected and encouraged to shine.

To our returning students — welcome back! It was wonderful to see your smiling faces and positive energy filling our classrooms and playgrounds once again. This year promises to be filled with heaps of fun learning, great friendship, and lots of challenges and successes. As we have an 'opt in' mentality at Davallia PS, I encourage every student to make the most of every opportunity that comes your way.

At our school, we are guided by our values of Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance and Innovation. These values help shape the way we learn, play and treat one another, each and every day. By working together — students, staff and families — we can create a positive, safe and inspiring environment, where every child can thrive. Remember, our values are expected to be observed by everyone who attends Davallia PS, including staff students, parents and carers, trades people and all visitors.

I look forward to another fantastic year of learning, growth and achievement, and to working closely with our amazing school community.

A5 Assembly

A huge thank you and congratulations to the wonderful Year 2 students of A5 for hosting this week's assembly, centred around the theme of Goal Setting. The first assembly of the year is always a big challenge, especially with only eight days of preparation time, but Mrs Lane, Mrs Murnane and the students of A5, rose to the occasion and delivered an outstanding performance. They nailed it!

Their presentation reminded us of the importance of reflecting on the year that has been and thinking about the small but powerful changes we can make to have an even better year ahead. A5 taught us to set realistic and achievable goals. They clearly demonstrated that goal setting is about making a plan, staying focused and understanding what it takes to achieve success.

It was an awesome assembly that provided the whole school with valuable advice and motivation. Well done A5 on such a fantastic start to the year — you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves!



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Principal's Message Continued

Open Door Policy

At Davallia Primary School, we pride ourselves on building and maintaining a strong, supportive relationship with our school community. As Principal, I make every effort to be accessible and available to parents and carers, and I warmly encourage open communication.

If you ever have a question, concern, idea or simply wish to have a chat, please feel welcome to visit me at school, give me a call, or send me an email (John.Oneill@education.wa.edu.au). Your thoughts and feedback are always valued, and I look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child's learning and wellbeing.

School Values

At the foundation of our school culture are four school values. Whether you are a member of staff, a student, a parent, a visitor or even a tradesperson working on our school site, the expectation is our School Values will be observed and respected.

Innovation	Respect
To show innovation we	To show respect we
imagine are creative try something different take risks learn from our mistakes	consider others really listen are well mannered follow rules forgive mistakes value uniqueness
Perseverance	Responsibility
look for solutions do our best work hard celebrate effort	own our behaviour think before we act commit and follow through lead by example

Our School Values are **not simply words** that adorn the walls, but are alive and permeate all operational aspects of our school.

Connect – Staying Connected with Your Child's Learning

Each class has its own Connect Community, created by teachers to support clear and regular communication between home and school.

A welcome message has been sent to parents through Connect. If you haven't received this yet, please speak with your child's classroom teacher.

We strongly encourage all parents and carers from Kindergarten to Year 6 to access Connect regularly, so you can stay informed about classroom learning, important notices and school events.



Kiss and Drive

Just a friendly reminder that the same operational rules apply to Kiss and Drive in the mornings as they do in the afternoons, helping us keep this area safe, efficient and flowing smoothly for everyone.

When using Kiss and Drive, parents and carers are kindly asked not to park and not to exit their vehicles. If you need to get out of the car to assist your child — including helping with bags from the boot — this means your child is not yet ready to use this service. In these cases, we ask that you please park in the designated parking bays instead.

As the name suggests — simply kiss your child goodbye/hello and drive away! 😊

Attached to this newsletter is the Kiss and Drive flyer, which clearly explains the process. We kindly ask that you also share this information with grandparents and other family members or carers who may collect or drop off students.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our school community safe.

Principal's Message Continued

Staff Changes

We welcome Ms Shannon Moffat. We look forward to her leadership in B2 each Monday. Ms Emma Christie (PP) has accessed 12 months leave and will return to Davallia PS in 2027.

P & C Meetings

Our P & C Association is a very important entity of our school. The P & C works tirelessly for our school and your children. They are such a valuable resource for our school, not only from a financial perspective, but also from a social aspect of the school. If you are new to Davallia PS, the P & C is a great forum for you to meet other parents and gain a greater insight into Davallia PS. **It is planned to hold the first meeting on Tuesday 24th February, commencing at 7.30pm. This is an important meeting as plans are set regarding the expenditure of the P & C budget during 2026. If you are new to our school, we would welcome you to attend and become active members of the P & C.**

Faction Captains and Vice Captains

Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who have been elected to lead their Faction during the course of 2026.

Marri (Gold)

Captains – Emily H, Darcy D

Vice Captains – Hannah J, Hudson G

Banksia (Green)

Captains – Allira S, Owen C

Vice Captains – Scarlett F, Lucas T

Jarrah (Red)

Captains – Ashleigh N, Seth C

Vice Captains – Reese T, Lonnie F

Tuart (Blue)

Captains – Malia R, Hudson O

Vice Captains – Tabitha B, Ashton M



Faction Fridays

Every Friday is Faction Friday at our school — a chance for everyone to proudly wear their faction shirt and show their team spirit! Wearing your faction uniform may help earn valuable points for your faction, which contribute to the overall Faction Competition tally. Every point counts, so let's see a sea of red, blue, green and gold across the school! We can't wait to see all students getting involved, showing their pride and supporting their faction. Today, every student who wore a faction shirt to school will receive a point towards the Faction Shield Competition.

For our Kindy students who don't attend on Fridays, don't worry — an alternate day will be arranged so you won't miss out on the fun and the chance to earn points for your team!

Let's make every Friday a fantastic Faction Friday!

Staff Carparks – Juniper Way and Trenton Way

A reminder to all parents our staff carparks on Juniper Way and Trenton Way **must not** be used for drop-offs or pick-ups. These areas are strictly for staff car parking and are only accessed by staff. It would be appreciated if parents did not walk their students through staff carparks, but enter and exit the school via footpaths.

School Uniform

Our school uniform is an important part of the positive and inclusive culture we value at Davallia Primary School. At this morning's assembly, it was lovely to recognise students who were proudly wearing their full school uniform — they looked fantastic and represented our school beautifully.

Families are reminded that the approved school uniform is available through Uniform Concepts, our School Board-approved supplier. To help avoid any confusion, we kindly ask that only approved uniform items be purchased, as non-approved clothing cannot be worn to school. (School Dress Code Attached)

We also appreciate your support with our jewellery and grooming expectations. Students may wear sleeper or stud earrings only, and we ask that necklaces, chains and nail polish are left at home.

Principal's Message Continued

For health reasons, students who have long hair (over collar length) are expected to tie their hair back. Should your child forget a hair tie, they can request one through the front office. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping our students feel proud, comfortable and ready to learn each day.

Remember, all great teams wear their uniform with pride!

Class Information Sessions – Class Meetings

Class meetings are a great opportunity to hear firsthand about the class operational processes and routines, class timetable, behaviour management etc etc.

C1	10 th Feb	4.30pm	Library
C2	10 th Feb	4.30pm	Library
C3	10 th Feb	4.30pm	Library
C4	10 th Feb	4.30pm	C4
A1	12 th Feb	5.00pm	A1
C5	12 th Feb	4.30pm	C5
A4	12 th Feb	5.00pm	A4
A5	12 th Feb	5.00pm	A5
A6	12 th Feb	5.00pm	A6
C6	16 th Feb	4.30pm	C6
A2	17 th Feb	4.30pm	A2
B1	19 th Feb	4.45pm	Library
B2	19 th Feb	4.45pm	Library
B3	19 th Feb	4.45pm	Library
B5	19 th Feb	5.15pm	Library
B6	19 th Feb	5.15pm	Library
K1	19 th Feb	4.30pm	K1
K2	19 th Feb	4.30pm	K1
K3	19 th Feb	4.30pm	K1
PP1	20 th Feb	8.00am	PP1
PP2	20 th Feb	8.00am	PP1
PP3	20 th Feb	8.00am	PP1

Perfect Timing for Beach Swimming Lessons! (23rd February – 6th March)

Our Year 4–6 students are about to dive into 9 days of beach swimming lessons at Sorrento Beach! These in-term swimming and water safety lessons are a vital part of our Physical Education curriculum, and all students are encouraged to participate and are expected to attend. These sessions provide essential water safety skills and confidence, forming an important foundation for students as they prepare for future experiences — including the much-anticipated Year 6 Rottnest Island Camp.

School Vegie Garden – Volunteers Needed

Wanted! Volunteers to help in the school vegetable garden.

We would love some expert knowledge to help grow some delicious vegetables.

Please email expressions of interest to katy.chapman@education.wa.edu.au



Principal's Message Continued

Wow! Maddi as Alice (Matilda Jnr – The Musical)

Did you know Davallia has our own triple-threat singer, dancer and actress in Madi E? She successfully auditioned for a leading role (Alice) in a professional production of Matilda Jnr - The Musical, performing at several sold-out shows earlier this year. As a member of the cast, she worked hard rehearsing for six-hour days, 3 days a week, throughout the entire school holidays. Congratulations Maddi! Broadway is calling!

If your child is involved in something special, please ensure you let the office know so we can recognise their achievements.

Looking forward to an awesome school year.

Have a great fortnight and remember, 'It's not hard to be kind!'



John O'Neill
Principal

School Operational Times

School times are as follows:

Monday to Friday

8.40 am	Classrooms Open	Students arrive at school, attend class and ready for the day
8.55 am	Period 1	Siren sounds for the start of the day
9.40 am	Period 2	
10.25 am	Period 3	
11.10 am	Recess	Siren Sounds (20 min recess time)
11.30 am	Period 4	Siren sounds and children return to class
12.15 pm	Period 5	
1.00 pm	Lunch	Siren Sounds (40 min lunch time)
1.40 pm	Period 6	Siren Sounds and children return to class
2.25 pm	Period 7	
3.10 pm	School Concludes	

NB: Each Wednesday the school closes at 2.45pm

Help Needed – We Have No Traffic Warden

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

Welcome

What a wonderful school we have here at Davallia. Our children are cheerful, polite and eager to engage. Our parents and wider community are informed, supportive and genuinely interested in school life. Our staff are a dedicated and innovative team who care deeply about every student they work with.

Each year, new children arrive and begin finding their place among us. At first, some look a little uncertain or overwhelmed. Some come after difficult experiences, some are new to our country, and others are stepping into school for the very first time. What they all quickly discover is that Davallia is a place where they are welcomed, accepted and valued. Before long, they proudly become Davallians.

By living our school values of **Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance and Innovation**, we have built a positive and supportive culture where students are encouraged to have a go without fear of failure. We want our students to take risks, learn from mistakes, follow through on commitments and keep trying. We celebrate effort, forgive errors and encourage creativity. We want our students to be brave, considerate, resilient and willing to own their behaviour while always striving to do their best.

Our Year 4–6 Beach Swimming Lessons provide the first opportunity this year for students to demonstrate these qualities. Many parents remark on how wonderful it is and wish they had experienced something similar in their own schooling. We truly are fortunate, and our students never disappoint. Their behaviour, enthusiasm and appreciation of the opportunity are exemplary.

I am incredibly proud to be an Associate Principal at Davallia. Whether escorting students to the beach, attending camps, or supporting them at sporting competitions, Davallians consistently represent their school with pride. They are happy, motivated, grateful and polite, wherever they go.

Who wouldn't be proud to be part of a school like this?

Wishing everyone a wonderful 2026.

Mark Leaning
Associate Principal

School Notices

Chaplain's Corner

Welcome to Term 1 of 2026 Davallia!

A warm welcome to all of our new students. I'm sure you'll enjoy your time at Davallia. It is a great school to be a part of.

As our school year begins, I thought it might be a good time to remind you of a few things that are very important to reflect on, as we approach new challenges and change.

Be sure to suggest to your children to "take their time". Some students may love all the changes and new things straight away, and that's awesome, while other students may be still be getting used to these changes, and that's ok too.

Encourage your children to take their time to adjust to the school, their classrooms and new routines. In our world, sometimes things happen fast, but it is good to remember that some things take time. Studies in psychology emphasize that taking time to adjust to new situations, habits or environments is crucial for mental well-being and long-term success.

Another worthwhile reminder for all of us is, "to be patient and to be kind". At Davallia, we all focus a lot on kindness. This is because at Davallia kindness is valued and reflects what a lovely school we share. As we know, a little kindness goes a long way. Studies show us, that, practicing patience reduces stress and fosters a calmer mindset.

So, let's motivate the students to start the year on a good note. Encourage them to take their time; be patient and be kind to others and themselves.

I'm sure this year is going to be another great year at Davallia!

Mrs Carolina

Davallia School Chaplain

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"In a world where you can be anything, be kind." Clare Pooley.

Community Notices

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. To book, please call 9246 9551 or email the centre duncraigoshc@careforkidswa.net.au

