



Grow with Respect

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

Reconciliation Week and Sorry Day

This week we have recognised National Reconciliation Week and Sorry Day at Davallia. National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2026 is **All In**, a call for all Australians to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every single day.

All In makes clear that reconciliation is not a spectator sport and that all of us must step away from the sidelines and take action to make change.

Davallia staff and students are certainly '**ALL IN**' for Reconciliation.' From our Year Six leaders right down to our little Kindy kids, every classroom has jumped into learning and talking about Reconciliation this week. We've shared meaningful conversations about the Stolen Generation, our part in Reconciliation in Australia, and the significance of National Sorry Day. Throughout the week, many staff have shared just how proud they are of the kids and the respectful way they have engaged in these important discussions in the classroom. In the main undercover area, each class has displayed an artwork or reflection on this year's theme, 'ALL IN for Reconciliation', and we couldn't be prouder of the end result.



C4 Assembly

Congratulations to Mrs McHugh's C4 Year 3/4 class who presented an outstanding Reconciliation Week themed assembly this Thursday. They spoke beautifully, delivering a valuable message for our entire community about listening, learning and working towards reconciliation.

The children dressed in indigenous themed outfits, shared a wonderful slide show narrated by Davallian students and presented a beautiful poem celebrating Aboriginal culture and positive change.

A particularly lovely part of the assembly featured a message about the native hibiscus or desert rose. This flower is significant because it is found widely across Australia and is a survivor. Its purple colour represents compassion and spiritual healing. Desert roses decorated the front of the stage and background to today's assembly.

Well done C4.



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Principal's Message (Continued)

Dress as a Pirate Day

Arrgh! What a day we did have! The school was overrun by hundreds and hundreds of mini pirates! There were also a few bigger pirates on board as well. A huge thank you to the school community for supporting this very worthy initiative, as we collectively contribute to find the cure for childhood brain cancer. It was fantastic to see everyone getting involved, and together, we raised \$667.00. Well done Davallia!



School Development Day (Long Weekend)

Our School Development Day was held today and with Monday 1st of June a public holiday, students will enjoy a 4-day weekend. Staff have participated in professional learning on Friday 29th and were joined by staff from other schools across the network. Staff were engaged in curriculum discussion and listening to guest speakers sharing their expertise. These days are a great way for our staff to share knowledge and best practice while building networks with teachers outside of Davallia.

Visit to Parliament House

Recently, five of our Student Councillors and Mrs Kendrick were invited to Parliament House for lunch with Carine local member, Liam Staltari MLA. Mr Staltari was very impressed with their enthusiasm, impeccable manners and thoughtful questions about laws, parliamentary decision making, roles of politicians, important leadership skills and how leaders can impact their communities positively. They were able to attend on one of the busiest parliamentary days of the year and witnessed the Budget Speech and nearly made the nightly news when they walked through the Press Gallery! Well done to these Student Councillors for representing Davallia with pride. The other half of the Student Council will get to attend later in the year.



Principal's Message (Continued)

Year 5 Zoo Excursion– Zoo Capers

Last week, our Year 5 students led by example when they attended the Perth Zoo for a Future Zoo excursion that saw them researching animal enclosures, looking at sustainable animal conservation, environmental and human threats to native species, and roles they can play in conserving habitats and ecosystems for future generations to enjoy. The Perth Zoo presenters could not believe the exemplary behaviour and manners displayed by our students. They were overheard asking, 'Do you have the naughty kids because I don't have any?' With the response being, 'No I don't have any either!'

Well done Year Fives and a big thank you to all the staff who also attended to support this memorable experience.



Principal's Message (Continued)

Silver Threads Band Incursion

We were privileged to host the Silver Threads Brass Band last week and boy did they put on a great show. Staff and students were asked to get up and get involved as these talented artists played up a storm. The members of the Silver Threads band have an average age of 80 years and together they travel all over the state entertaining community groups funded entirely by donations and grants. How wonderful for our students to be able to see these wonderful performers on our stage.

Interschool Sport

There was a bye this week due to the School Development Day but next Friday fixtures resume with Davallia hosting Glengarry Primary. So far, the results have been mixed with a few very strong wins and a few disappointing losses. The soccer team had a draw against Sorrento last week and our netball A team managed a one goal win. The volleyball A team had a strong win along with the football team who did well despite having a number of players unavailable. There are three rounds remaining with games against Poynter and North Beach still to come.

The annual Lightning Carnival will take place next term on Friday the 24th of July.

Gardening Club

Last week our Year 3's and Year 4's had the opportunity to get their green thumbs out and get amongst the garden. They have been planting carrots, beans, coriander, parsley and some poppy seeds. Well done to Mrs Chapman for this fabulous opportunity. All year levels will have the opportunity to help out.



Staff Carparks

Please be mindful that staff carparks, including the ECE staff carpark, are not safe for pedestrians or cyclists and that community members are not permitted to park in them. We have had a few near misses recently and it feels like it is time to remind everyone to stay out of the staff carparks for everyone's safety. The last thing we'd want is for a student or a family member coming to harm just because they unwisely chose to take a short cut through the staff carpark.

As Mr Leaning always says, 'The staff carpark is the scariest place on the planet' and although it is said with a smile, the reality is with delivery vehicles, bin trucks, tradespeople and numerous vehicles coming and going, usually in a hurry, the staff carparks are well worth avoiding.



School Uniforms

Just a reminder that the School Board approved items are the only items considered part of the Davallia school uniform. Please support the school by making sure your children come to school in the school uniform jumpers or jackets as the weather changes leading into winter. It is also important to make sure every item is labelled, especially when children are participating in sport or vigorous games and get warm.

Have a great fortnight and enjoy your long weekend.

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
11.50 am	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

Associate Principal's Message—Mr Leaning

Next Generation

In my final year, I have decided to share my reflections of my twenty-one-year experience at Davallia. This time, seeing all our dedicated pre-service teachers working at Davallia has reminded of my experiences in those years prior to and shortly after commencing my 42-year career as a teacher.

For the last few weeks, you may have noticed several fresh faces amongst our teaching staff. These are our wonderful pre-service teachers who are approaching the final weeks of their final professional placements with us. Some of them have been a valued part of our staff since last year and continue to contribute greatly to our school in the ECE setting.

Working closely with these emerging educators has caused me to reflect on how, despite so many changes in education, the core of teaching remains the same.

When I started my teaching career way back in 1984, as a fresh faced twenty-year-old, I was uncertain about what the future held for me. Regardless, just like our current pre-service teachers, I knew that all I wanted to do was teach and to teach well.

In the early stages of my journey there where milestones I aimed for. Firstly, I hoped I'd be judged a good enough practitioner in my first few years of teaching to secure my permanency. I subsequently worked hard in the country, away from family and friends, striving to get a shot at a transfer to a metropolitan school. As I ticked off my goals one by one, I never considered what I might be doing in ten, twenty or forty years' time. I just knew I wanted to be the best teacher I could possibly be and that hopefully I could make a difference to the kids I taught. All these years later, I look at this next generation of teachers, and I am gladdened to see that same level of enthusiasm, commitment and optimism is reflected in their faces.

Teaching requires more than just a qualification and a set of skills. To be a great teacher, you need genuine passion and dedication. It can be argued that our best educators are "naturals" who bring innate qualities to the role that cannot be taught in a university. When you ask pre-service teachers why they chose this career, most say they have always wanted to teach, or that they want to make a difference. Many will point to an inspiring teacher from their own school days who influenced their choice.

Davallia is a great school full of highly skilled, dedicated and passionate teachers. Our pre-service teachers are so fortunate to find themselves surrounded by such inspiring mentors. At the same time, we are lucky to have such enthusiastic and hardworking preservice teachers amongst us and teaching in our classes.

It is with great confidence that I look forward to seeing these young people assume the privilege and responsibility of a classroom of their own. It is such a pleasure to host them and to share in their development as they prepare to join the next generation of primary teachers.

We wish them the best of luck for the second part of their stay with us, and we are sure we will be counting them as colleagues in the very near future as they embark on a teaching career, wherever it may take them.



Chaplain's Corner

Setting limits on screen time

A parenting challenge today may be finding a good balance in your home and reducing screen time given the world we live in is surrounded by screens technology. It is good that children learn to navigate this technology however research shows screen overuse in children can harm and affect brain development. Too much screen time can also contribute to lower grades in school, sleep problems and not enough outdoor and physical activity which in turn impacts their overall health. Also, limiting screen time is about making room and time for real connections. It is about being present with each other.

At Davallia, student devices are used at times as tools to enhance their learning, however these are used mindfully and within safe education guidelines.

It is important that as parents and as a school community we limit time children spend on screens and quality of content.

Some simple tips to reduce screen time:

- Communicate with your children about healthy screen use expectations – have compassionate, clear and collaborative conversations. Acknowledge and validate their feelings around this. Explain your views and focus on family connection.
- Set boundaries – No screens during mealtimes or when you're spending time together. Set specific times of the day when they can use them and for how long. This will promote family connections.
- Offering engaging non-screen options encourages them to see other activities as fun not as a punishment. Activities you can do together with your children such as art, cooking, books, outdoor play and sports.
- Model healthy screen habits – set a good example and put your devices away. Children learn from watching us.

Assist your children find the right balance between enjoying life in the real world and digital world.

Mrs Carolina
Davallia School Chaplain
At school on: Monday & Thursday



"Kids never remember their best day of screen time". Unknown author.

School Notices

Pirate Day

Shiver me timbers, Davallians!

Ye be a fine crew indeed.

Our Dress Like a Pirate Day has hauled in **\$667.30** in gold treasure fer research into childhood brain cancer.

Thank ye fer all yer outstanding efforts, mateys!



Something exciting is underway... but we're not revealing everything just yet!

What we *can* tell you is this: our students are working together to create a **mystery art mural** using recycled plastic lids — and we need your help to bring it to life!

In Western Australia, thousands of tonnes of plastic waste end up in landfill each year, and small items like bottle lids are often too small to be recycled through regular kerbside systems. That means they can easily end up polluting our environment and waterways.

How can you help?

Start collecting clean plastic lids (all different sizes) from:

- Drink bottles
- Milk bottles
- Medicine containers
- Laundry and cleaning products

Pantry items (e.g. spreads, sauces)

Students can bring them straight to the Art room, or lids can be dropped at the office.

Unfortunately, we cannot make use of pop-top lids and tall lids, so please only send in short lids with flat tops.

Let's work as a community to reduce waste, get creative, and make a difference — one lid at a time!



P&C Notices

Pirate Day Icy Pole Fundraiser

A huge thank you to our volunteers for your time, energy and support at our Pirate Day Icy Pole Fundraiser.

We raised a total of \$523.50, which is an amazing effort and all funds will go towards our 2026 Wishlist Items.



Celebrate You with an Evening of Fashion and Style Wednesday 03 June 2026

DAVALLIA PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C INVITES YOU TO

CELEBRATE YOU

with an evening of fashion and style

Join us and Guest Speaker **Natalie Dignam** from **The Other F Word** and learn how to look and feel your best every day.

WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE 2026

7:00 PM (DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM)

DAVALLIA PRIMARY SCHOOL UNDERCOVER AREA

\$30.00 PER TICKET

BUY TICKETS ONLINE <https://davalliapsc.square.site/s/shop>

Discover

- Simple tips to flatter your shape
- How to build a versatile wardrobe
- Styling ideas for every lifestyle
- Confidence through clothing

This is a free event, all parents, carers and community welcome.

Follow The Other F Word on Instagram @the.other.f.word

Celebrate you with an inspiring evening of fashion and style. Join Davallia PS P&C, and guest speaker **Natalie Dignam** from **The Other F Word**, as she shares practical tips to help you feel confident, build a versatile wardrobe, and elevate your everyday look. Connect with other parents, carers, and community members while enjoying a relaxed, stylish night out — tickets available now online at <https://davalliapsc.square.site/s/shop>

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



P&C Notices

Semester 1 DISCO - 18 June 2026

Get ready to show us your dance moves! Join us in a fun-filled night of music, lights and laughter at The Semester 1 Disco.

- ⇒ Thursday, 18th June 2026
- ⇒ Davallia PS Old Undercover Area
- ⇒ Juniors Disco (K-Y3*): 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM
- ⇒ Seniors Disco (Y3*-Y6): 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Note: Y3 students can attend either the Junior or Senior Disco (but not both).

- ⇒ Tickets are available online until 4.30pm on Friday, 12th June 2026. Purchase tickets here: <https://davalliapspc.square.site/s/shop>

Please note, this is a Student only event. Any parent staying, we ask that you stand to the back to allow the kids to dance and please leave prams at home. Babies in carriers are allowed; however siblings or friends not registered at the school are unfortunately not allowed. Further, in-line with the schools 'Student Mobile Phone and Electronic Device Policy', students are not permitted to use their phones during the Disco.

Here's how to buy tickets:

- ⇒ Select your disco: Choose "Junior Disco" for Kindy-Y3* or "Senior Disco" for Y3*-Y6 (\$12)
- ⇒ Choose your ticket option (to include pizza & drink, click Ticket Food & Drink Optional): Select "Pizza & Drink" (\$3).
- ⇒ Enter your child's information: Fill in your child's name and class.
- ⇒ Add to cart: Click "Attend" to add the ticket to your cart.
- ⇒ Repeat for additional tickets: If you have more children attending either disco, repeat steps 1-4 for each additional child.
- ⇒ Checkout: Proceed to checkout to complete your purchase and make payment for all tickets in one transaction.
- ⇒ Don't forget to bring *cash on the night to purchase any food, drink, treats or accessories.
- ⇒ Tickets can also be bought at the door for \$12.

Please contact Davallia PS P&C if you have any questions: fundraisers@davalliapspc.org.au

Carine Primary School P&C are hosting a fundraising event on Saturday 6th June 2026 and wish to extend an invite to our Davallian parent community.

All the details are on the attached posters, and should anyone wish to attend bookings/payment can be made via the Qkr! App, alternatively please contact Samantha Daniel (President) at Carine PS P&C at president.cpspandc@gmail.com for bank details.

