



Grow with Respect

The Davallian

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

Mother's Day - Sunday

Mother's Day is a meaningful opportunity to honour the love, sacrifices, and unwavering support that mothers and mother figures provide. It's a great time for us to express gratitude for their vital role in our lives. Wishing all our Davallian mums (staff and community) a fabulous Mother's Day, trusting you will all be spoilt appropriately.

A1 Assembly

Congratulations to Mrs McIntyre and the awesome Year 1s from A1 who hosted this week's assembly. Their theme was all about our Mother's Day and why our mums are just so special. The undercover area was filled with teary eyes and cuteness overload as the students talked about why their mums are the best.

Well done on a great assembly!



ECE Mother's Day Celebrations

If you were to step into the Pre-Primary classes on Tuesday or the Kindy classes on Thursday or Friday, you may have thought you had stepped into a fancy restaurant or spa! Our fabulous Pre-Primary and Kindy students spoiled their mums, grandmas and even some dads this week, in preparation for Mother's Day. The students did a great job, serving their special guests afternoon tea, painting portraits, and even giving hand and head massages. It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members involved in the activities. Wishing all the Davallia mums a very special day on Sunday.



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Principal's Message (continued)

Year 6 Ern Halliday 'Challenge by Choice' Day

The Year 6s are getting excited as their Ern Halliday 'Challenge by Choice' Day approaches - Monday May 19th. We hope the students enjoy stepping outside their comfort zones, embracing challenges, supporting their peers and have fun along the way.

Interschool Winter Sports

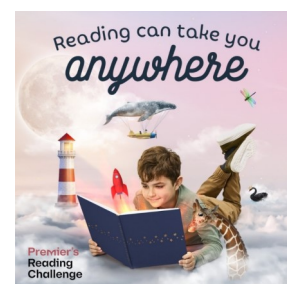
This term sees the Year 6s, and a few lucky Year 5s, heading off each Friday to compete in the Interschool Winter Sports Competition. Last week, Davallia played an away game at North Beach and came away with convincing wins in both AFL and Volleyball.

Week	Fixtures	Location
1	North Beach vs Davallia	North Beach
2	Marmion vs Davallia	Marmion
3	Davallia vs Duncraig	Davallia
4	Davallia vs Carine	Davallia
5	BYE	
6	Sorrento vs Davallia	Sorrento
7	Glengarry vs Davallia	Glengarry
8	Davallia vs Poynter	Davallia
9	BYE	
10	Lightning Carnival	Kingsway Sporting Complex

Premier's Reading Challenge 2025

Escape into a work of exciting stories, develop a love of reading and log your activity, to for a chance to win weekly prizes. Registrations opened 24th March 2025 with the challenge running from 7th April to 27th June. For more information please visit

www.premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au



Fun Fact

Do you know which staff member plays country football for Busselton?
Find the answer later in the newsletter.

Premier Announces Second Round of Student Assistance Payments

Parents will be able to start accessing student assistance payments, worth \$250 for secondary students and \$150 for kindergarten and primary students, from April 29 through the Service WA app.



Term 2 School Development Day

Just a reminder that this term the School Development Day will be Friday 30th May which leads into the WA Day long weekend.

Fun Fact Answer – Mr Ekert is an accomplished footballer and plays country football for Busselton.

Have a great fortnight!

John O'Neill
Principal



Associate Principal's Message

Together is Better

Getting picked to represent your school, in anything, is a pretty big deal. It means someone saw something special in you, and that's something to be proud of! It shows that you've demonstrated commitment, skill, and character. This is especially true of being selected to be part of interschool sport. But once you're on the team, it's not just about talent—it's also about how you carry yourself.

Being a good sport means having your teammates' backs, win or lose. Cheer them on, help them bounce back from mistakes, recognize the effort everyone puts in, and celebrate the small wins together, not just the final score. Teams work best when everyone feels supported.

Losing is tough, but how you handle it matters. Say "good game," thank the other team, and walk away with your head high. Shaking hands, congratulating the other team, and showing maturity in disappointment, reflect true character. And when you win? Be proud, but stay humble and recognise the effort of your opponents. No one likes a sore loser—or a show-off.

Wearing your school colours means more than just putting on a jersey. It means showing respect, working hard, and doing your best to be someone others can look up to. When you represent your school, you represent your community, your coaches, your classmates, and yourself. Take that responsibility seriously and with gratitude.

So, if you've been chosen to represent your school—awesome! Be proud of that. Show up, give it your all, and remember, being a good teammate and a good sport makes you a real winner. Let that pride fuel your determination to do your best, be a role model, and inspire others through your actions.

Last Friday, our year five and six students certainly showed that they understand what it means to be a part of a team. They could be seen supporting their teammates, acknowledging each other's efforts and celebrating together. They showed that they can enjoy another person's moment as well as their own, getting around them and congratulating them. As senior students they all know what it feels like to make a mistake, to miss a shot and to lose a game and they are displaying the maturity to handle it. This is what we hope our children learn by participating in a team sport.

Keep it up Davallia. You make us proud. Somehow winning always feels so much better when it is shared with others. Enjoy the success because it will come to those who work together, for each other, who trust each other, have faith in each other and celebrate together as one.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING!



Dear Parents,

Your school photo day is coming! **Monday 19th May and Friday 23rd May**. Every student will receive a personalised flyer to bring home from Kapture Photography containing your child's unique codes for ordering school photos online.

KEEP YOUR FLYER SECURE!

The unique codes contained on the flyer will be issued only once.

Order **EARLY** for sibling

Sibling photos can ONLY be ordered online. Once you receive the personalised flyers for your children, it is imperative that you order your sibling photo early to avoid missing out! There is a physical limit in the school schedule to how many sibling photos can be taken. Once the maximum capacity of sibling orders has been reached, no more sibling orders can be placed.

If maximum capacity is not reached, sibling orders **close 12pm midday sharp, one business day prior** to the first photo day.

The school or the photographers cannot accept late orders for sibling photography. Please do not ask as your request simply cannot be accommodated.

Order **EARLY** for discount photo day prices

Order your photos up to 10 calendar days after photo day to receive discount photo day prices. Late orders are handled separately to the school delivery and incur a \$30 custom service charge.

Other information

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please check the FAQ's on the Kapture website.

We request that students who are displaying signs of respiratory and / or gastrointestinal illnesses do not attend school specifically to be included in their class photo. Having students with communicable illnesses attend the photography venues puts other students, school staff and Kapture staff at risk – especially those that are already immunocompromised. Students who are unable to attend school photo day can book a studio appointment at our Malaga office to be photographed during school holidays. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Your school will notify you in a few weeks when **team and special group photos** are available to view and purchase on the Kapture website. Please note; class, individual and sibling portraits are not available to view online prior to purchase.

*All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group presentation available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should **NOT** be included in the photo shoot –please contact the school office.*

School Notices

Dress Like a Pirate Day Friday 16th May



Ahoy me hearties!

On **Friday the 16th o' May**, the good ship *Davallia* be takin' part in **Dress Like a Pirate Day**, hoisted high by the fine crew at the **Kids Cancer Project**. It be a jolly day where all hands be invited to don their finest pirate garb – aye, the school'll be swarmin' with wee Long John Silvers, Captain Kidds, and Jack Sparrows aplenty!

But avast! Whilst we be laughin' and carousin', let us not forget the true mission ehind this grand day – **to shine a lantern on childhood brain cancer** and raise **pieces o' eight** for mighty important research.

So grab yer stripy shirts, slap on yer eyepatch, perch a parrot on yer shoulder, and bring a **gold coin** in yer pouch come **Friday the 16th o' May**. Every bit o' treasure helps in this noble quest.

Hoist the sails, Davallia... let's plunder for a purpose!

Why do we have Dress Like a Pirate Day?

The first ever Pirate Day was held in 2014 and founded by Nathan Colgan after his son Conor was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumour. Doctors told Nathan that **research was the only way to find a cure** for Conor and kids like him, which prompted his mission to raise money for childhood cancer research. The pirate theme was inspired by Conor's need to wear an eye patch because of his surgery and treatments. The Pirate Day at Conor's school was an overwhelming success and Conor decided he would write to all Australian primary schools to ask them to hold their own Pirate Day.

Over \$700,000 has been raised by pirates for childhood brain cancer research since Conor's first Pirate Day.

We hope the Davallian community will continue to show their support and enormous generosity by supporting this worthwhile cause.

Community Notices

Art with Aly - Children's grief Support Group

We are excited to introduce *Art with Aly*, a creative and therapeutic support group designed specifically for children ages 6-12 experiencing loss. Whether they are grieving the loss of a parent, sibling, grandparent, friend, pet, or adjusting to other significant life changes, this program provides a safe and nurturing space for them to explore their emotions through art.

Guided by a compassionate facilitator, *Art with Aly* offers structured creative activities that help children process their grief in a gentle, non-threatening way. Through art, they can express feelings that may be difficult to put into words, connect with others who understand, and begin to heal in a supportive environment . <https://www.griefcentrewa.org.au/>

School Notices

Chaplain's Corner

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone, I hope you all had a lovely and restful holiday. This term at Davallia there are many educational and potentially exciting events coming up. Particularly for our senior students, quite a few involve sport.

At Davallia staff highlight the importance and value of participating at every opportunity. Certain events will prove a bit more challenging to some students more than others.

As parents and as staff, we can help by encouraging students to persevere in the face of challenges. Studies show that by providing opportunities for children to experience challenges such as those offered in sports, children can learn a great deal. Students learn valuable lessons on how to handle success and failure. What it means to be a part of a team and as they encounter difficulties and push through them to achieve their own goals, the experience will help them build resilience, strength and skills that will give them confidence to persevere again when things are hard.

Some ways to encourage children to participate are:

- ⇒ Make it fun and engaging: keep your conversations of the events upbeat and focus on how participating in each one is an achievement.
- ⇒ Provide positive reinforcement: acknowledge and praise their efforts and recognise their achievements.
- ⇒ Teach them how to be a good sport: encourage them to have a positive attitude regardless of whether they win or lose.
- ⇒ Show support: show your support unconditionally. Be there for them.

As a Davallia community let's continue to instil and build the children up with valuable skills that they will benefit from in life.

I want to wish a "Happy Mother's Day" to all the mums and significant female others. I hope you have a wonderful day.

Mrs Carolina
Davallia School Chaplain
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"Winners are not people who never fail, but people who never quit". Unknown author.

From Our Wonderful P&C












Thank you!


A huge thank you to the team for assisting with back to back elections! Your generosity of time and baking enabled the P&C to make \$2200 towards the Wishlist.

Please see the attached May schedule and don't forget to come down for the busy-bee.



MAY

KINDY SPEECH SCREENING MON, MAY 5 - K1 TUE, MAY 6 - K3 WED, MAY 7 - K3 FRI, MAY 9 - K3 MON, MAY 12 - K2 THU, MAY 15 - K1 MON, MAY 19 - K2	PRE-P MUM'S DAY AFTERNOON TUE 6  2:15 - 3:10 PM Visitors please remember to sign in at the office	GYMBUS INCURSION WEDS 7,14,21,28  Years 3 & 4	A1- YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY THUR 8  P&C CAKE STALL from 8:20am
KINDY MUM'S DAY AFTERNOON THU 8 FRI 9  2:00 - 3:00PM Visitors please remember to sign in at the office	DRESS LIKE A PIRATE DAY FRI 16  P&C CAKE STALL from 8:20am	YR 6 ERN HALLIDAY DAY TRIP MON 19 	SCHOOL PHOTOS MON 19 FRI 23  Remember to wear your School Polos/dresses
C5- YEAR 4 ASSEMBLY THU 22  P&C CAKE STALL from 8:20am	BUSY BEE SAT 24  Service Activity & Afternoon Tea 1- 4 pm	UNIFORM SHOP  WE ARE OPEN Thu: 8:30-9:15am Fri: 2:45 - 3:30pm	P&C MEMBERSHIP  Join online for just \$1: https://davalliapspc.square.site/product/become-a-member/6



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Busy Bee



A colorful poster for a school event. At the top, a blue banner with a megaphone icon on the left and a cartoon bee on the right reads "BUSY BEE SAVE THE DATE". Below this, the date and time "Sat 24th May 1:00 – 4:00pm" are displayed in bold black text. To the left of the text is an icon of a hand holding a paintbrush. The text continues: "Our school playground and grounds need your help! We need volunteers for:". Below this, two activities are listed in blue capital letters: "TREE PLANTING" and "PAINTING TO PROTECT OUR NATURE PLAYGROUNDS & KINDY CUBBY". A paintbrush icon is to the left of these activities. Below the activities, it says "Have fun outdoors and connect with other school families for an hour or the whole afternoon!". To the right, it says "Questions or RSVP to Suzy (Grounds & Sustainability P&C Committee member)". At the bottom left, a yellow rounded rectangle says "Afternoon tea provided". At the bottom right, a blue button with a phone icon says "Suzy 0435 535 739". A small green plant is growing from a pile of soil at the bottom right corner.

**BUSY BEE
SAVE THE DATE**

**Sat 24th May
1:00 – 4:00pm**

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We need volunteers for:

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Suzy 0435 535 739

Sustainability Tip

Are you aware that less than 1% of the materials used to make clothes get recycled each year? This means that thousands of tons of textiles end up in landfills.

H&M have a Garment Collecting program where you can take unwanted clothes in any condition. Just take a bag of old clothes to the cash desk at H&M and they will sort the contents into three categories:

- *Rewear: Wearable clothes are marketed as second-hand clothing.
- *Reuse: If the clothes or textiles are not suitable for rewear they're turned into other products, such as remake collections or cleaning cloths.
- *Recycle: All other clothes and textiles are shredded into textile fibres and used to make for example insulation materials.

They even give you a thank you voucher to use towards your next purchase!

Donating used good condition clothes to charity shops or selling uniforms back to the school uniform shop are also fantastic ways to help the environment and local community.

Community Notices



POSITIVE PARENTING

By Professor Matt Sanders

As a parent, you want to do the best for your child, but how do you know what's right? What do you do when your child answers back? Or is being bullied at school? Or starts telling obvious lies?

Over coming weeks in the Davallia Primary School Newsletter, I will share some of Triple P's proven tips for the best ways to handle common behavioural and developmental problems in children. From battling disobedience to encouraging homework routines, I'll cover those everyday issues to help you work out some strategies to suit your family. I'll highlight common "parent traps" and hopefully make the very important job of raising kids as enjoyable and rewarding as possible.

But remember, parenting is sometimes hard work, and it may take time to tackle more difficult problems. The good news is that help is always at hand. Throughout WA, the Department of Education are offering parenting support with Triple P, one of the world's most highly regarded parenting programs.

PARENTING TIPS FOR POSITIVE CHILDCARE AND SCHOOL DROP-OFFS

[Let's face it, childcare or school goodbyes can be tough, both on our kids and us. Your child may cling to you at the gate, tugging at your legs and emotional heartstrings as you try to leave.](#)

If this has been your experience, it is common. Some level of separation anxiety is developmentally normal in young children. It can happen when they start care or school for the first time, change center or school, or move up a level. They could also have a more shy or nervous temperament and need extra support to separate from you.

Our latest [article](#) has some practical ideas that parents and carers can try to help children cope and settle well, keeping in mind that you know best what might make goodbyes easier.

Strategies include having a special 'goodbye ritual' before leaving, comforting and communicating to ease fears, as well as practical ways to maintain a positive attitude, like games and role play.

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program can help families with raising confident kids, to find out more, visit [Triple P Online](#). If your child is aged six and up, you can help them build resilience through [Fear-Less Triple P Online](#).

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

