# Davallia Primary School Parents and Citizens Association GENERAL MEETING

13<sup>th</sup> May 2025

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### **Student Enrolment**

Summary by Cohort and Gender as at 25th February 2025

	K	PP	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Total
Male	30	29	24	47	29	37	39	36	271
Female	32	26	38	30	36	49	30	39	280
Total	62	55	62	77	65	86	69	77	551

Our commencing enrolment has remained stable, with no changes to student numbers since the commencement of the school year.

#### 2026 Kindergarten Program – Enrolment Now Open and Filling Fast

A reminder has been sent out to parents who have children who intend to attend Kindy in 2026, to enrol now. Enrolments have been open for 3 weeks and we have already received 35 applications. Generally, we aim to have a cohort of 60 Kindy students, creating 3 operational groups.

As our school numbers have grown over the past few years, Kindergarten is generally the only opportunity for students who reside outside the local intake area to secure a place at Davallia PS. Parents who have friends that may wish for their child(ren) to attend Davallia PS are encouraged to apply.

Applications close Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July, however, please do not leave applying to the last minute as places are limited and filling fast.

#### **Kiss and Drive**

Thank you to Kiss and Drive users who are staggering their arrival at Kiss and Drive in the afternoons. Should the line back up to Davallia Rd, cars already in bays will be asked to 'do a loop' and join on to the back of the queue. This will also apply to vehicles who are in Kiss and Drive before the siren sounds, should the line be backed up. All parents and family members are generally fine with the process, however, family friends or relatives collecting students, who have not been explained the process, can become argumentative prior to moving on.

# **In-term Swimming**

It seems so long ago now, but we experienced probably the best series of in-term swimming lessons we have had at Davallia Primary School! Our students were all very engaged, polite and focussed. Students who had a little difficulty, persevered and succeeded in achieving their own personal goals. Thank you to all parents, particularly our Pre-Primary parents, for practising the wet body dressing process prior to the commencement of swimming. Many of our Pre-Primary boys put the older boys to shame with their slick dressing skills. Well done to everyone.

## Winter Sports - Interschool Sport

For our Senior students, the excitement of Term 2 kicked off with the commencement of the home and away series of Interschool Winter Sport. Our Year 6 students, along with a select number of Year 5 students, understand that representing the school at interschool sport is a privilege and not a right, and there are expectations to be upheld to participate. Appropriate behaviour for staff, completion of work and positive self-conduct are the benchmarks for attendance.

# Dress Like a Pirate Day – Friday 16th May

The good ship Davallia is looking forward to welcoming aboard the most fearsome and scaly pirates this coming Friday, as we raise money for childhood cancer research. Please encourage your child(ren) to come to school dressed as a pirate. Arrigh!

# **School Development Day and WA Day Public Holiday**

Please be aware the next School Development Day will be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025, which is the Friday before the WA Day Public Holiday on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. A 4-day long weekend ....... for some!

## Long Service Leave - John O'Neill

I will be accessing long service leave from 27<sup>th</sup> May through to 9<sup>th</sup> June, with the possibility of extension for a further week. Mark Leaning will assume the role of Principal in my absence.

## **Fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis**

We have a family who is part of a team of family and friends around the world raising awareness and funds for Cystic Fibrosis. To this end, on 24<sup>th</sup> May, there will be a stall selling loom bands to raise funds.

As a school, and outside that of the P & C ventures, we endeavour to keep fundraising activities to a minimum supporting only a handful of entities and charities.

# John O'Neill Principal

## **Significant Dates**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Eagles Rock My School Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Dress as a Pirate Day

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - C5 Assembly Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Sorry Day

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May - School Development Day (Students do not attend)

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - WA Day Public Holiday

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Commencement of STEAM Week

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Student Achievement Reports emailed home

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Winter Lightning Carnival

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Term 2 concludes