



Grow with Respect

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

BACK TO BACK – The Green Machine!

Congratulations to the mighty green machine, known as Banksia Faction, who are the 2025 Faction Athletics Champions! They certainly dominated throughout the day and are worthy custodians of the prestigious Lewington Shield.

What a fantastic day we had for our carnival. I was so impressed by our students' efforts, their perseverance, their team spirit and their respect they had for each other.

Well done to each and every year level champion and runner-up champion. You all excelled on the day. We also had the rare occurrence of a tie in the Year 6 Girls Champion medal with Lileydis Yilmaz and Libby Stockden (both from Marri) scoring 27 points each.

A huge thank you to the staff, who collectively brought the carnival to life, with special mention of the outstanding leadership of Mr Warner.

As always, our community came out in large numbers to support the students. It was great to see so many of you in attendance and cheering on the students. When Banksia was announced as champions, there was a group of Banksia mums who I think were more excited than the students about the win! Fantastic!

Now ... on to the Interschool Athletics! Go Davallia!



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Principal's Message (continued)

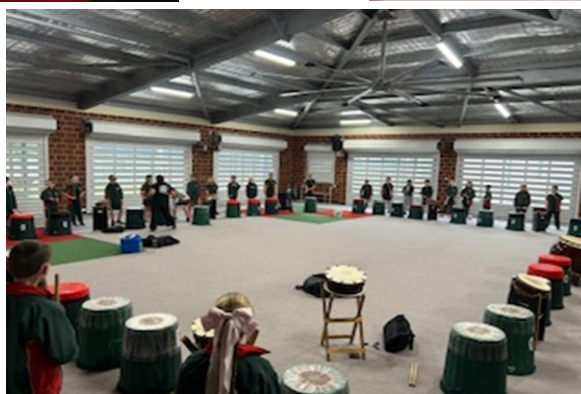
C1 Assembly

Well done to Mrs Hill, Mrs Corrigan and the awesome Year 3's from C1, who hosted last weeks assembly. Their assembly discussed our school's values, book week and quoted my favourite author, Dr Suess! Well done on a great assembly.



Tyke-oh Drumming Incursion

This week we enjoyed a Japanese cultural incursion based around the Taiko. Taiko is the Japanese word for drum. Tyke-oh exposed our students to the importance of drumming in Japanese culture and gave students the opportunity to experience Japanese style drumming first hand. Thank you to Miss Agnello for organising this incursion.



Principal's Message (continued)

2026 Kindergarten Enrolments – Positions Available.

Although the closing enrolment date has passed, there are still a couple of places available to be filled. If you are an existing parent and have forgotten to enrol, please contact Candi urgently. If you have friends or family who may wish to attend our school, please encourage them to make contact with Candi in the office quickly as places will fill very quickly.



One Big Voice Spectacular

Best wishes to our school Choir who today participate in the 2025 One Big Voice Spectacular performances at RAC Arena. Our Choir combines with some 8000 students from 165 schools to form the nation's largest massed choir. What an experience! Good luck and we know you will represent our school with pride. Well done to Miss Agnello for providing this experience for our Choir. There was also a nice little surprise for our Choir, with Candi booking a very special bus for their trip into the city! Big thanks to Jimmy Vlahos from West Coast Bus Charters who always looks after our school.



Key Dates Coming Up

- 1st September – Book Author Incursion
- 18th September – Interschool Athletics Throws and Jumps
- 19th September – Interschool Athletics Carnival
- 25th September – Arts Assembly
- 26th September – Lapathon/Colour Run / Term 3 concludes
- 13th October – Term 4 commences

Have a great fortnight!

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

Associate Principal's Message

I'm Back

How lovely it was to venture into the undercover area on my first day back after seven weeks leave. So many children of all ages were eager to ask me how my holiday had gone and were their usual friendly, polite and chatty selves. I was made to feel really special to be received by the children like this on my first day back.

We are so lucky at Davallia. We have such a wonderful community who values respect highly and shows it in the way we all conduct ourselves. The children are confident and appropriate, and happily interact with adults, maintaining that respect while still having light-hearted fun and a laugh.

As you probably know, on my break I went to Sweden and Norway and completed a four-week road trip of the UK. It was amazing. I found the ancient architecture, the stories of the past, the landscapes the varied lifestyles and the necessity for innovation fascinating. In Sweden, a country I knew very little about, I was amazed by their long and incredible history, their ingenuity and their invention. The stories of the Vikings, which seemed to crop up throughout my travels, were particularly interesting.

In Norway, one of the most affluent countries in Europe, their 'can do' approach to challenges is inspiring. Norwegian infrastructure, design and accomplishment is stunning. The natural beauty of the fjords provides the perfect back drop for their intricate railways, tunnels, bridges and roadways. No matter how tiny a town appears, it invariably has a tunnel through a mountain connecting it to the next town and city.

In the UK the diversity in accents had me listening very carefully. Glaswegian posed the biggest challenge. I adored Scotland, Ireland and Wales and gained an appreciation of what courteous driving looks like. After all, on their roads there's no room for selfishness or impatience. At every museum, relic, castle and abbey there was a history filled with stories of conflict, wars, victors, conquest and the dispossessed. Sadly, some things never change.

And as a lifelong Beatles fan, I even fulfilled a dream of visiting the Cavern Club in Liverpool. I'll never forget that.

Although I loved every moment of it, I did come away feeling very grateful for the lifestyle we have in Western Australia. There really is no place like it. Sometimes you have to travel away to fully appreciate what you have... And coming back to Davallia, I can't help but be grateful for the wonderful community that I belong to. This was reinforced again yesterday as I immersed myself in the wonderful community feel of our Faction Carnival. How lucky are we?



School Notices

Getting results

By Professor Matt Sanders

It's natural to want your child to do well at school and some parents use a reward such as money to encourage their children to get better grades. I've often heard of parents offering their child money for every "A" on their end of term report card.

One of the problems with giving children financial incentives for good end-of-term grades is that the reward comes too long after the effort is made.

Rather than waiting till the end of term, it's much more effective to set up a system of rewards which are brief and frequent, and which encourage positive daily habits. These daily habits then build towards an eventual outcome, such as a good homework and study routine.

However, you can encourage children to build good study and homework habits without having to resort to offering money.

Why not try a reward such as spending time with your child doing an activity they really like? Or you could offer a special treat you know they'll enjoy. The object is to encourage good routines by giving extra attention and praise or small frequent rewards when they are doing the right thing.

When kids are struggling that little bit of extra attention can encourage them into new patterns of behaviour – and they may end up getting that A after all!

Professor Matt Sanders is founder of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program®. For more information go to www.triplep-parenting.net

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

