



Grow with Respect

The Davallian

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

What an amazing weekend of sport occurred with Davallians competing in a variety of sporting grand finals last week.

Our Year 6 girls netball teams both won their netball grand finals at Kingsway. Our Year 6 boys were runner-up champions in their basketball grand final at Warwick Stadium. Also, our Year 3 Boys Wolf Pack Warriors team won their grand final. It was great for staff to attend and to be able share their excitement of being grand finalists in their chosen sport.

On the same weekend, Mr Ekert played his AFL grand final for Busselton, heartbreakingly going down by one point. However, it was awesome to see a number of our Year 6 boys supporting him!

Well done to everyone on their efforts.



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Principal's Message (continued)

Lapathon / Colour Run

What an awesome way to finish off Term 3 with the best activity ever – a **colour run**. Well done to the Lapathon committee for once again putting on an excellent event. Thanks to the staff for getting into the spirit of the day and colouring up as well. Now it's the job of collecting and sending in your donations. All funds collected will be applied to improving our playgrounds.

Interschool Athletics

Well done to Mr Warner and the Davallia PS Interschool Athletics teams who did a great job at this year's carnival. Congratulations to everyone who trained so hard for weeks leading up to the carnival, especially the reserves who kept the rest of team working extra hard. Coming in 5th place was a solid performance with Duncraig PS the champion school for 2025.



Well done to Emily Harris, Runner-up Champion Year 5 Girl and to Hannah Hampson, Champion Year 4 Girl. Great efforts girls. We are really proud of you and all of our competitors.

ARTS Assembly

Congratulations to everyone who contributed to this year's Arts Assembly. The talent on display was incredible. We had IMSS (Instrumental Music School Service) students performing brass, classical guitar and clarinet pieces. They were all so brave and so polished., performing in front of over four hundred people, some for the first time.

The fantastic Davallia School Choir delivered a beautiful rendition of the George Ezra song 'Shotgun' with some impressive support from a band of fine Year Six musicians. We enjoyed 'After Hours at Mr O'Neill's Toy Emporium', a play featuring a cast of very talented Year Six drama students. Plus we had another terrific Jump Jam performance from the Jump Jam Team. The show was awesome.

Well done to all the staff and students who made this assembly so special. It really has become a highlight on the school calendar.



Principal's Message (continued)



Another Talented Davallian

Louis from Year Four, one of our IMSS Strings students, competed in the OSIC WA strings finals last weekend. He did very well and was 'stoked' to place third performing 'Beep'. Louis really enjoyed the opportunity to perform in front of an audience and we are all very proud of him.



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 as soon as possible, as places will fill very quickly.

Key Dates Coming Up

- 13th October – Term 4 commences
- 23rd October Halloween Disco
- 29th October Kindy Parent meeting
- 4th November P&C Meeting
- 7th&10th November – School Development Days
- 11th – 14th November Year Six Rottnest Camp

Thanks for a great term

Have a great fortnight! We look forward to seeing you all for the start of Term Four on the 13th of October. Stay safe and have a great break.

John O'Neill

Principal



Associate Principal's Message

Bad Choices Have Consequences

Two weeks ago, the Davallia School Board approved the DPS Good Standing Policy. A copy was sent home to all families last week via email and by now I'd imagine you've all had a chance to have a good look at it.

It has been mandated that all public schools should have a Good Standing Policy in place to promote positive behaviour and ensure safe and supportive learning environments. It provides a clear statement regarding the expected behaviours to be demonstrated by the students and will only strengthen existing positive behaviour standards. It also provides a clear message that negative behaviours will not be tolerated, and sanctions will be employed, should a student choose to conduct themselves outside of these standards.

Being a student at Davallia brings significant privileges. Having privileges is a good thing. Things like extra freedoms at school, getting to join in special activities, or being trusted with responsibilities are all privileges students at our school can enjoy. But privileges aren't automatic, and they won't last unless students work to keep them.

Privileges come in many forms: access to opportunities, freedoms, trust, or responsibilities that others place in us. They are not rights but rather opportunities granted because we earned them and have shown we can handle them. For example, a student who listens, works hard, and shows respect may be trusted with leadership roles, given classroom freedoms, or allowed to take part in extra activities. It is important to remember that privileges can be lost. Poor choices, whether through dishonesty, disrespect, or neglect of responsibilities, chip away at the trust others have placed in us. One mistake may not erase all the good we have done, but repeated bad decisions will eventually compromise our good standing. Once trust is broken, privileges are difficult to regain. This is why self-discipline and good choices are so important.

Staying in good standing will require consistent effort. It'll mean showing up each day prepared to give your best, treating others with respect, and holding yourselves accountable. It also means learning from mistakes instead of repeating them. Hard work, reliability, and positive choices reinforce the message that we can be trusted with responsibility and the benefits that come with it. Privileges reflect the effort we put into maintaining them. They are not owed to us, but rather a reward for our commitment and responsibility. The more we invest in our good standing through hard work, discipline, and integrity, the more opportunities will come.

Being privileged is not about luck or entitlement; it is about behaving responsibly and earning trust. And to keep those privileges we must remain in good standing, we must consistently make good choices, work hard, and value the opportunities given to us. It is critical for parents (as well as teachers) to discuss these concepts with children regularly to enhance their understanding. We must not only recognise kids when they are doing well and why, but also support them when they are not making good choices (why the choices are not good and how they can improve).

We can't just assume our children understand all this and then be disappointed when they make mistakes. We must work together to help them understand and give them the best chance to maintain good standing and enjoy and appreciate the privileges that comes with it.

School Notices

Self-esteem

By Professor Matt Sanders

Children who have healthy self-esteem are likely to be happy, cooperative, and successful at school and make friends easily. They are fun people to be around because they are eager to learn and succeed, and because they cope with stress effectively.

However, self-esteem doesn't come built-in at birth. As parents, it is important that we help our children develop a true sense of their own strengths and weaknesses.

Children who receive plenty of praise and encouragement feel good about themselves. A child who believes their parents have confidence in them by allowing them to do certain things by themselves will learn confidence. Telling your child you love them and spending time with them will help your child feel valued and cared for.

It is important also to encourage children to follow a healthy lifestyle. Regular exercise and good grooming habits help children develop a positive image of themselves. And when your child achieves at something you can let them know that they should feel good about such accomplishments — it is okay to be different and be good at different things.

Parenting Tip: Laughter really is a great medicine. Children who feel good about themselves laugh spontaneously, develop a sense of humour and learn to tell funny stories. Encourage your child to laugh by listening to their stories, playing games and having fun together.

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



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A Message From the P&C

The P&C hopes your children enjoyed their Zooper Doopers at lunchtime today, just before the lapathon!

We'll be doing a cash count soon and will share how much was raised and added to the 2026 starting balance at the next P&C meeting.

If you'd like to have a say in how these funds are spent, become a voting member for just \$1! Attend in person or join online to contribute to the conversation.

Please note: Our next meeting has been moved forward from Week 4 to **Week 3** to avoid clashing with the Melbourne Cup 🐾

📅 **New date: Tuesday, 28 October at 7:30pm in the school library.**

More info and membership details here: [P&C Membership | Davallia Parents & Citizens Association Inc.](#)

🎃 Upcoming Event: Halloween School Disco - Thursday, 23 October

A note will be sent home today with a link to register for online tickets and pre-purchase pizza and drinks. If you're not quite ready to commit, tickets will also be available at the door.

There will be **cash sales** on the night for drinks, pizza, glow sticks, and lollies.

Based on feedback from our youngest disco-goers, we've made a couple of updates for this year's **Junior Disco**:

- Students attending the junior disco will exit via the **C Block gate (near the Uniform Shop)**.
- **Year 3 students** can choose to attend either the **Junior Disco (Kindy-Year 3)** or the **Senior Disco (Years 3-6)** - but **not both**. In previous years, Year 3 students automatically attended the Senior Disco.

A few quick reminders for the Disco:

- Parents are welcome to **drop and go**, or stay if they wish - we just ask that adults stand towards the **outer walls** to give kids a clear view of the stage.
 - The event is for **currently enrolled Davallia students only**. Siblings who are not enrolled are not permitted (babies in arms are welcome, but prams must be left outside due to space restrictions).
- Please send **small notes or coins** for lolly and glow stick purchases.

💬 Keep an eye on class rep updates and our Facebook page for volunteer opportunities - many hands make light work and will help make this a spooktacular night for all students!



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