



Grow with Respect

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

What a fabulous assembly we had yesterday! The Year 6's from B1, B5 and B6 combined to invite us all on a spectacular trip into the future, to outer space (*to a planet of teachers*) and to the depths of the ocean, for a quite scary shark encounter. There were plenty of laughs and great performances from our senior students, as they held the audience spellbound with their antics.

Congratulations to all staff and students on presenting a memorable and very entertaining assembly. This was their final opportunity to perform in front of us all in an assembly as Davallians, as soon they will be saying goodbye and graduating to High School.

Our next assembly will be presented by the Year 2's of A4 on the 6th of November. We can't wait!



Halloween Disco

Last night's Halloween Disco was just as much fun as it was terrifying. So many cool costumes and equally cool dance moves.

Congratulations to the P&C Team who worked tirelessly to organise this fantastic event. Also, well done to our Year 6 Student Council and students for volunteering their own time to come and help out at the Junior Disco.



Year 6 Rottneest Camp

Only a couple of weeks, or nine school days, until our Year 6's head off to Rottneest for the 2025 camp. They will be joined by Mrs Barratt, Mr Callow, Mr Eckert, Mrs Kendrick, Mrs Kuenen, Mr Leaning, Ms Ferry and myself. There is an action-packed schedule planned, and we expect the students will find the whole experience in equal parts tiring, educational, challenging, rewarding and memorable. I'm sure they will create lasting memories that they will share forever. However, what happens on camp, stays on camp! Mwah ha ha ha!

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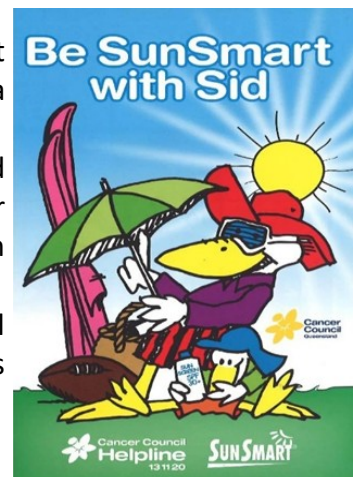
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Thanks to the staff who have committed to spend the four days away from their families and comfy beds to attend the camp. We appreciate their dedication and applaud their willingness to provide this experience for their students. We are so lucky at Davallia to have the staff who are still willing to offer a camp like the Rottnest camp to our Year 6 students. I know this is not the case in every school.

Sun Smart

As the weather changes it is appropriate that we revisit our sun smart practices. Wearing a hat outdoors is a school rule at Davallia, as we do our bit to tackle sun exposure. Perhaps it's time for a new hat or two and maybe a more protective choice, like one of our Davallia bucket hats. Sunscreen is provided in classrooms, but perhaps a healthy covering before school would be a great idea too. We encourage our students to drink plenty of water throughout the day, so make sure your child has a serviceable water bottle in their bag to help them hydrate during the hours they spend at school. Should the weather become too hot and pose a risk to the children, we will modify our learning programs and play breaks to ensure risk from the heat is minimised.



P&C Meeting

We have our second last P&C Meeting scheduled next week on Tuesday 28th of October at 7:30 in the school library. If you can't make it in person, please join us via MS TEAMS. Next week's meeting, like all meetings is a chance to see how the P&C contributes to the wider goings on in the school. Thanks to the P&C, we have been able to provide great experiences like the Disco and Family Fun Night for all our families to enjoy. The P&C have also been integral in funding school initiatives like investments in technology and providing innovative new classroom resources that every child benefits from, so please come along. The more parents and community who get involved, the better able the P&C will be in representing the diverse interests and aspirations our families hold for the children at Davallia.

World Teachers' Day - 31st October 2025

Next Friday is World Teachers' Day. It's a great opportunity to celebrate our teaching staff and acknowledge the great work they do. My staff are outstanding and endeavour to provide a quality learning program for all students. They go above and beyond and I thank them for their diligence in undertaking their important roles.



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 contact Candi in the office as soon as possible, as places will fill very quickly.



Key Dates Coming Up

29th October Kindy Parent Meeting
31st October World Teachers Day
4th November P&C Meeting
6th November A4 Yr2 Assembly
7th & 10th November – School Development Days
11th – 14th November Year Six Rottneest Camp
20th November Pre-Primary Assembly
28th November Family Fun Night

John O'Neill
Principal





Associate Principal's Message

Embrace the Change

I've been a teacher for forty years now, and one of the things I've always loved most about this career is that every new year brings change. Each February feels like turning the first page of a brand-new book, full of fresh faces, new personalities, and endless possibilities.

As teachers, we pour our hearts into each class, guiding, shaping, and polishing until we can proudly say, *"They're ready."* And then, just as we get them running smoothly, it's time to hand them on to the next teacher, or for our Year Sevens in my day, off to high school. Then, before you can blink, a new year begins, and the adventure starts all over again.

Now, as we head into the final term of 2025, our focus turns to preparing students for their next big steps. Whether it's the leap from part-time Kindy to full-time Pre-Primary, or from Pre-Primary into "big school," each transition comes with its own little challenges and joys.

At Davallia, we take transitions seriously (and gently). From our tiniest Kindy kids taking their first brave steps into school life, to our confident Year Sixes ready to spread their wings, we plan every stage carefully.

That move from our Early Childhood area into the Primary School is a big one. There's quite a difference between Pre-Primary and Year One, and our teachers on both sides work together to make the shift as smooth as possible. The children might feel a little uncertain at first, but before long, it's as if they've always been there.

Of course, the biggest transition of all is when our Year Sixes leave Davallia for high school. Some head to private schools, others to local public schools or special programs, but every one of them goes off well-prepared and ready. Being a Year Six at Davallia is something special. There's leadership opportunities, independence, responsibility, and fun, all rolled into one amazing final year.

Right now, our graduating class is in the middle of High Flyers, social dance, and camp preparations for Rottnest. When they return, it'll be full steam ahead towards graduation. It's a busy, exciting, and memorable time, exactly how it should be.

But let's be honest, change isn't always easy. Most of us like things to stay familiar for as long as possible. Routines feel safe. Change can feel uncomfortable, even for adults! But we know deep down that change is inevitable. Some of it we expect, and some of it sneaks up on us. Some of it even knocks us off balance for a while.

That's why helping our students experience change, and see it through, is such a vital part of education. Every transition teaches adaptability, resilience, and confidence. Each time they face a new challenge and overcome it, they're building skills that will serve them for life.

After all, isn't there an old saying, *"A change is as good as a holiday"*?

So, let's embrace it, the new, the different, the unknown. Because every change, big or small, brings growth, discovery, and opportunity.

Mark Leaning
Associate Principal

Chaplains Corner

Chaplain's Corner

Welcome back to Term 4 Davallia. The final term for this year!

One of our many strengths, as Davallians, is our incredibly strong sense of community. I believe focusing on this strength will assist us all the way to the end the year.

Our strong sense of community is admired widely by others, and it inspires other schools. I believe that it is important that we nurture this aspect of our school.

We can look after our school community in many ways:

- By remembering our School Value of Responsibility. Each one of us has a responsibility to work on this. We can all do our bit. Encourage your children to be responsible and make good choices.
- By celebrating diversity. We are all unique, different and valued. At Davallia we are lucky to have a range of nationalities and cultures represented. Let's continue to respect, appreciate and learn from each other.
- Being inclusive of others is another great way to nurture our school community. Children can include others in their games in the playground, in their team sports and in their classrooms. Let's make it instinctive.

By looking after our school community, we can look forward to continuing to have a strong, supportive and positive school environment, where students can thrive and belong. Regardless of how the year started for any one of us, we can help and support each other, so that the year ends well.

Mrs Carolina

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“Community is much more than belonging to something; it’s about doing something together that makes belonging matter”. Brian Solis.

School Notices

Single parenting

By Professor Matt Sanders

Single parents often say they feel it's more difficult to discipline a child without a partner's support. But it's very important to approach discipline in exactly the same way as if you were parenting with someone else.

It's vital to have a game plan and be consistent. That means setting house rules that don't fluctuate.

It may surprise some people to know that children like boundaries. Kids very easily become comfortable with the familiarity of a routine at bedtime, at mealtimes or when it's time to get out of the house in the morning. Positive and predictable routines mean discipline will become much easier. Life won't have to be full of big battles over little issues!

Another worry many single parents express is the lack of a significant male or female influence in the household. Mothers may feel this more keenly when they're raising a son alone, as many fathers do when they're raising a daughter.

It's always important to encourage your child to have role models and mentors. Role models can show children how to behave, and what is the appropriate thing to do.

So, single parents may want to look for opportunities for their children to get to know and have other men or women in their life. It could be a grandparent, an aunt or uncle, a trusted family friend or a sports coach. Having someone who will serve a mentoring role throughout the child's life can be a great example to – and support for – the child.

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

From Our P&C

On behalf of the P&C thank you to everyone who volunteered their time for last night's two Discos! From all the cheering and K-Pop Demon Hunter songs that were sung, I think all the children had a great time!

When the gold coins have been counted we will advise the money raised, to hear it first, come to Tuesday's P&C Meeting, 7:30pm in library.

Lock it in, the social night of the year, Friday 28 November, Davallia's Family Fun Night! More information coming shortly.

P&C Committee

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

