



Grow with Respect

The Davallian

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

What a wonderful assembly we witnessed yesterday, presented by our incredible Pre-Primary students. 'Our World, Our Future' provided the perfect theme for our amazing Pre-Primaries to not only display their knowledge and skills on the big stage, but also to acknowledge and celebrate World Children's Day. Well done to PP1, 2 and 3 and to all the staff, who worked so hard to pull the performance together. Managing 63 students on stage take a huge team effort. Well done on a super assembly.



Our next assembly will be presented by our fabulous Kindy students on the 4th of December. Kindy assemblies are always memorable, and we will be so excited to see them up on our stage in front of the entire school.

Year 6 Rottneest Camp

Well, they're back, and what a week they had.

Four action packed days in glorious weather exploring the many facets of WA's favourite Island. The students were exceptionally well behaved, receiving many a positive comments and compliments from the public we shared the island with. We are so very proud of them.

This cohort of children embraced every aspect of the camp and created memories that will surely last forever. Their 'opt-in' attitude made this years' camp, one of the best ever!

A huge thank you to Mrs Kuenen, Miss Barratt, Miss Webster, Ms Ferry, Mr Ekert, Mr Callow and Mr Leaning, for being willing to give the Year 6's an experience they will never forget.

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Principal's Message (continued)



Family Fun Night – 28th November 2025

It's getting close now. One of the biggest and best nights on the Davallia community calendar. There's always lots of fun to be had, music, games, food trucks, bouncy castle, silent auction, dunk tank and much, much more. Make sure to come along and make this community event a night to remember. You may walk away with an incredible hamper or even the satisfaction of dunking your favourite staff member. Don't miss out.



Principal's Message (continued)

P & C President Position

As you are most likely aware, Neroli Ridgewell, P & C President, will vacate the position this year as her girls graduate from primary school. I wish to thank Neroli for her leadership of the P & C and her commitment to the school. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Neroli, and all past presidents, and look forward to commencing a new relationship with the 2026 P & C President. If you are even slightly considering nominating for the role, I would strongly encourage you to do so. The P & C are an amazingly supportive group of people, who band together to achieve outstanding results for our students and staff. If you would like to know more, you are most welcome to reach out to Neroli Ridgewell or myself.

Year One Beach Clean Up – A3

Our fantastic Year Ones from A3, participated in a Beach Clean-up at Pinnaroo Point. They collect nearly 1.8kg of rubbish from the beach. A big thank you to Mrs Chapman and our P & C who supported this activity.



Tennis Champions Again

For a fourth year running, our superstar Davallia tennis team was successful in winning the Carine Network Tennis Tournament at Sorrento Tennis Club, bringing home the trophy and the pride of victory. A very proud Mr Warner reports, all students competed with respect to their opponents and displayed fantastic teamwork skills to get us over the line. Our Year 3 team finished in 3rd place, the senior team in 2nd place, and our Year Four team in 1st place of their respective divisions. What a great result! A massive thank you to our parent team managers for the invaluable role they played, greatly contributing to our success in the competition.



Principal's Message (continued)

Year 2 Sleep Over 12th December

Our Year 2's are getting a little excited, hearing they soon will be having a sleep over at school. A big thankyou to the Year 2 staff for providing a great experience for their classes. I can't wait to hear all the great stories from the night.

Key Dates Coming Up

25th November - 5/6 Band excursion
28th November - Family Fun Night
4th December - Kindy Assembly
8th December - Constable Care Visit
9th December - P&C AGM (wine & cheese and raffle draw)
12th December - Yr6 WOW Day and Year Two Sleepover
16th December - Presentation Assembly
16th December - Graduation
17th December - Student Achievement Reports issued
18th December - School concludes

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.

Have a great fortnight

John O'Neill
Principal



From the P & C

The Davallia PS P&C Annual General Meeting is 7.30pm on 9 December 2025 in the School Library.

All P&C roles will be declared vacant, and a new committee will be voted in for 2026.

We have received some nominations but are still looking to fill a number of roles, in particular the key role of **President**.

The role includes:

- Leading the P&C and ensuring that annual objectives are met.
 - Chair twice-term P&C meetings.
 - Represent the P&C in the school community and to stakeholders.
 - Work with the Principal to promote a positive relationship between the P&C and the school.
- Support, and provide assistance, to the P&C Committee in each of their roles as needed.

Note from current President, Neroli Ridgewell *"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as P&C President at Davallia these last 3 years and am grateful to the amazing Committee and school administration who have supported me. I have had the opportunity to follow a legacy of amazing Presidents who have come before me, but also to shape the role in new ways and, hopefully, made a few changes which have benefited the school.*

To anyone looking to take on this role, know it is a key role, but not a hard role, you will have a lot of support from a great Executive and Sub-Committee and the school administration, and your hours can be set around your other commitments. I have very active twin girls in year 6, a FIFO husband and work FT and even with this schedule have been able to maintain the role. If anyone was wanting more information or to discuss 1:1, please PM me"

Nomination deadline is Monday, 1 December to John.Oneill@education.wa.edu.au.

If multiple nominations are received, they will be discussed and voted on at the AGM.



7:30-9 pm Tuesday 9 December in the school library.



Attend the AGM in person to go in the draw to win 1 of 3 \$50 Flexi school vouchers.



Sign up as a voting member for \$1 for 2026 from 1 December via <https://davalliapspc.square.site/product/become-a-member/6>



will be provided at the meeting!

Come along to participate and have your voice heard in your school community.

We hope to see you there! The P&C Committee



Associate Principal's Message

Digital Detox – A Camp Reflection

After spending an unforgettable week on Rottneest Island with our amazing Year 6 students, one observation stood out clearly: time away from devices can be incredibly beneficial for our children.

During the four days and three nights of camp, students had no access to digital screens. Impressively, they adapted without difficulty. Even those who admitted to spending significant time on devices at home, quickly discovered alternative ways to stay active, engaged and happy.

The camp programme kept students physically and mentally active. They rode long distances, swam, explored the island, joined guided tours and participated in team challenges. When downtime did occur, it was filled with sport, music and conversation, all of which are healthy, constructive alternatives to the passive and often isolating activities associated with device use.

From a personal perspective, I deleted social media apps from my phone some time ago. While I still access them on a home computer occasionally, no longer having them on my mobile device has helped me break the habit of mindless scrolling. Estimates suggest that around 20% of adults spend more than 40 hours a week online. I realised I didn't want to be part of that statistic and made a conscious decision to change. Like any habit, the first step was difficult — but over time, it became much easier.

There is growing concern around the long-term impact of sustained digital device use, particularly from a young age. Emerging research is examining the relationship between screen time and changes in neuroplasticity, including effects on attention, addiction, sleep and memory. While this research continues, it would be prudent to take a cautious and considered approach.

Where possible, maybe now is a good time to try and reduce screen time and limit digital device access for younger children. Encouraging them to engage in activities that support healthy brain development and overall wellbeing, such as reading, playing games, solving puzzles, creating, constructing, climbing, exploring music and rhythm, communicating and socialising.

Sometimes, giving children space to disconnect is the best way to help them truly connect.

Mark Leaning
Associate Principal

Chaplains Corner

Chaplain's Corner

Davallia, we are now past the halfway mark of our final term!

Students and staff have all been working very hard to wrap things up for the year, and there are still amazing things in store on the Davallian calendar for all to enjoy.

Once again, Davallia Primary School will be collecting donations for Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal. Personally, I feel it is a privilege to be a part of such a generous school community, and it never ceases to amaze me just how generous the Davallian school community is.

The Salvation Army helps many families in Perth, and your generosity makes a difference in their lives during this time and season.

My heart is full of emotion and joy every year as I experience this event at Davallia. It highlights such the caring and wonderful qualities that the whole Davallia school community embodies, such as kindness and generosity.

Davallia's generosity reaches many individual's hearts. It goes beyond the walls and boundaries of the school.

The Salvation Army Christmas Appeal will commence in Week 8 and more information will be sent out soon. We are not taking collections now, so please do not send anything in yet.

Davallia, keep enjoying all that is on offer for the rest of this term and continue to make good memories together.

Mrs Carolina

Davallia School Chaplain

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"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention." Oscar Wilde.



MANAGING SOCIAL MEDIA FOR YOUR FAMILY: RULES, BOUNDARIES AND BIG EMOTIONS

Imagine your family is navigating social media challenges with confidence and connection.

You're setting boundaries calmly. Your children feel heard and supported. Screen time is balanced. Big emotions come and go.

What would that be like for you? Compared with now?

Whether your child is on social media or not, it's a good time to have a gentle family conversation about rules and boundaries and what these might look like for your family.

Why? Because research shows that when parents set limits, monitor children's use and reduce their own social media activity, kids are less likely to have problems with social media.

Positive parenting strategies can create a calmer family atmosphere, leading to more fulfilling relationships, and better mental health for everyone.

Read Triple P's latest articles and find out how [to move beyond social media guilt and manage big emotions](#), and how [to set rules and boundaries that work for the whole family](#)

And don't forget, their comprehensive online courses are free for families in Australia.

New social media age law (effective December 2025)

Minimum age:

The minimum age to create an account on certain social media platforms will be raised from 13 to 16.

Applies to:

Popular platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, and X are expected to be included. Messaging and streaming apps like WhatsApp, YouTube Kids, and Discord are likely to be excluded.

School Notices

Zero (0) Waste Lunch (O.W.L)

Good afternoon Parents and Caregivers,

At Davallia Primary, our aim is to limit the amount of rubbish and waste we have in our school community. On **Wednesday 3rd**

December (Week 8) we will hold our next Zero Waste Lunch Day. The goal is to see how many people can bring a lunchbox filled with NO WASTE! This means, packing your Crunch and Sip, recess and lunch with no plastic clingwrap or bags that will end up in landfill.



A great alternative to these includes:

- Using reusable wraps, such as Beeswax Wraps, instead of plastic clingwrap.
- Packing your Crunch and Sip, recess and lunch in reusable lunch boxes.
- Purchasing products that are not individually wrapped.
- Using a reusable water bottle.

The classroom with the most students that have ZERO WASTE will earn extra recess or lunch time and have the honour of having the OWL trophy displayed in their classroom until the next Zero Waste Lunch Day.

If we work together, we can continue to reduce our waste at Davallia!

Congratulations

To Hannah Hampson for representing Davallia at School Sports WA Championships– Hannah competed in the Year 4 girls category, she won gold in the 80 & 200 metre and silver in the long jump. Well done Hannah!



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