



Grow with Respect

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

Yesterday's assembly was a showstopper, with our smallest Davallians taking control of the stage. Dressed to impress, the 2025 Kindy kids rocked the house with their assembly all about bees, gardens and the amazing things they have learnt this year. They spoke confidently and sang beautifully. For the rest of the day, the entire school could be heard singing 'Busy Like a Bee'. Congratulations to all the staff involved, to the parents for dressing our Kindy kids beautifully and to the amazing 2025 Kindy cohort. Did you know they will be the graduating Class of 2032?!



Next Thursday will see the Student Council host the assembly. This will be one not to be missed.

Family Fun Night

Last Friday night the community returned to school to enjoy what was a fantastic night of fun. The Family Fun Night is exactly that, a night where families get together and have a heap of fun. There were food trucks, games, an inflatable Ninja course, silent auction and live music.

The infamous Dunk Tank claimed a number of victims including a couple of debutants in Miss Pickering and Miss Donovan. The queue was long all night as the kids (and a couple of dads too) lined up to dunk not only our debutants, but also Mr Ekert, Mr Leaning, Mr Lee, Miss Khandan and myself.

Well done also to the student Council who hosted the very popular Chocolate Throw. Huge thanks to our P & C, and especially the amazing Fundraising Committee, on what was a highly successful and thoroughly enjoyable evening



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Principal's Message (continued)

Carine Senior High School Orientation Day

Last Tuesday, the majority of our Year 6 students attended an Orientation Day. They participated in MESH classes (Mathematics, English, Science and Health), Art, Physical Education or Home Economics.



Congratulations Year 6's you have represented the school with pride with Mr Shuttleworth stating....'your Year 6 students were outstanding'.

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.

Have a great fortnight

John O'Neill
Principal

Key Dates Coming Up

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

From the P & C

The Davallia PS P&C Annual General Meeting will be held at 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

FAREWELL TO SOME SPECIAL CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

The delicious canteen meals may come from Canteen Kings, but we all know they wouldn't make their way to the kiddos without the time and dedication of our Canteen Queens!

It is with some sadness, and also excitement for them, that we farewell a bunch of wonderful volunteers who have given numerous hours over their years at Davallia. A massive thank you to Tegan Cuming, Leigh Walker, and Susan Hosking-Boswell who are reaching the end of their primary school years and will now have all of their kids in high school - best of luck to you!! And a fond farewell to Sarah Lague, whose children are off to St Mark's, I can't imagine their canteen co-ordinator will be as cool as Davallia's but such is life ;)

I must make a special mention of Susan Hosking-Boswell, however, for she didn't just dish out lunches she ran the place for YEARS. Five years in total, most of those as co-ordinator, coming in on both Tuesdays and Thursdays every single week, navigating Covid, changing over to Flexischools and many other challenges. We can't thank you enough for your service, and personally thank you for helping me take over a very well-oiled machine that wouldn't be what it is without you. You're a gem and you will be missed!



Associate Principal's Message

Aussies Abound

As I presented the final *Aussie of the Month* awards for 2025, I reflected with pride on the wonderful variety of students recognised this year. Different ages, strengths and personalities—all demonstrating what it truly means to live our school values.

The *Aussie of the Month* award celebrates students who consistently show kindness, inclusivity and genuine care for others. They demonstrate respect, responsibility, perseverance and innovation in their everyday actions. These students rarely expect recognition—they simply live our values and make a positive difference without realising the impact they have.

This award is part of a State Government initiative, supported by the National Australia Day Council and the Australian of the Year Awards. It promotes the qualities of outstanding young citizens and highlights the behaviours we admire in our community.

At Davallia, the message is clear:

It's not about who you are.
It's about how you treat others.

In 2026, we will once again be searching for students who lead by example—those who are respectful, responsible, persistent and innovative. Anyone can be *Aussie of the Month* when they include others, act with kindness and uphold our school values.

One thing is certain:

If you respect others, show responsibility, persevere through challenges and think creatively—then you have everything it takes to be *Aussie of the Month* at Davallia.

Congratulations to all our Aussie of the Month recipients for 2025. You join a rather long list of winners who all wear their badges with pride wherever they go.... except in the shower.

Mark Leaning
Associate Principal

School Notices



Salvation Army Christmas Appeal 2025



Once again, Davallia Primary School will be collecting donations for Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal. 2025 has been a year where many families have felt the impact of the increasing cost of living and Christmas can be a difficult time, so food and presents are bound to be appreciated.

The Salvation Army in Balga helps 100 families each week who need basic things like food and hygiene products. Please find attached lists of food and gift ideas. Our donations will be presented to an Officer of the Salvation Army at our Student Councillor Assembly in Week Nine, on the 11th of December. There will be a Christmas/Davallia Colours free dress day (no gold coin donation necessary) held on this day.

Please involve your children and consider digging deep for those who need some help this Christmas Season. **We have a short window of opportunity to collect donations this year. Donations will be accepted from Monday the 1st of December. All donations must be finalised by Monday 8th of December.**

Please see attached documents for more information, but here's a snapshot:

Food Needed - At Christmas, the Salvation Army like to put **special** food in their hampers like puddings, biscuits, sweets, apple cider, soft drinks, chips, tinned ham etc. Please ensure all items are non-perishable. No beans or baked beans please as they have plenty of them already.

Gifts Needed - They like to give each child a gift for Christmas time. These gifts need to be NEW as it often is the only gift that child will get. Suitable gifts could be a game from Kmart (UNO, Guess who?, A barrel of monkeys, a soft toy, an action figure, costume jewellery for older girls... etc.) Gift Cards and batteries are very welcome and ideal for teenagers.

What is not needed - Beans, baked beans, second hand items or toys/games.

On behalf of the Salvation Army, thank you!

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

