



Grow with Respect

# The Davallian

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Dear Parents and Community Members,



### Welcome Back to 2025

I trust you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday period and are ready for yet another very busy, enjoyable and exciting year ahead. It certainly has been a smooth start to the new school year with the students returning happy, full of enthusiasm and settling well into their new classrooms.

### School Values

At the foundation of our school culture are four school values. Whether you are a member on staff, a student, a parent, a visitor or even a tradesperson working on our school site, the expectation is our school values will be observed and respected.

Innovation	Respect
imagine are creative try something different take risks learn from our mistakes	consider others really listen are well mannered follow rules forgive mistakes value uniqueness
Perseverance	Responsibility
look for solutions do our best work hard celebrate effort	own our behaviour think before we act commit and follow through lead by example

Our School Values are **not simply words** that adorn the walls, but are alive and permeate all operational aspects of our school.

### Congratulations

Over the break we welcomed the arrival of Tommy Brooks d'Avray! Congratulations to Nellie and Luc on the safe arrival of their third child. We look forward to seeing him at Davallia in the near future. Mrs Gabby Borszky has also accessed maternity leave with the arrival of her first child around mid March.

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## Principal's Message Continued

### New Families

We commenced 2025 with 548 students and 362 family groups. This year we have 72 new Davallians attending our school, which includes 60 Kindy kids starting school for the very first time! As a school community we welcome each and every one of you and know you have come to a terrific school full of great kids. With this, we extend a warm welcome to all new families to our school and look forward to you becoming active members of our school community.



### Connect – Primary Communication Tool

All teachers have created a 'Connect Community' for their classroom which will be used as the primary communication tool between teachers and parents. All class teachers have sent out a welcome message on Connect to parents. If you have not received this message, please speak directly to your class teacher. **It is important for all parents (K – 6) to access Connect regularly** to ensure you are kept up-to-date with class activities and information.

### Open Door Policy

As the Principal of Davallia PS, I operate an 'Open Door' policy, endeavouring to be available for all parents, at most times. Should you wish to discuss any issue, concern, provide feedback or share an idea you may have, please be confident you are most welcome to give me a call or send me an email. ([John.Oneill@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:John.Oneill@education.wa.edu.au))

### Staff Changes

We welcome the following newly appointed staff to Davallia PS:

- Miss Bianca Pickering – Year 3 C2
- Miss Jess Donovan – Year 2 A5 (Mon), Year 1 A2 (Wed – Fri)
- Madam Edwards – French Specialist Teacher (Tues - Fri)
- Mrs Michelle Kelly – School Officer (Term 1 with the possibility of extension)
  
- Ms Emma Christie (PP2) returns to school following maternity leave in 2024
- Mrs Nellie d'Avray accesses maternity leave for 2025
- Mrs Gabby Borszky accesses maternity leave for 2025
- Mrs Lydia Butler is acting Manager Corporate Services at East Wanneroo PS (Term 1 with the possibility of extension)
- Mrs Shelley Antoni [is on a 12-month fixed term contract at Poseidon PS.](#)
- Mrs Shannen Mott is on a 12-month fixed term contract at Tapping PS

A full staff list will be available on the website.

### Fun Fact

Did you know we have 4 staff members who are former Davallian students!  
Can you name them? Find the answer later in the newsletter.



## Principal's Message Continued

### P & C Meetings

The P & C works tirelessly for our school and your children. They are such a valuable resource for our school, not only from a financial perspective, but also from a social aspect of the school. If you are new to Davallia PS, the P & C is a great forum for you to meet other parents and gain a greater insight into Davallia PS. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO TAKE ON A ROLE! It is planned to hold the first meeting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 7.30pm in the library or via the online platform. This meeting is the 'budget' meeting where the P & C determine the priorities/targets for funding in 2025.**

### Faction Captains and Vice Captains

Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who have been elected to lead their Faction. We look forward to their leadership throughout 2025.

#### Marri (Gold)

Captains – Ruby Cuming, Joel Miller

Vice Captains – Madeleine Parker, Eli Carey

#### Banksia (Green)

Captains – Bridget Creese, Samuel McGoldrick

Vice Captains – Alice Rowe, Ethan Hopper

#### Jarrah (Red)

Captains – Alessia Di Pasquale, Aaron Di Pasquale

Vice Captains – Ivy Jones, Tom Wilson

#### Tuart (Blue)

Captains – Indigo Meredith, Jamie Lehmann

Vice Captains – Violet Meredith, Otis Walker

### School Uniform

Our school uniform forms part of the very positive school culture we enjoy at Davallia Primary School. At this morning's assembly, I recognised the students for being in full school uniform. The approved school uniform can be purchased through Uniform Concepts who are the board approved uniform supplier. Please be aware, non-approved items of clothing do not form part of the school uniform. Please do not purchase items which can't be worn to school. A reminder only sleeper or stud earrings may be worn, no necklaces or chains and no nail polish please.

### Faction Fridays

Each Friday our school wears the Faction uniform to school.

This forms part of the Faction Competition and each student can earn points to the overall Faction tally. For Kindy students who do not attend school on Friday's, an alternate day will be arranged so they do not miss out!

### Kiss and Drive

Just a reminder the same operational rules apply in the mornings as it does in the afternoons. Parents are requested not to park in Kiss and Drive and not to exit your vehicles when using Kiss and Drive. **Should you have to exit your vehicle to help your children, then unfortunately, they are not ready to use this facility.** As the name states, simply Kiss your kids goodbye and drive away! Admin is always in attendance to support our students. Students may only exit the vehicle from the passenger side, on to the footpath. Thanks for your attention to this.

In the afternoons, plan to stagger your arrival at school. It is unworkable for most parents to attend school at 3.10pm. **You will be asked to do a loop should your child not be present by the time you reach bay number one.** A good strategy is to park up along Davallia Road and join the queue at 3.15 pm.

If your late to collect your child, and they are not at Kiss and Drive when you arrive, please park your vehicle and attend the office.

Final reminder – on Wednesdays we have two waves of Kiss and Drive at 2.45pm and then again at 3.10pm. If you are collecting your child from the under covered area, please do not park in Kiss and drive.

Kiss and Drive operational pamphlet is attached to this newsletter.

## Principal's Message Continued

### Early Close

Our school utilises an early close at 2.45pm each Wednesday. As a courtesy for parents, we provide supervision in the new under cover area between 2.45pm and 3.10pm for students who are registered through the front office. At 3.10pm students are dismissed from the undercover area in the same way they are dismissed from their classroom. Please plan with your children, to ensure they understand what to do or where to go at the end of the day should you be running late. Kindy and Pre-Primary students will not be dismissed but will be held until you arrive. If you are late, you may find your children will be waiting in the front office.

### In-term Swimming – Sorrento Beach

Our Years 4-6 students had the best way to start the school year with 8 days of swimming instruction at Sorrento Beach. They have been outstanding in the way they have fully participated in all lessons and shown the utmost respect to their swimming instructors. They have had it all, blistering hot weather, cool overcast and windy days, fights with blue bottles and the struggle to put underwear on wet bodies! But they have survived! A huge thank you to the Sorrento Surf Lifesaving Club who always have watchful eyes on our students, the staff who attend to support and our amazing EA's who also at times, are in the water with the students.



### Boardies Day – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Speaking of Sorrento Surf Lifesavings Club, each year we like to do a small gold coin fundraiser to support the club, who watch over Davallia whilst at the beach. Next Thursday, we encourage all students to 'show us your boardies' by wearing them to school and bringing along a gold coin donation. So, come on Davallia, 'Show us your boardies'! Thanks for your support in advance. Staff and parents too, can show off their best and brightest boardies and bring along a gold coin donation to raise money for a good cause.



## Principal's Message Continued

### Parking Around the School

Parents are asked to respect our neighbours and refrain from parking on verges without express permission. Attached is the City of Joondalup's Parking Brochure, which highlights the dos and don'ts of parking around the school. Our School Value of Respect is expected to be actioned in this regard.

Looking forward to an awesome school year.

Have a great fortnight and happy Valentine's Day!

**John O'Neill**  
Principal



**Fun Fact Answer** – Miss Anna Burke, Miss Stella Burke, Miss Bianca Pickering and Mrs Tanneal Burch are all past students here at Davallia PS.

### School Operational Times

School times are as follows:

Monday to Friday

<b>8.40 am</b>	<b>Classrooms Open</b>	<b>Students arrive at school, attend class and ready for the day</b>
8.55 am	Period 1	Siren sounds for the start of the day
9.40 am	Period 2	
10.25 am	Period 3	
<b>11.10 am</b>	<b>Recess</b>	<b>Siren Sounds (20 min recess time)</b>
11.30 am	Period 4	Siren sounds and children return to class
11.50 am	Period 5	
<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Siren Sounds (40 min lunch time)</b>
1.40 pm	Period 6	Siren Sounds and children return to class
2.25 pm	Period 7	
<b>3.10 pm</b>	<b>School Concludes</b>	

**NB: Each Wednesday the school closes at 2.45pm**

### **Help Traffic Wardens Needed– Are you interested? Do you know someone who may be interested?**

Currently the Traffic Warden State Management Unit of the WA Police Force are experiencing a significant shortage in traffic wardens and are unable to fill vacant positions, including here on Davallia Road.

A number of years ago, I would man the crosswalk in the absence of a Traffic Warden, however, I was informed it was illegal for me to do so as only a trained Traffic Warden or a Police Officer is legally permitted to stop traffic.

## *Associate Principal's Message*

### **Sunshine Days**

Welcome back and welcome aboard to all our new Davallians. I am amazed by how much our students have grown and changed since last December. Our Year Sixes really look like school leaders and our new Kindy kids seem so ready for school. The Year Ones, who were last year down in the ECE building, look completely at home with the primary setting and the Year Threes are very comfortable moving across the school to the big oval and all the associated play equipment.

I've made an effort to get around and see lots classes in action and I am so impressed with how well everyone has settled in. It has been a great start to 2025.

How could anyone complain about the start to 2025 our Year Four, Fives and Sixes are having? What a way to start your first eight days back at school, down at the beach having a swim and learning about beach safety. The weather has alternated between glorious and awful, but the children have persevered and are proving they have the qualities we celebrate here at Davallia, resilience and doing your best.

Lucky as we are to live in beautiful Western Australia so close to so many incredible beaches, learning how to be safe in these environments is so crucial. These beach swimming lessons serve to remind us also about preparing ourselves and our children for venturing out into the summer weather. We constantly remind the children to get into the habit of slopping on the sunscreen before heading off for the day. We provide sunscreen in each classroom and children are encouraged to use it any time during the day. We know our diligent parents are doing their bit too, before the school day, smothering their children in sunscreen, preparing for a day of sun exposure. During beach swimming lessons this particularly important as well as providing the students with sun proof rash vests.

Back at school the 'No Hat, No Play' rule is being reinforced with children spending their play breaks under cover if they don't have a hat. I have three or four hats to choose from in my office. With my hair 'style' I know I'm at huge risk under the sun without one. These days when I look in the mirror and can see the accumulated sun damage, I am reminded of why I should have worn a hat when I was at school. We didn't know any better back then.

We will do our best at school, but being 'Sun Smart' starts in the home. The habits we teach and model for our children will be with them for life. My own kids would frown at how I carried on as a child and will never experience the sunburn that I endured for a tan that soon faded. I can only hope the damage I did will remain just reminders in the mirror. I don't wish to join the growing number of my peers having to frequently go under the surgeon's knife.

If only we'd known back then, there's no such thing as a healthy tan.

***Mr Mark Leaning***  
***Associate Principal***

## Associate Principal's Message

### Crunch and Sip

Did you know that at Davallia PS classes have Crunch & Sip at some point throughout the school day? Crunch & Sip is a great opportunity for students to add more water, fruit and vegetables into their diet. Not only that, but it also helps students perform better in class by keeping them hydrated and fuelled with energy to concentrate.

<https://ParentInfoCrunch&Sip.pdf>

Have you ever thought about adding vegetables to chocolate muffins? Well, click on the link below for a recipe for tasty and healthy Chocolate Zucchini Muffins. Perhaps you could try these for recess next week!

<https://ChocZucMuffins.pdf>

#### Re-fuel with Crunch&Sip®

Crunch&Sip® is a set break within class time for kids to crunch on vegetables or fruit brought from home, and rehydrate with water.



While most students eat enough fruit, only 1 in 16 get enough vegies every day.

Crunch&Sip® breaks are a great opportunity to boost the vegies so make sure you pack them often. Try for variety by packing vegies in a range of colours and encourage kids to crunch on new foods.

Students who eat vegies and fruit more frequently tend to perform better in the classroom, so these breaks are a win for students, parents and teachers.



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#### Foods allowed for Crunch&Sip®

Crunch&Sip® is a break that encourages kids to reach for vegies, fruits and water to refuel in the classroom. Support these healthy behaviours by only providing foods from the "Allowed" list below.

✓ ALLOWED	✗ NOT ALLOWED
✓ Raw or fresh vegies	✗ Dips, jams, or jellies
✓ Cooked vegies	✗ Processed fruit products (straps, roll-ups, bars)
✓ Raw or fresh fruit	✗ Vegie or potato crisps or chips
✓ Tinned fruit in water or juice only	✗ Baked goods (pies, cakes, fritters, quiches)
✓ Dried Fruit - in limited amounts	✗ Grain snacks (popcorn, crackers)
✓ Water	✗ Any drinks other than plain water

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## School Notices

### Chaplain's Corner

Welcome to the start of a new school year at Davallia!

A special welcome to all the new students, you will love our school.

Hope you all had a great holiday and are feeling rested and excited to start a new year of learning and are ready to experience new opportunities.

One of Davallia's School Values is perseverance. It means to do your best. We encourage all students to persevere and do their best in all that is offered at Davallia. This is not only a school value but it is also a significant valuable life skill. Studies show that children who learn to persevere through challenges can grow into adults who are well-equipped to handle life's ups and downs.

I hope this year brings you new adventures in learning, that you grow to reach new heights and that you reach your full potential.



**Mrs Carolina**

**Chaplain (Monday & Thursday)**

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“Let us remember: one book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world”.  
Malala Yousafzai



**Term 1, 2025 Calendar**  
**Free online parent workshops**



**Facilitated by school psychologist consultants with the Department of Education WA**

The Triple P and Child and Parent Centre teams are excited to offer a series of free workshops for families, hosted live online.

### What is Triple P?

The Triple P - Positive Parenting Program gives parents and carers ideas and strategies to help their child develop the skills and behaviours they need for a healthy childhood. To learn more about Triple P, visit the [Education in WA](#) website. If you would like to register for face-to-face workshops, please visit the [Triple P in WA](#) website and search for upcoming sessions by location. Parents can also access a range of Triple P Online programs for free.

### What is a Child and Parent Centre?

Child and Parent Centres support families across WA through a range of early learning programs, maternal and health services, and child support activities. Visit [Child and Parent Centres Western Australia](#) to view centre locations and enquire about programs.

### How to register

Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register for a workshop in the series.

You will receive email confirmation and a link to join, with a reminder prior to the workshop. We would recommend downloading the [Webex app](#) ahead of the workshop for the best experience. Please note that these webinars are unable to be recorded.



## School Notices

Workshop	Date and Time
<p><b>Spending Time Apart (pre-schoolers)</b> All children have to learn to cope with temporary separations from their caregivers. Shyness around new people and anxiety about separation is common in pre-schoolers. This session will help you teach your child to be comfortable around others and calmly separate from you, into the care of another trusted adult or caregiver.</p>	<p>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 8.00pm – 10.00pm</p>
	<p><b>Power Hour: Lunchtime Session</b> (a condensed, impactful session designed for lunchtime learning) Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 12.00pm – 1.00pm</p>
<p><b>Learning to use the toilet (toddlers and pre-schoolers)</b> Teaching children to use the toilet independently can be challenging for parents. This workshop will provide tips on when your child may be ready, the skills needed to use the toilet, and some common behavioural issues related to using the toilet. This workshop is suitable for parents of children with neurotypical development and does not address any medical problems related to using the toilet.</p>	<p>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 8.00pm – 10.00pm</p>
	<p><b>Power Hour: Lunchtime Session</b> (a condensed, impactful session designed for lunchtime learning) Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 12.00pm – 1.00pm</p>
<p><b>Doing well in high school (children who have started secondary school)</b> A major challenge for parents of teenagers is knowing how to encourage them to make the most of their time at school. This workshop will help you teach your child key skills as they transition into high school: developing self-discipline, problem-solving, getting involved in school activities, following school rules, having supportive friends, attendance, and study habits.</p>	<p>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 7.00pm – 9.00pm</p>
<p><b>The power of positive parenting (under 12 years)</b> Children of all ages need a safe, secure and loving environment to do well. This seminar will discuss children's behaviour, how to create a safe, interesting and positive learning environment, how to use assertive discipline, and taking care of yourself as a parent.</p>	<p>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm – 9.00pm</p>
<p><b>Promoting digital wellbeing (pre-teen and teens 10-16 years)</b> One of the challenges for parents is knowing how to monitor and manage their teenager's use of technology, such as the internet, websites, social media, smart phones and other communication devices. This workshop will help you set rules and appropriate limits to encourage responsible, safe use of these evolving opportunities.</p>	<p>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm – 9.00pm</p>
<p><b>Fear-Less: Supporting children with anxiety (6-14 years)</b> Everyone feels anxious at times, even children and teenagers. But anxiety may cause distress and get in the way of life. This seminar will help parents to understand how anxiety works, how to manage your child's anxiety effectively and teach your child new coping skills.</p>	<p>Thursday 03<sup>rd</sup> April 7.00pm – 9.00pm</p>

## 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](mailto:duncraigoshc@careforkidswa.net.au)

