



Grow with Respect

The Davallian

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

This week, Mrs Lane's talented Year 2 students from A5 hosted our assembly. They taught us all about the months of the year, including the number of days in each month. They also taught us about which months go together to form our 4 seasons of Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring. Did you know that there are 6 seasons included in the Noongar Calendar? They are Birak, Bunuru, Djeran, Makuru, Djilba, and Kambarang. Well done A5 and Mrs Lane on a terrific assembly.



Lockdown Drill

During the week, our school went into lockdown. Although this was only a practise drill, the school was securely locked down with all entrances to classrooms, blocks, the library, staff room, ELC and Administration inaccessible. Our students were very mature throughout the drill. We will have further practise drills for other types of emergencies in the near future.

Enter/Exit Classrooms through Wet Area Doors.

Commencing next week, students in A, B and C blocks will now enter and exit classrooms through wet area doors. There will be no access to classrooms through their external doors. Please be aware that at 8.40am, chimes will be heard via the PA, informing students and parents that classrooms are open.

Before School Supervision

Please remind your children to come to the old undercover area if they arrive at school before 8:40am. We request that parents support us with this and join their children in the undercover area. It is where the 'cool kids' hang out, after all. For every parent that decides to wait outside the buildings, another child will assume it is okay. We can't provide supervision in these areas and have had plenty of experience with the kinds of consequences, some quite serious, of accidents that occur without teachers being present.

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Principal's Message (continued)

In-Term Swimming Lessons Weeks 7 & 8 A1 and PP3

Over the past two weeks, it has been an absolute pleasure to attend swimming lessons with PP3 and A1. As a School Principal, I could not be any more proud of these students. They participated in full, showed outstanding perseverance and had the most beautiful manners extended to their swimming instructors, each other and our bus driver. Well done A1 and PP3, you have certainly set a high standard for the rest of the PP – Year 3 students when they attend in Weeks 9 & 10.



With Sympathy

It is with great sadness I inform the community of the passing of Mrs Margaret Leaning. Our thoughts are with Mark, Lorraine and family during this very difficult time. The school has responded on behalf of the staff, students and community of Davallia Primary School.

Ride to School Day – Friday 21st March

Last Friday, we held a very successful Ride to School Day with over 220 students opting to ride to school. Mr Warner was extremely pleased with the support the community has given to this day. Well done Davallia!



Fun Fact

Do you know which staff member is also a qualified tradesman? Find the answer later in the newsletter.

Our P & C Needs Your Support

Many things would just not happen around Davallia PS without the support of our P & C. This includes things like discos, Family Fun Night, Lunch Orders, BBQ's and ice-cream days just to name a few.

Unfortunately, a number of our active P & C members, including our current President, will be completing their time at Davallia PS this year, as their children graduate and enter high school. Our P & C would like to have some succession planning in place, so new people to P & C roles have an opportunity to work side by side with the existing P & C member. This way, people are able to share their knowledge, provide advice and guidance and that new members are not overwhelmed trying to work out what, why and how things happen.

Principal's Message (continued)

Currently, there are two roles the P & C are still looking to fill:

- **Petty cash officer** - collecting cash from cake stalls and fundraisers, tallying, and redistributing to the uniform shop, creating floats for future events or banking. In this role you will liaise directly with the treasurer and assistant treasurer.
- **Cake stall coordinator** – providing the assembly class rep with relevant information on running the stall, checking utensils and stock of serviettes etc (once per each term) and liaising with the class rep coordinator. Coordinating the annual faction carnival cake stall with the fundraising committee.

There is no need to attend meetings in either of these roles, but you would be most welcome!

Both of these roles should take no more than 1hr every fortnight.

If you would like to discuss further please reach out to: Vice President davalliapspc.vicepresident@gmail.com or President davalliapspc.principal@gmail.com

Have a great fortnight!

John O'Neill
Principal

Fun Fact Answer – Mr Lee is also a qualified Plumber

School Operational Times

School times are as follows:

Monday to Friday

8.40 am

**Classrooms Open Students arrive at school,
attend class and ready for the day**
Siren sounds for the start of the day

8.55 am Period 1
9.40 am Period 2
10.25 am Period 3

11.10 am **Recess**
11.30 am Period 4
11.50 am Period 5

Siren Sounds (20 min recess time)
Siren sounds and children return to class

1.00 pm **Lunch**
1.40 pm Period 6
2.25 pm Period 7

Siren Sounds (40 min lunch time)
Siren Sounds and children return to class

3.10 pm

School Concludes

NB: Each Wednesday the school closes at 2.45pm

School Notices

Chaplain's Corner

Davallia, we are well over halfway through Term 1. NAPLAN is over and swimming lessons are in full swing, so I want to wish the students participating all the best!

At Davallia, students are encouraged and empowered by all staff to make good responsible decisions. This is important as it has a direct positive impact on the school's environment and student's wellbeing. One of the ways Davallia supports students is by upholding and providing school values, such as Respect. The School Values provide the students guidance for decision making at school. As a parent, I know that decision making for children is an important skill to develop. At times, decision making may be challenging, as peer pressure is something that children may face. As parents, staff and a school community, we can support children to make responsible decisions. Teaching, guiding and encouraging them as they develop their decision-making skills is vital.

You can do this by:

- Being patient and giving children time to think.
- Helping them to understand the consequences of their choices.
- Allowing children to practice making choices.
- Role playing is an effective and fun way for children to see and learn all about decision making.
- Praise children throughout their progress.
- Lead by example.

Decision making is important as it is one of the best ways to help children build independence and confidence.

Mrs Carolina
Davallia School Chaplain
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“Making good decisions is a crucial skill at every level”. Peter Drucker.

School Notices (continued)

Kindy Kids Get Messy!

Our Kindy students had lots of fun with the Muddy Gully Incursion. They were able to play with natural clay, use their fine motor skills, be creative and get messy in this nature based program. Thank you to the parents that were able to come along and help, we think they had fun too!

It was also fabulous to see the Kindy kids get involved in the Ride to School day—those decorated helmets were amazing!



P&C News

From Our Wonderful P&C

On behalf of the P&C I want to welcome our new 2025 committee! They have kicked off the year with a flying start and I hope you have seen some of the events and changes they are already implementing on behalf of the P&C.

I also wanted to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers, who have committed their time this term to assist at the various events, including assembly cake stalls, election sausage sizzle and the Ride To School stand! Your help and generosity ensure the P&C events run smoothly.

There are always plenty of opportunities for helpers, if you can volunteer look out for the posts in the [P&C Facebook page](#) or email the Fundraising Team davalliapspc.fundraisers@gmail.com. Right now the team are coordinating the end of term 'Hot Cross Bun morning tea', to be distributed to K1 & K2 Monday 7 April and all other classes Friday 11 April. Please let the team know if you are available to pack and distribute the HCB orders on either morning.

HCB orders will strictly close midnight Thursday 3 April. Please help our volunteers out by ensuring you get your orders in on-time. They need time to go shopping over the weekend and purchase the correct quantities.

At the Budget Wishlist Meeting, held in Week 4, we voted to try and fund \$54k worth of submissions during 2025. We are proud to say we have already signed off on the ECE outdoor PE equipment, Neurominded workshops and ECE shade upgrade. To stay informed on P&C matters and to have your say, come along to the P&C meetings. The next meeting is Tuesday 1 April, 7:30pm in the School Library.

Neroli Ridgewell
P&C President

Sustainability Tip of the Week



Last Friday was Ride 2 School Day.

Riding to school doesn't just have to be a once off! Did you know, if you rode to and from school instead of driving just one day a week for a year, you could save over 45kg* of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions? That's the weight of 10 bowling balls!
(Estimate based on a diesel SUV driving a 3km return trip/day)

Tip courtesy of Tess (P&C Sustainability Coordinator)
Got a sustainability tip you'd like to share with the community?
Email davalliapspc.sustain@gmail.com



K1 & K2: Monday 7th April
All other classes: Friday 11th April

HOT CROSS BUN MORNING TEA

\$2.50

Traditional
Fruitless
Chocolate

\$3.00

GF Traditional
GF Chocolate

\$1

Water
Apple Juice
Apple & Blackcurrant Juice
Tropical Juice



Orders Close Midnight 3rd April
<https://davalliapspc.square.site/s/shop>



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





Autumn Vacation Care Program at Duncraig OSHC

Daily Care from as low as \$9.80*

	Monday 14 April NINJA ACADEMY OSBORNE PARK <i>Excursion</i>	Tuesday 15 April LEGO MASTERS <i>In day</i>	Wednesday 16 April FIRE DEPARTMENT VISIT <i>Incursion</i>	Thursday 17 April EASTER CRAFTS <i>In day</i>	Friday 18 April GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
WEEK ONE	<p>Join us for an exciting excursion to Ninja Academy! Conquer obstacle courses, improve ninja skills and have a blast in a fun, safe environment.</p> <p><i>Departure: 9:30am Return: 11:30am Cost: \$30.00**</i></p> 	<p>Build, create and explore at our LEGO in day! Enjoy building amazing structures, solving challenges and letting your imagination run wild!</p> 	<p>Learn about fire safety, meet real life fire-fighters and explore the equipment used in the fire trucks.</p>  <p><i>Start: 10:30am Finish: 1:30pm</i></p>	<p>Hop into creativity this Easter! Make some beautiful Easter suncatchers, design colourful eggs, create clay crafts and more.</p> 	
WEEK TWO		<p>Join us for a Constable Care Safety School excursion. Learn virtual road safety skills through interactive activities – empowering you to stay safe on the roads.</p> <p><i>Departure: 9:30am Return: 12:30pm Cost: \$30.00**</i></p> 	<p>Bring your scooters, bikes or skateboards and cruise around showing off your skills. Don't forget to bring your safety gear. We will also be making some yummy pizzas to enjoy together.</p> 	<p>Celebrate ANZAC Day with us! Share family stories, make poppy bookmarks, bake ANZAC biscuits, write letters and create a flower wreath to remember our fallen heroes.</p> 	

*The government subsidy covers up to 90% of your fees, including incursions and excursions!

 We are open: 7.00am to 6.00pm

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A FEW REMINDERS

- ✓ Please bring SunSmart clothing, hat and enclosed shoes.
- ✓ Please bring a packed healthy lunch and water bottle. (We are an Allergy Aware Service)
- ✓ Two-weeks notice is required for cancellations, however we can provide swap days if available.