FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

We had a wonderful week of entertainment, forums and student activities last week. The parent iPad workshop on Wednesday was very informative and well attended. The focus of the workshop was on the technical side of iPads and included topics such as restrictions, setting up iPads so they are easily managed and app updates. Many thanks to Tamara Doig for organising and presenting this workshop. A lot of preparation goes into ensuring that our parent forums are informative and meet parent needs.

Last Thursday, all the Year 3 students went along to the Writers Festival and enjoyed listening to various authors talk about their writing. Our students find this experience to be of great benefit to their personal writing as they are able to pick up from the authors their tips and ideas. Writing for an audience is a particular perspective that our students gain from the Writer’s Festival. Many thanks to Lynn Bright and the Year 3 teachers for organising this educational excursion.

I attended a North Metropolitan Principal’s Briefing on Thursday which included an address by the Director General of Education, Ms Sharyn O’Neill. I was pleased to hear her talk about the need for collaboration amongst teachers so they can reflect upon and examine their own teaching practices. The model of professional growth that we have initiated at Dalkeith Primary School this year is based on exactly those principles.

It was affirming for me to see that DPS is in line with current research and thinking around teacher professional growth.

On Friday we were very privileged to enjoy the energetic performance of a group of very talented dancers and musicians from the Yaolin Kung Fu Association. They performed the Lion Dance in honour of Chinese New Year. The dancers interacted with the children which caused great excitement! Many thanks to the Yaolin Kung Fu Association for their amazing performance and Jane and Jason Stein for sponsoring this wonderful event for the school.

Last Friday we welcomed new parents to Dalkeith Primary School with a morning tea and a ‘meet and greet’ in the staffroom. It was lovely to see so many new and enthusiastic parents attend. We hope you have a wonderful year at Dalkeith Primary School. Thank you to Jodie Winnett and the P&C for organising the morning tea.

Next Tuesday, 1st March, the Minister for Education, Hon Peter Collier, will be visiting Dalkeith Primary School. The purpose of his visit is to get an overview of our school and see some of our wonderful programs in action. He will be meeting with teaching staff, School Board and P&C representatives and of course the students. We look forward to the Minister’s visit and the opportunity to show case Dalkeith Primary School.

Suzanne Pekin
Principal

Perth Writers Festival
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (PBS)

This year we are introducing ‘hooRRRahs’ as a reward for students who are demonstrating the expected behaviours of Respect, Resilience and Responsibility of our school.

The hooRRRah tickets are given to deserving students. These are placed in boxes in the classroom and collected by the student leaders before our fortnightly hooRRRah assemblies. Three tickets are drawn and each winner receives 10 points for their house, the teacher who awarded the hooRRRah also receives 5 points for their nominated house.

In addition, each fortnight we will have a focus on one area of expected behaviours that we all demonstrate. Classroom teachers will award students a hooRRRah certificate to those who are seen to be consistently following the focus expected behaviours. See below for an example of a fortnightly focus. Certificate recipients are awarded a point for their house. The winning house at the end of the term will be rewarded.

Below is the whole school focus for the fortnight.

RESPECT IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

- Wear your school uniform with pride
- Walk quietly on paths and verandahs
- Move with your class
- Use quiet voices in working areas
- Speak positively
- Accept other’s differences
- Be polite and courteous to everyone
- Keep the environment clean and tidy

We will be asking for feedback on the expected behaviour matrix and the PBS program from the community early next term.

Thank you for your support with this initiative.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS – HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

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An example of our hooRRRah tickets
SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY

Come and join our School Board and learn about the policies and procedures that shape your child’s learning, and see what goes on behind-the-scenes at one of WA’s most successful independent schools.

Our School Board oversees the development of the school’s three year business plan and ensures the school is meeting academic, financial and social targets. We also run strategic projects that help contribute to the achievement of the school’s strategic goals.

Our board consists of ten representatives:

- three parent/guardians of students (voted in by the parent/guardian community for a three year term);
- three staff members (voted in by the staff for a three year term); and
- four community members (seconded to the board for terms of one year to provide specialist expertise in their chosen field).

We currently have a parent representative position available. Due to experience of our current Board members, and in light of the strategic plans we have in place, we are seeking nominations from people with one or more of the following skills:

- legal expertise, and/or
- marketing/public relations expertise.

Previous Board experience is helpful but not essential. It is the intent of the Board to have gender balance and men are encouraged to apply.

The Board meets twice per term on a Wednesday afternoon.

If you are interested in nominating for this position, please email Julianne Allan, Board Chair at julesallan2@bigpond.com by Friday 4th March or call 0419 969 675 for more information.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kindy Red and Kindy Blue have been inspired by “Sculptures by Dalkeith” and we have decided to make our own Kindy sculpture to display in our classroom. The children are busily creating a life size Chinese Dragon. We have already begun painting the body!
Thank you to those parents making use of our Kiss & Drop – we appreciate your cooperation and support.

The Kiss & Drop Zone is clearly marked and is a ‘no parking’ area between the hours of 7:30-9:00am and 2:30-4:00pm.

A few hints to make the Kiss & Drop safer and smoother zone for all involved.

- Move as far as you can to the top end of the zone before allowing your child to enter or exit the car.
- Please ensure your children exit the car on the footpath side of the road.
- To keep the traffic flowing please keep your car engine running while your children disembark or get into the car.
- Staff are there to assist with younger children at pick up; be patient and do not leave your car. Your child’s bag will be put in the car with them.
- Remind your child to move quickly after school has finished to the entrance at the Kiss & Drop Zone waiting area.
- Remind your child to stay near the Kiss & Drop Zone until you arrive.
- Consider arriving at 3:15 or 3:20 if possible - to alleviate some congestion.
- Do not wait in line over the Adelma Rd intersection – do some circuits until space is available.

Thank you for your consideration.

The Kiss & Drop Crew.

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 24th February
Board Meeting 3.15pm

Friday 26th February
Room 12 Assembly

Monday 29th February to Friday 11th March inclusive
Beach Swimming Years 5 and 6

Monday 7th March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 16th March
House Swimming Carnival

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

Thank you to those families that have already paid their 2016 Contributions and Charges. For those wishing to pay
Payments can be made via Cash, Cheque, EFTPOS or Direct Deposit to the school bank account.

Account Name: Dalkeith Primary School
BSB #: 066 105  Account #: 00900010
CATCH A WALKING SCHOOL BUS

A Walking School Bus is a great way for children to walk to and from school in a fun, safe and easy way. Following community interest last year, we are ready to launch our very first ‘bus’ after consultation with the City of Nedlands.

What is a Walking School Bus?

A Walking School Bus is a group of students, with adult supervision, walking along a set route between their homes and school. Children can join the Walking School Bus at points along the route, near their homes or they can be taken to a collection point to commence the walk. Students from pre-primary to year 6 are welcome to join. We ask that students in pre-primary or year 1 are accompanied by a parent or carer.

We need you!

If you live within 1-2 km of school then the Walking School Bus is ideal for you. Let your child be part of the fun! And you can too – as a volunteer. Dalkeith Primary School will start with one route on Friday mornings to start with then progress to other routes depending on how many parents volunteer to be a leader.

The first proposed route will be starting at Masons Gardens>Goldsmith Rd>Roberts Rd then along either Leon Rd or Waratah Rd>Circe Circle. The second proposed route will start at Melvista Ave near Mountjoy Rd>Mountjoy Rd>Davies Rd>Circe Circle. A third route is under consideration starting on Hobbs Ave near Pardadote Lane. All routes are currently being audited and tested so changes may occur before we get underway.

Supervision

The ‘bus’ is accompanied by at least two trained volunteers. A volunteer can be a parent or carer, interested in helping children get to school.

Benefits of the Walking School Bus

- Children arrive at school more alert and ready to learn.
- Encourages healthy lifestyles and exercise.
- Children and parents get to meet others in their community.
- Children gain skills to safely walk to school.
- Reduces traffic around the school.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer

Please come along to a parent workshop on Wednesday 9th March at 8:50am in the library. City of Nedlands officer Christie Downie will conduct an information session on the Walking School Bus for interested parents. Please RSVP by email to Tamara Doig, Deputy Principal or Michelle Parsons, DPS Walking School Bus parent representative.

Tamara.doig@education.wa.edu.au
michelle.v.parsons@bigpond.com
Dalkeith Primary school’s P&C had their annual AGM and first meeting of the year on Wednesday. It was great to see some new faces come along to get involved. The office bearers for 2016 are as follows:

- **President**: Jodie Winnett
- **Vice President**: Riona Johnston
- **Treasurer**: Susanna Gallagher
- **Secretary**: Tracey McMahon
- **School Board Representative**: Thirza Feutrill
- **Uniform shop**: Elissa Everingham
- **Fundraising Co-ordinators**: Nastasya Chan and Sharon Marron
- **Grounds Committee**: Shane Anderson
- **Kindergarten Representatives**: Rachael Criddle and Nicole Jameson
- **P & C Newsletter**: Susy Hyde

We are all very excited about working together this year to continue raising money to help our amazing school to continue providing our children with high quality educational experiences. To this end we have started to plan our fundraising initiatives for the year and intend to get started this term.

**ENJO TOWEL FUNDRAISER**: This fantastic fundraising idea has come to our attention. This is very exciting as I know first-hand that these tea towels ACTUALLY absorb water!! Have a read of the flyer at the end of the P&C news. The order form is also included so please fill it out and email it to mich.jay.w@gmail.com no later than Friday 11th March.

**FAMILY PICNIC**: The annual Dalkeith PS Family Picnic is on Sunday 13 March and starts at 4pm. It is a great afternoon to relax and have fun on the school oval with other DPS families. Bring along a plate of nibbles with your favourite beverage and catch up with old friends and get to know new families to the community.

There will be entertainment for the kids, sausage sizzle and drinks, lucky dips, raffle tickets, and much more.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**KIDS CARD DESIGNS FUNDRAISER**: We had a huge positive response to the Kids Card Design products last year and there have been many requests for us to run it again. For those of you who are new to the school or have just moved up from Kindy, Kids Card Designs use artwork produced by the children to create a variety of products from greeting cards to iphone and ipad cases. There are lots of choices which are great options for birthday presents and a fantastic choice for our grandmothers with mother’s day coming up.

The products are of a very high quality and a great way to raise money for our school. You can use a favourite piece of art that you already have at home, create a new one or use a much loved photograph. I will be distributing booklets and order forms to all classes from PP to year 6 in the next week and will provide more information in the next newsletter.

**BOOT SWAP**: With winter sports looming we’ll all be pulling out the footy, hockey and soccer boots to realise the children have grown out of them AGAIN!

Don’t rush out and buy new ones just yet. As we all know our children grow out of these things long before they wear out so we thought we’d organize a Dalkeith boot swap. Watch this space for more information over the coming weeks and get all your boots cleaned up ready to go for week 9.
The Dalkeith P & C are running a T-Towel drive.

The T-Towels on Offer are one of ENJO’s most popular products and are very highly rated by those who have tried them before. Softer, greener and more absorbent than its cotton counter parts, the combination of bamboo and cotton fibre dries dishes, cutlery, glasses, cookware and more.

There are 4 stylish colours to choose from. Yellow, grey, red and green chevron adding a nice touch to any kitchen. The high quality T-Towel is priced at a very reasonable $15 each.

For every T-towel sold, $3 will be raised, and as an added bonus for every 250 T-Towels sold $300 worth of Enjo products will be donated by Michelle, our local ENJO consultant to either raffle or can be used as a silent auction.

Please return forms and payment to the office by FRIDAY the 11 th of MARCH

For further information contact Michelle - 0433659604 or mich.jay.w@gmail.com
ENJO Bamboo Kitchen T-Towel Fundraiser Drive

Softer, greener and more absorbent than its cotton counterparts, the combination of bamboo and cotton fibre dries dishes, cutlery, glasses, cookware and more. Available in grey, red, yellow, $15 each.

Total number of T-Towels purchased:

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Total amount of money received: $
**Community News**

**John XXIII College Open Day – Saturday 12th March, 9.00am to 12.00pm**

Tours every half hour from 9.00am to 11.30am. Enquiries (08) 9383 0400 www.johnxxiii.edu.au

The Drama Club - Drama Classes

Ages 6 – 16 yrs. Contact Alee 0416 166 013. www.intothemask.com

**Nedlands Rugby Club**

Nedlands Rugby Union Club is proud to be joint winners of the 2015 Steve Fink Award for WA’s best junior rugby club. We look forward to another fantastic season in 2016 and would love you to join us!

We welcome players for:

- Our junior teams from under-6s to under-15s
- Our new girls sevens under-14 and under-17 teams
- Our cubs program for kids aged between 3 and 5 years

Neddies is taking registrations for the upcoming 2016 season. 2016 junior player registrations can be made online at www.nedlandsrugby.com.au or at the club (Charles Court Reserve, Nedlands Foreshore) once training starts 3 March on Thursdays from 5-6pm. At Neddies, we offer the following:

- A family friendly environment
- Experienced coaches
- Great clubrooms, training and playing facilities
- End of season trips including travelling to Singapore for the international Centaurs tournament
- A pathway to Perth’s most successful senior club – in 2015 Neddies won the Premier Grade, Reserve Grade and Colts premiership flags and the Premier Club Champion award
- Social events for parents including the Neddies Christmas Party and Rugby 101 for Mums!

If you would like more information about the Neddies Juniors, please contact President Josh Mylne at juniors@nedlandsrugby.com.au or 0458490905 or visit Neddies Juniors on Facebook.

**Minkey 2016**

Hookin2Hockey (otherwise known as Minkey) is a modified version of hockey for children in Years 1 to 4. Minkey is played on Saturday mornings at College Park, with Wolves. Years 1 and 4 play at 9am and Years 2 and 3 play at 10.15. The game season commences on May 7th and concludes on August 13th with a break for long weekend and school holidays.

Each player will need a hockey stick, shin pads and a mouth guard, and each team will require a parent volunteer Coach and each year group a Manager. School Uniform is worn as the kit.

This year Wolves are introducing a new Kindy/PP session to be held at 9am. This will be skills-based only with some small match play at the end of each session. These Kindy/PP sessions will be run by Wolves players.

If your child would like to play, please register at http://www.wolves.org.au/home/ from the homepage, click “About”, and on the right hand side of the page you will see a link titled “Hookin2Hockey”.

Please register before 24th March 2016. If you would like further information or would like to volunteer for a Coach or Manager role please contact Eileen McCaffrey on eileenmc@iinet.net.au.

**Sacramental Program Enrolment**

For children who are interested in enrolling in the sacramental program for Holy Communion this year at Our Lady Star of the Sea, there is an enrolment form attached to this newsletter.
Enrolment form for Sacraments 2016

Reconciliation (year 3+)

Eucharist (year 4+)

Confirmation (year 6+)

CHILD’S NAME:

DATE OF BIRTH:

ADDRESS: _________________________________________________________________

FATHER’S NAME:

MOTHER’S NAME:

PARENT’S EMAIL:

HOME NUMBER:

MOBILE:

SCHOOL:

ACADEMICAL YEAR:

Enrolment Day - Wednesday 9th March between 3pm to 5:30pm at Cottesloe Parish Hall- 2McNeil St Peppermint Grove.

Commitment Family Mass - any of the following: Corpus Christi Church- Mosman Park on 12th March at 5:30pm and 13th March at 8:30am

St Mary Star of the Sea Church—Cottesloe on 13th March at 10:00am and 5:00pm

$40 Contribution to cover the expenses

# please bring a copy of the Baptismal certificate of your child. #
Join & try Junior Rugby at Associates RUFC

ASSOCIATES represents the heart and soul of WA rugby with the strongest junior rugby program in the Western Suburbs. With one of the highest ongoing participation rates of any junior sport, it is testament that the enjoyment of the game & camaraderie with teammates is forever.

Register online
www.associatesrufc.com.au
or contact
Vicki Tinley (0417.957.595)

Associates Junior Rugby
- Teams from U7 to U17
- Dedicated Junior Academy Coach.
- Suits all body shapes and sizes.
- Zero contact at early ages.
- We promote a game that develops leader, ship, team spirit, courage, sportsmanship and friendship.
- Promote values and traditions that develop from the first time a young player shakes hands with that opposite number.
- “One club, one team & one community”
- U12 Premiers, U13 & U15 Grand Finalists 2015

Every registered Junior player gets a free ticket to every Western Force home game in 2018

Registrations are now open for Auskick and junior football.

Auskick caters for pre-primary to Grade 3, and Junior football caters for Grade 4 and beyond.

Rules are modified to be age appropriate and tackling rules are modified to keep the game safe and injury free.

Girls are also encouraged to come and play and will be welcomed onto the teams. Registration is simple and can be completed via the DNJFC website. Support local sport.

http://www.dnjfc.com/

Any queries please phone or txt Ian Dey 0408 866 223