The Kindy groups have been very busy looking after our special visitors “Living Eggs”. Whilst learning about the lifecycle of a hen, Kindy Blue and Kindy Red have watched eight eggs hatch into beautiful fluffy chicks.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been a very productive and exciting few weeks at Dalkeith with many wonderful school events happening.

The assembly last Friday was a fantastic exhibition of our student’s ability to be fine young actors and speak in Japanese at the same time! Their skits were very entertaining and had the audience in raptures. A big congratulations to the Year 6 class, Sensei Barndon and Nicole Hughes for ready for the assembly.

I would also like to congratulate all the honour certificate winners. I enjoyed hearing the positive comments written about them by their teachers. It tells me that our students work really hard to achieve high results and that our staff also work hard to ensure our students achieve their personal excellence. Congratulations also to the Digital Leaders who were announced on Friday. Well done to the students who will be assisting staff and students this semester with all their technology needs.

The Ride2School Event was an outstanding success and well supported by the students and parents. Many thanks to Sarah McCormick for organising this wonderful event for our school and many thanks also to The Mayor of Nedlands, Max Hipkins for joining in and being part of the Dalkeith Ride2School.
Thanks also to Mr Nicholas Thomas and Mrs Michelle Parsons who, on behalf of the FIVE GROUP, liaised with the City of Nedlands and the school to ensure the success of this event.

Further to the comments I included in the last newsletter with regards to the parent survey, I have included a graph this week that clearly shows the results of the parent responses.

Don't forget our Swimming Carnival this Friday. I am looking forward to a great day of fun and participation by all our students, staff, parents and community.

Parents—get your togs on and get ready because I think this year the Dalkeith staff intend to blow you out of the pool!

*Suzanne Pekin*

Principal

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**CELEBRATING SUCCESS**

Congratulations to everyone that received a Virtues Award for “Being Courteous”

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**PRE-PRIMARY NEWS**

This week in pre-primary they have been reading the book A Squash and Squeeze by Julia Donaldson. In order to help them understand how the old lady in the story felt they tried to squash and squeeze themselves into some very small spaces!
HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Friday March 20

The junior carnival will commence at 8.50am sharp therefore P-2 children will need to be at school at 8.30am. Please ensure that the children are dressed in their bathers and house shirt with sunscreen already applied. They are asked to bring their towels and water bottle into the pool area. Please note that recess will be at the conclusion of the carnival and no food is to be bought into the pool area or given to the students during the carnival. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. At the conclusion of the junior carnival students will return to their classrooms. P-2 students will come back down to the pool area to watch the final races and presentations.

The senior carnival will commence at 10.50 am – the year 3-6 students will have an early recess to accommodate the start time. Students may bring in their crunch and sip into the pool area. We are aiming to have the lunch break at the school’s regular lunch time 1.10 however this is dependent on the swimming program.

*My Canteen* lunch orders are available on Friday and a coffee van will be onsite from 8am.

Looking forward to a great day.

NICOLE HUGHES
Deputy Principal

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Principal Recruitment

The recruitment process for the new Principal of Dalkeith Primary has now been completed, and it is with much pleasure that I announce Ms Suzanne Pekin as the successful candidate. As many of you will know, Suzanne has already been acting in this role and so her appointment will mean a seamless transition for the school’s leadership team and also for the children and community.

Suzanne has experience as a classroom teacher in both primary and secondary schools, has extensive experience as a curriculum consultant and leader in regional WA, and was a Principal Consultant for the Southwest Region. Suzanne has also held Principal roles at Kirup PS, Goomalling PS and most recently, at West Northam PS.

Coupled with Dalkeith’s passionate and experienced team of teachers and leaders, Suzanne’s energy, knowledge and leadership skills will allow our school to experience challenges and set goals that have never been attempted before. The Board and P&C welcome Suzanne and look forward to working with her in maintaining and extending the excellent results that Dalkeith continues to achieve.

Business Plan

The staff and Board are currently developing the next three-year plan due to be published this year. This plan allows us to set some curriculum targets for the next three years, as well as develop milestones to meet our strategic themes of Successful Students, Excellence in Teaching and Leading, and Community Partnerships. If you have any comments or feedback you would like to contribute please feel free to contact us.

New Board Members

I would like to welcome Leanne Ikin and Thirza Feutrill as new members of our Board for 2015. At present, our Board consists of three parent representatives - Margie Livingston, Vivi Renner and myself; three community representatives - Peter Smith, Dr Jenny Lane and Thirza Feutrill (P&C); two staff representatives – Lisa Iannello and Leanne Ikin; and our Principal – Sue Pekin.

More information about the Board, including meeting dates and our contact details, can be found on the school’s website. Meetings are open to the community, and we would welcome you to attend at any time.

JULES ALLAN
School Board Chair

DALKEITH FACEBOOK

Keep updated with what is going on at Dalkeith Primary School. After scanning the QR code below it will take you to our page so you can ‘like’ it.
PARENT SURVEY

PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

The Australian Government Department of Education has mandated that all schools survey their community every two years. Dalkeith Primary School embraced this as an opportunity to understand what the community views and values. 104 of 255 families took the time to respond to the online survey and the school will use this data to reflect on areas of improvement in its strategic and operational planning for the next two years.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

Thank you to all our wonderful families who have already paid their fees for the year. So far we have collected around 70% and the monies are already being spent across the school to provide outstanding educational outcomes for your children.

The school office is open daily to receive payments between 8am and 4pm. You can also telephone us to pay via credit card.

We hope you will consider paying the fees prior to the end of term 1 to ensure the monies are available as required.

Any families who would like to make alternative payment plan arrangements can contact Marion on 9386 3710 during office hours.
To increase Autism awareness, understanding and empathy within our school community, we will be celebrating World Autism Awareness Day on Thursday the 2\textsuperscript{nd} of April. Approximately 1 in every 160 children is diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). It is very likely that you know someone within our school, your family or community who has Autism.

On Autism Awareness Day, each class will partake in play based games and experiences that will help them to understand the challenges that people with Autism face in everyday life. Please read the attached newsletter that gives further information about ASD and take this opportunity to speak to your child/ren about Autism and what they can do to embrace difference.

Visit:  

Our year 6 netball team participated in the 2015 Trials at Perth Netball Association. One player Eliana, has been selected to join the 2015 Perth Netball Association Development Squad for 12 years old.
This deserves a huge Congratulation's to Eliana as over 170 athletes participated in the trials and to be selected is just fantastic.

Eliana's whole team is so proud and happy for her and we all wish her the very best

It's time to JOIN THE TEAM! Visit www.play aflwa.com.au to find your local Football Development Officer in your area.

Friday 20 March - Ages 4 – 10 years from 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Friday 20 March – Ages 10 – 15 years from 7:30pm – 9:30pm

MUSIC – GAMES – BIG SCREEN – HUGE PRIZES & CANTEEN FACILITIES

Where: Wembley Community Centre, 40 Alexander Street WEMBLEY COST: $7.00 per child
NEDDIES RUGBY

The Nedlands Junior Rugby Club welcomes players for all junior grades from under 6's up for the upcoming 2015 season.

Register at www.nedlandsrugby.com.au or at the club at Charles Court Reserve, Nedlands Foreshore.

FOSTER CARE

It's important for children whose parents are unable to care for them to have a safe family to reside with. Helping us connect with families in your school community would make this a reality for more West Australian children. Please visit: www.keyassets.com.au for more information.