THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER
Kevin Vinsen – Science Day

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER
- P-2 Tennis 8:15 – 8:45am
- Virtues Assembly
- Year 6 Dancing

MONDAY 26 OCTOBER
- Positive Groove
- Year 6 sailing 12:30 – 3:00pm

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER
- Positive Groove

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER
School Board Meeting

FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER
- P-2 Tennis 8:15 – 8:45am
- Music Assembly
- World Teachers Day
- CBL Day
- Year 6 Dancing

MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER
- Year 6 Rottnest Camp 1 week
- Positive Groove
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 4 and our final term for the year! The year has passed very quickly and this term will be no exception. Our calendar is very full with exciting events and celebrations including the Year 6 camp to Rottnest, the Science Day with Kevin Vinsen, Positive Groove classes, Year 6 Graduation and the parent helper morning tea. All these events and many more can be found on our term planner which is attached to this newsletter. The planner will also be available on our website.

Before school last Friday, I was so thrilled to walk around the school and see all the amazing sporting activities on the go. On the oval we had a cricket clinic in action, on the courts there was basketball coaching and in the undercover area we began our first day of tennis coaching! It was very inspiring to see our students fully engaged in sporting activities before the classes. I would like to thank Libby Dyde for organising some of these activities and also the parents who volunteer their time to come along and coach our students. Well done everyone on a great team effort.

Another great team effort was to be seen on Saturday afternoon at our Kindy. The Kindy P&C organised a fund raising event which involved both a silent and live auction. I was very pleased to see so many parents there supporting relaxing in the sun and supporting our kindy. Well done to Sharon Marron and her team for organising this wonderful afternoon. We don’t have final figures yet, but I am told the event raised over $8000! What a superb effort! Parent donations such as these go a long way towards supplementing our educational programs and ensuring that we are able to provide the best resources for our students.

The first day back this term involved all our staff looking closely at our recent NAPLAN data and planning the way forward for 2016. It was a very intense but productive day as it allowed us to interrogate results and discuss what the results showed, why and where to next. The next step in the process is an operational planning day that is scheduled for Wednesday Week 3. Your child’s teacher might be out of the class on that day if they are part of the planning team. Our completed operational plans will be made available to parents via the website once they are finalised. I will also communicate NAPLAN results through a newsletter once we have presented our reports to the School Board next week.

The administration team are also currently looking at projected enrolments and class structures for next year. In this newsletter there is a note regarding parent preferences and requests. Please keep in mind that whilst we do our best to accommodate requests, it may not be possible to place your child according to your preferences.

I look forward to an exciting and jam-packed term!

Suzanne Pekin - Principal
2015 Virtues Award Winner - Term 3

Our Term 3 winner is a resilient student who strives for excellence in everything they do.

This child is inclusive, supportive and shows empathy towards their peers.

This upper school student shows a maturity beyond their years. They are a calm and compassionate student who takes initiative inside and outside the classroom.

His sense of humour and never-ending smile has helped him deal with recent challenges.

He is the epitome of the school virtues of RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND RESILIENCE.

The worthy recipient of the Dalkeith Rotary Club Virtues Award this term is

Preston K
2016 ENROLMENTS & FAMILIES LEAVING THE SCHOOL

As we begin our planning for next year, we would appreciate hearing from any families in years Kindergarten to Year 5 who will not be returning to Dalkeith PS in 2016. Please email the school on Dalkeith.ps@education.wa.edu.au.

As well, a reminder to our Kindergarten families that an Application for Enrolment needs to be lodged with the school administration for your child’s admission to Pre-primary in 2016.

SPORT CLINICS

This term is another busy term for sport. We have soccer clinics (after school Thursday 3.30-4.30), tennis clinics (PP-2) before school Friday, basketball clinics (during senior sport) even flippa ball clinics (during senior sport) occurring throughout the term.

CLASS PLACEMENTS

The school has commenced planning for the 2015 school year. Over the next few weeks we will begin placing students into classes for next year.

Class placement procedures follow a three-stage process where the academic, health and social/emotional needs of every student are considered. The process that Dalkeith Primary will use is detailed below for your information:

1. Class teachers, specialist teachers and education assistants work collaboratively to place all students into proposed 2015 class structures. Teachers will not be assigned to individual classes at this stage.
2. Amendments to class placements occur based on the needs of students at educational risk. This could include consideration of health, social and emotional and academic requirements. These amendments occur at administration level.
3. Parent requests based on educational grounds are considered.

Parents should be aware that although every parent request is considered, making a request does not guarantee it will occur. We consider each placement request based upon on the overall academic and social balance of students in the class, alongside individual student needs. Parents are reminded that this is not an opportunity to request specific teachers or to have your child placed in friendship groups.

Please consult with your child’s class teacher if you have any queries about your child’s class placement. Confidential requests should be made directly to me by letter or email Suzanne.pekin@education.wa.edu.au by Friday 20 November 2015.
TRIATHLON

This year our year 5 students will be invited to take part in the School Sport WA Triathlon as our year 6s will be on camp. The event will take place on Friday 6th November from 9.00-1.30pm. Students will be put into teams and do one leg of the course each either swim (200m), ride (6km) or run (2km). There will be training each Friday afternoon at 2.00pm and students will be required to bring their necessary equipment (i.e. bike/helmet, bathers/goggles, running shoes). On the day of the event we will need parent assistance to transport bikes to and from the event. On Friday 30th October we will be lucky enough to have a coach from Triathlon WA to come and assist us with our training and preparation.

LIBRARY NEWS

REMINDER
Please remember to return your library books before the end of this term, especially if you are leaving the school this year.

MISSING LIBRARY BOOKS
Can everyone please check at home for any Library books that may be hiding in your bookshelves or under beds.

WHERE’S WALLY RAFFLE
Can you find Wally, he has been placed in 10 different locations around the school, complete the entry form and go into the barrel to win a book voucher. Remember to keep the location of Wally secret.
Entry forms are available in the Library or can be printed at home.
Place your completed form in the box provided in the Library.

Good Luck!

LIBRARY NEWS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Book Club orders close at the end of business on Monday 2 November 2015.
All orders need to be entered online or placed in the mailbox in reception.

ARRIVAL TIMES

We have noticed an increasing number of students arriving at school before 8.20am. As this is a duty of care issue for the school, we strongly discouraged early arrivals as there are no teachers on duty before this time and therefore no supervision. Students who arrive at school before 8.20am will be required to sit on the verandah in front of the school office until 8.20am. After this
time they will be able to participate in activities supervised by the duty teacher.

We understand that some students arrive at school before 8.20am for organised extracurricular and sporting activities that are supervised.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**YEAR 6 CHALLENGE BASED LEARNING**

The Year 6 students have been busy working on their Challenge Based Learning projects based on the theme of ‘Sustainability’. Their primary mission is to raise awareness within our school community about best practices that will bring about change and help us to live more sustainable lives. In groups, the students are conducting action research and contacting local members of the community who can provide ongoing support with their ideas and recommendations. These include:

- **Sustainable Shopping Bags** - reducing our use of plastic bags in partnership with Nedlands IGA
- **Walking School Bus** – reducing carbon emissions in partnership with Michelle Parsons (Parent)
- **Rubbish Recycling** - introducing 3 bin system for waste in partnership with Nedlands Council
- **Coffee Cup Challenge** – encouraging the use of reusable cups in partnership with Cimbalinos/Yabba Dabba
- **Lunch Box Packaging** - encouraging recyclable packaging in partnership with parents & students
- **Waterwise Garden** – establishing a ‘water wise’ garden in partnership with ‘John the Gardener’
- **Power Saving School** – reducing power usage and introducing power monitors in classroom
- **Composting Crew** – introducing composting bins to reduce food wastage at school

**Sustainable Activity Day**

To promote awareness in our school the Year 6 students are planning and organising a ‘Sustainable Activity Day’ for all Year 3-5 students on Friday 30 October. Each class will be invited to wear green on this day and to participate in a variety fun, awareness raising activities. Some of these include: designing a water wise patch of garden, recycling race, puppet show, composting experiment, sustainable bag design competition, Family Feud Questionnaire, iMovie presentation

All students in years 3-6 are asked to bring in a gold coin donation which will go towards purchasing a composting bin for the school.

**Materials Needed**

Year 6 students are asking for the following materials which can be placed in boxes outside classrooms before Friday 30 October

- Garden decorations such as stones, gnomes, plant cuttings, woodchips, small bird baths, etc.
- plastic bottles
- glass Jars
- used coffee cups
- shoeboxes, tissue boxes
UNSW ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS
The year 6 students participated in the UNSW English and Mathematics competitions last term. Below is a list of students who received a credit, distinction and high distinction in both competitions. The distinction and high distinction certificates will be presented at the next assembly.

ENGLISH
Credit: Sol A, Rohan A, Charis B, Marcel B, Isobel F, Mark R
Distinction: Emily C, Essi E, Sophie K, Lizzie M, Kaitlyn T
High Distinction: Eliana H

MATHEMATICS
Credit: Jules B, Marcel B, Henry D, Essi E, Isobel F, Sophie K, Harry M, Mark R, Elena T
Distinction: Alexander M
High Distinction: Kaitlyn T

ADDRESSING BULLYING BEHAVIOUR
A FREE forum to mark children’s week 2015

This forum is a rare opportunity for parents, teachers and other people who work with children and young people to hear about innovative ways to prevent or reduce bullying behaviour by children and young people.

Presented by internationally recognised researcher Withrop Professor Donna Cross from the Telethon Kids Institute and University of WA, the seminar will outline practical strategies that have been developed from 12 years ongoing research.

The seminar will also include presentations from the President of the AW School Psychologists Association Eileen Kuruckchi and two young people involved in the Cyber Savvy research currently being conducted in WA school.

WHEN: Tuesday October 2015
TIME: 7:00PM – 8:30PM
WHERE: Churchlands Concert Hall (on school campus) 20 Lucca Street, Churchlands
To book your place online visit www.trybooking.com/IYYK

For more information or if you have specific acess or mobility needs contact Diana Dudek on 6213 2206 or email Diana.dudek@ccyp.wa.gov.au

KINDY NEWS
Constable Care visited the Dalkeith Kindy to present a puppet theatre about waste reduction, recycling and protecting the environment. The children were engaged throughout the performance and vow to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle to keep the rubbish monster out of the Kindy.
The Kindy Family Picnic Day was a great success. Thank you to the organising team and also the parents who supported the fundraiser through attendance, donations and purchase of auction items.

SCITECH

When Scitech came to school: (student comments)

- We made a ramp with two different sides
- We measured with a measuring tape
- We shot pom poms from a leaf blower
- We made a car with triangle wheels
- A ping pong ball floated on a hair dryer
- We tested a banana and an orange down a ramp. The orange won.
- We tested two balloons. The worm balloon went in a straight line. The round balloon went crazy!
- We built a upper ramp
- When the lady jumped, the ping pong ball went higher