COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER
- Year 6 Students on Rottnest Island Camp – Return Friday afternoon
- P&C Meeting 7:00pm

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER
- Kindy Meet the Teacher Day 10:00am – 11:00am
- Triathlon 5
- Virtues Assembly

MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER
- Positive Groove
- Yr 6 Sailing 12:30 – 3:00pm

TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER
- Positive Groove

WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER
- First Aid Incursion

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER
- First Aid Incursion

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER
- Room 5 Assembly
- K-PP Transition Day 9:00am
- P&C Disco

WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER
- Café Dalkeith

Year 2 Spelling activity

Challenge Based Learning
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have just returned from a wonderful two days on Rottnest Island with our fantastic Year 6 students. They are doing a lot of physical activity as well as many educational experiences. The weather was magnificent and so cycling and swimming have been an absolute pleasure! Miss Iannello certainly knows how to organise a great camp! She is relentless with her desire to make sure the kids enjoy every minute of every day. My leg muscles are a very sore testimony to that! A huge thanks to her and also to Peter Smith and Todd Alder who have so generously volunteered their time to help out with all the supervision. Thanks also to Mr G and Mrs Sekon for their enthusiasm and energy! I am sure they will have a fantastic time during the coming week with Miss Doig and Miss Hughes joining the team!

What an amazing day we had last Friday, which was World Teacher’s Day. We started the day with staff receiving beautiful flowers before school and many good wishes for World Teachers Day. Our assembly was a dedication to all our staff with a very creative song sung by the whole school—(thanks to Miss Milianku for this!) Jules Allen spoke of the community’s appreciation of the staff to the whole school and Vivi Renner presented all the staff with a gift pack containing relish and shortbread which she hand-made herself! Many, many thanks to Jules, Vivi, Natalie Vander Stricht and Marika Auret for acknowledging our staff in this way—it is greatly appreciated. Thank you also goes to the Bahai teachers who provided morning tea for the staff while the Bahai students entertained the staff with songs.

Also on Friday the Year 6 class presented their Challenge Based Learning projects to the whole school. The classes rotated through three activities that encompassed a fairy garden, designing cloth shopping bags, lobbying for extra recycling bins, building robots with recycled materials, sorting waste materials, a puppet show on ways to save electricity and water, fossil fuels and a presentation on plastic bags. Keep your eye on the West Australian newspaper as I believe there will be an article about our amazing projects in the paper this weekend.

Many thanks to all the students who organised and participated in this amazing challenge. The Year 6 students are to be commended for the way they took on the challenge and brought it to such a successful end point. Well done to Miss Iannello and Miss Milianku for their dedication and support of our students in this very important process.

Many thanks to the small group of students who worked with me last Friday to capture the art work for our school wide expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. Your ideas were incredible and because of your input, we are now able to move forward to get some posters printed for the whole school. Well done to you all!

_Suzanne Pekin - Principal_
CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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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.

CLASS PLACEMENTS

The school has commenced planning for the 2016 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 2016 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, and 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.

VIRTUE

Respect, Responsibility and Sun smart

WALKING THE BUS TRIAL

As part of our Challenge Based Learning program (CBL) we are hoping to trial a walking bus for students of our school, this will help to reduce carbon emissions and at the same time help improve fitness levels to promote healthy living. Next week there will be a map on the verandah; this will allow you to place a red dot (which will be provided) showing the place you would be interested in joining our weekly walking school bus.

This information will help us to design a route for our walking bus leaders. The walking school bus will take place within the school catchment area. Mrs Michelle Parsons has kindly volunteered to be a bus leader. As we need more leaders we would appreciate if you could sign up to be a volunteer parent. Next week there will be a sign up sheet on the verandah next to the map for those interested in helping this new initiative get started.
Is there a Dentist in the house?

Yes, there were two when Amberely L from Kindy Red, brought her mum and dad in for Show & Tell. Chai and Diem gave their time and expertise to talk to the children about diet and dental care and then it was time to practise brushing your teeth.

It’s easy, brush at least twice a day, once in the morning and then at night before bed. You brush for two minutes at least to make sure decay doesn’t find your teeth.

The session finished with the handout of dental goodies prepared and packed by Amberley and her family. A big THANK YOU to the Lim Family. There are now clean, bright smiles radiating from the Kindy.

Thank you Kindy Families, from the staff, for the beautiful flowers that were heaped upon us for World Teacher’s Day.

New Board Member – Colin Wee

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the newest member of our Board, Colin Wee, to a Community Representative position. Our Board now consists of 10 members: 3 parent reps who are voted in for a three year term (Margie McAuliffe, Vivi Renner & myself), 4 community reps who are voted in for a one year term by the Board as we have a requirement for their specialist skills and input (Thirza Feutrill – P&C, Colin Wee – Strategic Communications, Jenny Lane – ICT & Peter Smith – broader community perspective), 2 teacher reps (Leanne Ikin & Lisa Ianello), and our Principal, Sue Pekin.

Colin has a BBA (Hons) from Cox School of Business in Texas, and a Master of Business & Technology from UNSW. He has had extensive experience driving electronic commerce and ICT projects for large corporations for over 20 years, and his skills include web development, project management, strategic planning, search engine optimisation and internet training. Colin has also held board and committee positions for several other schools, including Beehive Montessori, and is a Master-level instructor with a 6th degree black belt in Traditional Taekwondo. Colin will be providing expertise to the school regarding our overarching electronic communications strategy.
NAPLAN Results
NAPLAN results have recently been released, and, once again, Dalkeith has performed exceptionally well compared with the Australian averages. However, the in-depth and longitudinal analysis has highlighted that some areas require a targeted focus in the coming year so additional improvements can be made. Staff have been meeting in their Curriculum Teams to develop action plans to further extend children in the areas of literacy, especially writing and spelling, and also in mathematics.

Some of the changes that you may already have noticed or will soon be implemented include:
- An increased focus on writing for creativity and fluency
- Incorporating spelling into a more holistic vision of literacy – embedding spelling into the reading and writing that is part of every class
- Specialist mathematics programs designed to be more interactive and hands-on
- A focus on improving the mathematics results of our girls in year 5, with the introduction of Maths Clubs and the trial of gender specific maths classes
- A refocus of the weekly early close meeting to specifically focus on targeted professional learning, utilising the expertise of staff internally and externally to broaden the knowledge of our staff in understanding the curriculum and developing strategies to teach it effectively
- Some practice for our year 3 and 5s on completing tasks under test conditions
- An increased focus on attendance, especially at the start of the school year

A very big congratulations to Sue Pekin and her staff, especially Nicole Hughes, for their thorough and prompt interpretation of the data, and for the excellent results and standards they continue to maintain.

Thank You
No doubt by now you will have noticed the new wooden bench that has been installed between the basketball courts and the playground. The bench has been placed there as a “Friendship Bench”, so named because it is a place a child can sit if they are feeling alone or a bit sad, and the teachers or member of the school student leadership team will come and see if they’re OK. However, it also doubles as a great bench for recess and lunchtime chats, or a place for parents to wait until the children come out of school or play in the playground. The bench was custom-made and installed by some seriously talented and dedicated members of our school community, and it is to these people we owe our sincere thanks:
- Ed Farrar and James R and his family for making up the wooden slats of the bench from new and recycled wood (from the old lunch shed that once stood close by)
- Shane Anderson for making up the bench, securing it in place, and making it safe to sit and play on
- Dan Court for donating and laying the concrete base upon which it sits.

The concrete base will eventually be decorated with mosaics created by the children of the school, and a broad information and education program about the “Friendship Bench” will be provided to students at the launch in 2016.

Old Assembly Area Refurbishment
Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Building Fund so far – you have been incredibly generous. The new windows that were installed last term have already made such a huge difference to the usability of the room. We are now in the process of obtaining quotes for new carpet, furniture and lighting to make the space a vibrant and inspirational shared learning space. While the P&C will continue to provide both input and funds for the refurbishment, we still require a substantial amount of money to make it all happen. So please donate if you can, any amount will be gratefully received, and come and chat to us about our plans if you would like
some more information. Thanks to our committee, comprised of Margie McAullife, Jodie Winnett, Shane Anderson, Matt Crawford, Tamara Doig and Sue Pekin for their ongoing enthusiasm and commitment.

Julianne Allan
Board Chair

POSITIVE GROOVE

The Positive Groove concert has been changed to Monday December 7 at 1:50pm.

COMMUNITY FORUM

‘Bringing out the best in our youth’

An event for everyone interested in nurturing the potential of young people.
A panel discussion featuring:

Mr Luke McPharlin Former Dockers Player
Mr Michael McPhail Youngest member of Local Government in Australia
Ms Azin Moshtaq Junior Youth Coordinator, WA Baha’i Community
Mrs Joy Shepherd Retired Principal, St Hilda’s Anglican School for Girls

And featuring the talented Shameem Taheri-Lee who will open the evening with song.

Wednesday November 18th, 2015 at 7 pm
Baha’i Centre of Learning, Cnr North Lake Rd/Marmion St, Myaree
Tea and Coffee will be served.
Contact Wendy Wisniewski to RSVP and for further information.
wendywisniewski@gmail.com 0438 319 195

ROSALIE PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE

Rosalie PS is having a fete on Saturday 14 Nov from 10am -3pm. You are all welcome to come along!