Congratulations

To the Virtue Award Winners

for Friendliness

COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH
Kidz ‘n Sport

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH
School Board Meeting 3:30pm

FRIDAY 6 MARCH
Young Leaders Day 9:15am – 2:30pm
Year 6 Students

TUESDAY 10 MARCH
Virtues Assembly

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH
Kidz ‘n Sport

FRIDAY 13 MARCH
Ride to school day

FRIDAY 13 MARCH
Japanese Assembly

FRIDAY 13 MARCH
Frosty Fruit Friday
Dear Parents and Caregivers

With only four weeks (and a bit) to go until the end of term, the staff and students are busily engaging in their planned curriculums and school activities. I had the great pleasure of watching our orchestra practise with our very talented Miss Milianku last Friday. I was impressed with the level of skill that is clearly evident in our students. We are extremely fortunate to have the expertise of our wonderful music teacher to provide this level of music instruction to our students.

I was also able to wander down to the pool and watch some very keen students practising laps before school for the upcoming carnival. I was once again impressed by the level of skill and commitment shown by our students and staff.

Well done to Miss Wholohan, Miss Doig and the group of students who performed a skit at Friday's Virtues Assembly on how to be a good audience member. Congratulations also to the students who were awarded Virtues certificates. Have a look on our website for a great photo of all our winners.

Attached to this email you will find a letter sent to the Dalkeith P&C last month congratulating them on their magnificent contribution to our school in 2014. The letter sets out how the $100,639-04 they contributed was spent on school projects and equipment over the year. Dalkeith Primary School very much appreciates and values the support we receive from you; the parents and caregivers of our fortunate students.

As you may be aware, the Dalkeith Business Plan is currently being re-written with new targets that will see us through for the next three years. As part of this process, I am hosting an after school workshop that involves both staff and community to set in place a Mission Statement. A Mission Statement is a very important part of our strategic direction as it provides the anchor against which decisions can be made, in particular decisions about which initiatives we choose to implement. Please see the attached invitation for more information about the workshop. Please note however, that due to limited space, School Board and P&C members will be given priority attendance.

**NAPLAN** is fast approaching and once again your children will be involved in National testing. I have had an opportunity since my arrival to have a look over our NAPLAN results from last year. Dalkeith students are performing as expected in Literacy and Numeracy, consistently matching or exceeding results of statistically similar schools. Realistic and challenging targets have been set for 2015 that are based on the data from 2014. Writing will continue to be a focus this year in English. Numeracy results are outstanding with high percentages of students in the top bands. The table below that shows how we performed compared to like schools for the past three years clearly shows our outstanding achievements in 2014. The Annual School Report, which will be available on our website before the end of first term, will have a more detailed analysis of the data and the targets.
Comparative Performance Summary

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Above Expected - more than one standard deviation above the predicted school mean

Expected - within one standard deviation of the predicted school mean

Below Expected - more than one standard deviation below the predicted school mean

No data available or number of students is less than 6

Last year a community, staff and student survey was distributed. Many thanks to all those who participated in the survey. The data has been collated, analysed and communicated to the School Board. More detailed information will be published in our Annual School Report. From this data, we are able to see that parents and students are mostly satisfied with the school environment and the level of professionalism and expertise of our teachers. Based on comments and responses, we also recognise the need to put in place targets around listening to opinions, providing support and implementing whole school approaches.

Just an important reminder to parents and community – please do not park on the driveway that is our emergency entrance and exit to the school. If we should ever need to quickly get a child or adult out of the school grounds due to accident or illness by ambulance, we would not be able to do so if the driveway is blocked. The area has very evident signage and we would appreciate everyone respecting this important safety measure.

I am looking forward to a lovely day out on Friday with the Year 6 class who will be attending the Young Leaders’ Day at the Perth Convention Centre. Spending time with the students is always rewarding and what we are all here for. I hope you all have a wonderful week!

SUZANNE PEKIN
Principal
Year 6 Skype Session with Kids Helpline

Last week, year 6 used Skype to phone a new friend. Who is this mystery friend you ask? Well, room 8 are currently exploring cybersafety as part of their learning in health with Miss Hughes. Who better to talk to than the friendly counsellors at Kids Helpline! After a few teething problems connecting to Skype (don’t you just love technology), the class was able to talk to a counsellor in Sydney from the comfort of our school library.

The counsellor talked to the year 6 students about how to stay safe online including who to turn to when something goes wrong. For example, if something happened online that made you feel uncomfortable you could talk to a trusted adult or report it using the Cybersafety help button installed on your iPad or computer. The Kids Helpline counsellor also talked about ensuring location settings are kept private when communicating online and not using your real name on any form of social media so that your identity is kept safe.

This type of initiative is being implemented across the school to assist students in becoming responsible and confident users of technology. Dalkeith Primary School will continue to introduce innovative ways to address cybersafety as we progress towards becoming an eSmart school.
The years 3-6 students have been working very hard in the pool during their PE lessons and many students are making the most of the before school and lunch time training. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered for help with the trials and who have already volunteered for the carnival, you’re locked in. However, I still need helpers for both senior and junior carnivals. The Junior carnival will run from 8.45am until approx 10.45 and the senior carnival will run from approx 11am until 3.10pm on Friday 20th March. If you can help for either carnival I would love to hear from you libby.dyde@education.wa.edu.au

This year Dalkeith are hosting the Interschool Swimming Carnival at HBF Stadium on Wednesday 1st April 12noon - 3.00pm. This year the year 3 students will be involved in the event and we will be taking just the yr 3-6 competitors to the carnival. The Interschool Swimming Squad will be announced based on the results of the Interhouse carnival and the team will have training at HBF stadium on Thursday 26, Friday 27 and Monday 30 March from 7.30 - 8.15am with Dalkeith staff. If you are able to assist with marshalling on carnival day please can you contact me libby.dyde@education.wa.edu.au
These assessments provide an opportunity for all participating students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. All participating students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly. We would like to offer these opportunities for your child. Each assessment entry costs $8. These charges have already been included in the 2015 Schedule of Charges and Contributions.

The Library would like to welcome all the new families to Dalkeith PS. We have a new collection of interesting titles available to parents. All parents are welcome to view and borrow from our library. Please contact jane.zupp@education.wa.edu.au for a borrower barcode.

There is a new easy online system to ordering your book club. Issue 2 Catalogue has been distributed, all orders to be finalised by 13 March 2015.

Every parent wants their children to thrive – to grow up happy, healthy, strong, kind and capable of realising their full potential. In this seminar, parenting author and educator Maggie Dent explores the 10 keys to parenting that support this goal. She acknowledges there is no “perfect” and that challenge, adversity and failure can actually help our kids grow stronger and smarter.

Where: John Curtin College of the Arts Theatre, 90 Ellen Street, Fremantle, WA
When: Friday, 6th March 2015
Time: 7 - 9pm
Cost: $35 (must pre-purchase tickets)
Booking Details: Peta Taylor, 0437 908 344 or petataylor1103@gmail.com
Dalkeith Primary School will be celebrating active travel day on Friday 13 March. We encourage students and their families to leave the car at home on this day and get a taste of the benefits, ease and fun involved in choosing to walk and wheel to school. Students that drive to school are encouraged to park two blocks from the school and walk down to the school grounds.

We support our students to walk or wheel to school because:
• Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day
• There are fewer cars around the school which eases ‘drop off congestion’
• Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.
• Students feel happier, healthier and perform better in the classroom

Parents can join in the fun by walking or wheeling with the students

Students that walk, ride or scoot are able to wear casual clothes to school that day!

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**MINKEY 2015**

Registrations for Minkey 2015 are now open for Years 1 to 4. Minkey is played on Saturday mornings at College Park, with Westside Wolves. Years 1 and 4 play at 9am and Years 2 and 3 play at 10.15.

The competition starts on 2 May and finishes on 8 August, with no games played during school holidays or long weekend.

Each player will need a hockey stick, shin pads and a mouth guard, and each team will require a parent volunteer Manager and Coach.

If your child would like to play, please register at [www.wolves.org.au](http://www.wolves.org.au) and scroll down to the link “Please click here to register for Minkey 2015” and follow the prompts.

If you would like to volunteer for a Coach or Manager role please contact Eileen McCaffrey on [eileenmc@iinet.net.au](mailto:eileenmc@iinet.net.au)
This year our registration process is a little different with every player registering online, individually with Football Federation Australia to obtain a player FFA number. www.myfootballclub.com.au  (Attached is a full explanation of the registration process).

PLEASE NOTE: There can be absolutely no extension of registrations beyond Wednesday 11 March 2015, as the FFA website will close off for Joey Soccer on that date. We have no control over this deadline, so will be unable to accept late registrations.

Fees for the 2015 season are $170.00 per child. This includes 11 weeks of Joey Soccer, playing shirt, cap and ball.

Once individual registrations have been completed, your team needs to complete a team nomination form – including each players FFA number and this must be submitted to this email address: joey@uwanfc.com.au by 5.00pm Friday 13th March, 2015. Based on these submissions kits will be ordered same day.

PLEASE NOTE: Team nomination forms without all players FFA numbers cannot be accepted.

Here is a quick guide for you to get you started. (Attached is a full explanation of the registration process).

Step 1 – gather your friends and create a school year group team.


Step 3 – One parent from each team to fill out a team nomination form and submit by email to– joey@uwanfc.com.au BY 13 MARCH 2015. No late team nominations can be accepted.

If you have any queries, please email joey@uwanfc.com.au.