COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER
- Café Dalkeith

FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER
- Year 1 Zoo Excursion
- 11:10am – 12:10pm Year 6 Ballroom Dancing
- Virtues Assembly

MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER
- Positive Groove
- 12:30 – 3:00pm Year 6 Sailing

TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER
- Positive Groove
- 6:30pm SIMS Concert

WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER
- School Board Meeting and AGM

THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER
- Flippaball Incursion
- Year 2 Excursion – Spare Parts Puppet Theatre

FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER
- Student Council Assembly
- Kindergarten Transition Morning
- 11:10am – 12:10pm Year 6 Ballroom Dancing

WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER
- 7:00pm P&C Meeting
- 12:30 – 3:00pm Year 6 Sailing

Year 6 Rottnest Island Camp 2015
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of the year and begin our preparations for the coming school year, I want to take this opportunity to advise the parent community on some curriculum initiatives that are underway at Dalkeith Primary School that we believe will have a positive impact on student learning.

One area of current focus and discussion is spelling. The staff have engaged in a series of spelling professional development workshops that have focused on the purpose of spelling and best practices when teaching spelling. You may have already noticed a change in some of the spelling lists that are coming home each week. Teachers are endeavouring to include words that the students are consistently misspelling in their written work. These words along with sight words, topic words and phonic words will make up the student spelling lists each week. We are also currently examining the effectiveness of cross setting for spelling and whether we will continue this arrangement in 2016.

Another area that is being discussed in depth is maths, including the use of the Envision maths workbooks. The Australian Curriculum is a mandated curriculum which all schools follow. The Envision maths program supports the Australian Curriculum and therefore teachers will continue to use these workbooks wherever possible as a resource to support maths lessons. In addition to Envision, teachers will supplement maths lessons with other rich activities and tasks. Parents need to be aware that given this, the Envision maths book may not be necessarily be fully completed at the end of the year.

In addition, to further our understanding and professional knowledge on maths instruction, we have arranged for Dr Paul Swan to deliver workshops to the teaching staff next year, which will focus on best teaching practices in maths and in particular differentiation within the classroom. I have also requested that Dr Swan consult with the leadership team on extension maths programs and best practices when considering extension in maths.

An area that we have conducted a lot of research into is Students at Educational Risk (SAER) provision at DPS. Following on from our SAER review on literacy, it is proposed that we continue the Mini-Lit program and introduce the Multi-Lit reading intervention program in 2016. The Multi-Lit program would replace the current Third Wave intervention program. The Mini-Lit program is for small groups of children in years PP-2, the Multi-Lit program provides one-on-one support in Years 3-6. The Mini-Lit and Multi-Lit programs require a Special Needs Education Assistant (SNEA) to be employed to coordinate the program and run most of the classes, which work on a withdrawal from classroom model. By providing this additional support through a SNEA, not only does the program provide support to identified students, assisting them to become functional readers thus enabling them to achieve their full potential across every subject, it is anticipated that the classroom teacher will be further supported by having more capacity to attend to the remaining students.

As many of you would be aware, Dalkeith Primary School does not receive funding from the government for these types of programs. Through discussion with the Board and the P&C it has been suggested that SAER support including Mini-Lit, Multi-Lit, Numeracy and Well Being, may be something that could be funded by the P&C. This was discussed at the November P&C meeting and the P&C are in principle supportive of providing funds of $35,000 for 2016 to assist with the implementation of SAER programs. The decision by the P&C to provide these funds will be voted on at the next P&C meeting to be held on 2 December at 7pm.

If you have any queries in regard to any of these areas, please come and speak with me. I'm sure you are as excited as I am to see these changes implemented to support our students. I look forward to the very busy but exciting remaining weeks of this term.

Suzanne Pekin - Principal
CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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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.

2016 STUDENT BOOKLISTS

Student booklists for 2016 were sent home with students on Monday. Copies of booklists are available on the school website: dalkeith.ps@education.wa.edu.au

WHERES WALLEY RAFFLE

WHERE’S WALLY RAFFLE

THE WINNER OF THE RAFFLE IS
Alice M, Room 13
Congratulations you have won a Dymocks book voucher,
Thank you to every one who entered, hope you had fun searching for Wally!
REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Last Wednesday, November 11, the Student Councillors attended the RSL Nedlands Sub-branch Service at the Perth War Graves Cemetery. Remi and Bella recited a poem and Jules and Sophie laid a wreath on behalf of the school. They then attended a morning tea, thank you to Karen for driving the students.

LIBRARY NEWS

PARENT VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR 2016

The Library requires Parent Helpers for 2016. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jane Zupp jane.zupp@education.wa.edu.au.

Duties usually take about half an hour after drop off once a week, these duties include collecting books from classrooms, returning them into the system and placing on the shelves. An induction will be held and a timetable finalised at the start of Term 1 2016.

RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS

Please return all library books by end of Week 7 as stocktake will begin in Week 8. Double check your shelves, under your beds for any books that belong to your library.
POSITIVE GROOVE

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

KINDY NEWS

Kindy Blue and Red had a transition morning in Pre-primary last week. There was much excitement when they attended their first school Assembly and were then buddied up with a Pre-primary to play in the playground.

They are now practising eating their fruit whole before our next visit when we are to stay for the entire morning session. The children thought Pre-primary looked like it was fun!

SCIENCE DAY

On Thursday 22nd October Professor Kevin Vinsen and his crew came from the International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research (ICRAR) to Dalkeith Primary School to talk to the students of Dalkeith all about the world of science.

Out of all of the stations water rockets was my favourite. The PhD students told each group of a number of millilitres, whatever number you got was how much you filled up your rocket. You had to pump up your water bottle with air and the bottle was your rocket. My group got the number 300ml so did most of my friends and the number 300 won - yeah!!!

At the end of the day all of the astronomy stations were fun and all of the PhD students and scientists were very nice and easy to understand.

Next year Professor Kevin Vinsen will come back to the school and set up a special telescope at night and we will get to have a look through it and see the stars.

Phoebe Vines
Year 3
A special thank you must also go to Eliana and Owen in year 6 and Mack and Marco in year 5 who ran their own science station on the day. These students did an amazing job of constructing a working torch using Little Bits circuits, an LED light and a cardboard tube to groups of students throughout the morning. It was fantastic to see our students demonstrate their passion for science to their peers in such an articulate and entertaining way.

NEDLANDS TENNIS CLUB

NEDLANDS TENNIS CLUB HOLIDAY CLINICS

Keep your kids active and engaged these holidays by enrolling in our ever popular holiday programs. Running from early December to Christmas and all the way through January, there is a clinic to fit in with your holiday schedule. Our clinics have plenty of tennis coaching and fun games to keep them entertained in the beautiful Perth summer mornings. We provide a healthy morning tea for our full clinic players too. Weekly rates and daily options available. Call Alan on 9389 5896 or enrol online www.tennisexcellence.com.au
‘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.
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