Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the year is approaching very rapidly and we are all flat out preparing reports and doing all of those jobs that come around at this time of the year.

Very early next year, Dalkeith Primary School will undergo its second Department of Education Services Review. This involves consultants from Education Services coming into the school and reviewing our performance and our self-assessment processes. Our leadership team and staff have been working very hard to put together our presentation of data and the journeys we have taken to implement our most significant initiatives. As you can imagine, this is quite a heavy workload for us to undertake at a time of year that is already very busy. I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to the wonderful staff who have been involved in pulling this together in such a fantastic way. We are sure to impress the reviewers with all the amazing things happening at Dalkeith!

As some of you may already know, Jodie Winnett has been our P&C President for the past two years and has done an outstanding job of organising and coordinating P&C events and fund raising activities. We are very fortunate to have the support of an amazing group of parents in our P&C and I know I speak for them all when I say we have really appreciated and enjoyed having Jodie as P&C President. Many, many thanks Jodie for a fantastic effort and hopefully we will continue to see you at our meetings next year!

The Dalkeith community continue to astound me with their generosity. Many thanks to all the parents who have donated to their child’s class Gold Giving Box. The food items will be distributed to Foodbank and the gifts will go to Anglicare. All donated items will support families in need over the Christmas period. Dalkeith Primary School will be photographed next week and a short promotional piece will go in the local newspaper.

We look forward to our parent helper morning tea next Wednesday and a special lunch for our prestigious student leadership award winners!

Suzanne Pekin
Principal

Together we shape the future
Last Friday the year 4-6 students participated in the Dalkeith Triathlon at the Nedlands Foreshore. Despite the heat everyone put in a huge effort and completed the swim, ride, run in great time. We had many year 6 solo competitors and one parent complete the 200m swim, 6km ride and 1.5km run in both the year 6 and year 4 events, well done Ian Dey. The year 4 and 5 competitors worked exceptionally well to complete the 150m swim, 4km ride and 1.5km run with their teams. A huge thank you to all the parents who wore their hi-vis in the heat to supervise and to our teachers for walking and riding the students to and from the event and assisting with the coordination of the day. Congratulations to everyone for their enormous resilience, respect and enthusiasm which made for a fun event.

There is a large amount of school jumpers, polo shirts, boys shorts and tracksuit pants in addition to pairs of shoes, goggles and towels on our lost property rack at the moment. There are no discernible names on most of these items. It would be appreciated if you could check the rack over the next two weeks as all items will be disposed of at the end of the year. The lost property rack is located near the uniform shop. We will also place the rack on display near the office next week. We urge you to ensure every item sent to school has your child’s name clearly marked so that property can be returned to students when lost. We appreciate your help with this.
On Thursday 24th November, year 3-6 students who participate in the School of Instrumental Music program and the school orchestra, performed for the community on the school verandah. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their skills and gain some performance experience. We had students who are starting their musical journey right through to some of our senior students who have been performing learning their instrument for several years. Our talented students played the violin, viola, trumpet, double bass, cello and flute on the night. Thank you to Miss Milianku who does an amazing job coordinating our music program and the SIM teachers who supported their students on the night. We also extend a thank you to our parents who support their children in their musical endeavours.

Library News - Return Library Books!

If you are leaving DPS please make sure you return your Library books.

ALL BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED BY WEEK 9
PLEASE MAKE A BIG EFFORT, OUR BOOKS ARE PRECIOUS

DATE TO REMEMBER: 5 DECEMBER 2016

“Search for Library Books Day”
At home tonight check for Library Books, leave no stone unturned, check under your bed, check your book shelves for a spine label, check eeeeeeverywhere.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
A massive THANK YOU to our Parent Helpers for your time, you have been amazing. Thank you to our Library Monitors, Aisling and Isabella for your time and effort this year.

The Library requires PARENT HELPERS for 2017. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jane Zupp, Library Officer: 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.
The Kindergarten children enjoyed being in Pre-Primary during a transitional visit last week. Firstly they attended a school assembly and then they were introduced to the Pre-primary classrooms and play area. The current Pre-primary children buddied up and were great hosts. It was a morning of fun new experiences.

As the Kindergarten year draws to a close there is much activity amongst the children in preparation for their Concert and end of year activities. Friendships are strong and it feels good to be amongst friends as you work and play.
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**FRACTIONS IN YEAR 2 ROOM 3**

These three young boys created loads of equivalent fractions and fraction number sentences using fraction pies to guide them.

Their brains were locked together as they challenged their fraction thinking.

Check out the following examples of their work:

- \( \frac{2}{4} + \frac{2}{6} + \frac{2}{8} = \frac{2}{8} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \)
- \( \frac{8}{8} + \frac{2}{6} = 1 \) whole + \( \frac{1}{3} \)
- \( \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{6} + \frac{2}{8} = \frac{2}{8} + 1 \) whole

Xabi L, Alexander F and Obi R display their fantastic fractions!

Congratulations to Oliver O, who is now the North Metropolitan PEAC Chess Champion!
PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

It’s been another amazing year at Dalkeith for the P&C. This is my fourth year at the school and my second and final year of being the P&C President and I am continuously blown over by how generous you guys are. You have donated money to refurbish the old undercover area and support other initiatives at the school (can anyone even remember how drab and grey that room was?!). You have volunteered your time to bake and sell at cake stalls, count laps, attend excursions, walk kids to school on the buses, given out ribbons at swimming and athletics carnivals, come to quiz nights and discos and been such an important part of our school community. This P&C gig is not just me or the committee, it’s all of us working to create this wonderful environment for our children.

The fundraising has enabled the P&C to commit to providing support in 2017 for the Mini-Lit and Multi-Lit program as well as continue the long term leases on the i-Pads and Macbooks. We are also looking to being able to fund 3 e-Boards for rooms 2, 3 and 5 early in 2017, and soon we will start planning on updating the playground equipment...watch this space!

I would encourage all of you to come along to a P&C meeting and find out firsthand what is happening at our school, you don’t need to be in a named position or even a member of the P&C to attend these meetings; you only need to be interested!

BALD ARCHIES

We are excited to announce that the Bald Archies will be held in March 2017, if you are creative and would like to donate your art for auction, please get in touch with the P&C.

DISCO

The school disco was a great success. We raised over $7500.00, which is a fantastic result. Thanks to everyone who contributed to making it such a great evening.

P & C PRESIDENT POSITION

Due to increasing work commitments, our amazing President Jodie Winnett will be unable to continue in her role as President of the P&C in 2017. Jodie has given unerring dedication in her time as the president and we will be sad to lose her. She assures us she will stay on the P&C committee, so we will continue to benefit from her passion for our school. If you know of anyone you think would be interested in this role, please encourage them to put themselves forward.

TREASURER POSITION

A reminder that DPS P&C will be looking for someone to take over the Treasurer’s position in 2017. If you or someone you know has the skills required and would like to come and join the P&C in supporting our school, please email Jodie: jodiewinnett@gmail.com

NETBALL COORDINATOR 2017

The DPS Netball Club needs a coordinator for the years 3-6 netball teams. The coordinator’s role involves liaising with each team’s coach, as well as the Perth Netball Association, and managing the finances. If you are interested in taking up this role, please contact Fiona Doig:

fiona.doig@multiline.com.au or call 0419 042 449

DALKEITH BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLS SERVICE

Friday 16th Dec 6pm
Sausage sizzle afterwards
Count Down to School Holiday Fun
The countdown to ‘The Sensational Summer’ of school holiday fun is on and we are getting excited! Here’s a sneak peek at just a few of the activities we have planned:

Block-Building Beats
Build and take home your own music themed Lego compatible kit!

Go For Goal - Soccer Skills Clinic
With take-home cheer squad soccer scarf

Flying Hole in One - Frisbee Golf Course
With take-home Frisbee

SINGsational - At the Movies
SING, we’re off to see the world’s greatest singing competition!

Nesting Dolls
Design and take-home your masterpieces. Will it be a footy team? A music band? Or a traditional family design?

To find out what else is on and to register and book, visit www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayfun