Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent parent information evening to start the school year. This is a really important event on our school calendar as it allows our teachers to discuss the year ahead to ensure a smooth start. I also extend a thank you to our teachers for their time.

As the weather heats up, so does our use of the school pool. Our year 3-6 students have been taking part in swimming time trials and swimming practice during physical education lessons with Mr Thompson in preparation for our upcoming house swimming carnival on Friday March 24th. Our year 5 and 6 students commence beach swimming at Cottesloe Beach next Monday and our Pre-Primary to year 4 students begin their swimming lessons at school on the 7th March following the Labour Day public holiday. Commencing next week, our year 3-6 students will also have the opportunity to train in the school pool at lunchtimes on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We have an interschool swimming shield to defend! We hope to see many students taking advantage of the chance to take part in some extra practice.

Our staff participated in an excellent professional learning workshop on goal setting and feedback this week with Andrew Higginbottom from the Department of Education. It was an excellent opportunity for us all to review the way we give feedback to students and each other. It reminded us that quality feedback should progress us down the road of self-improvement so needs to be specific and non-judgemental. We also refined our knowledge on setting goals that are observable and measurable.

We are lucky enough to be hosting Dr Paul Swan, a highly regarded mathematics educator on the 2nd March for a parent workshop. Dr Swan will be presenting information about how mental computation is taught and how parents can support their child at home. You will find further details and RSVP information later in this newsletter. Dr Swan is also conducting two teacher workshops this term on mental computation and problem solving.

Finally, on the 7th and 8th March, Dalkeith PS will be engaging in a Department of Education Services review. These reviews are held every three years with Independent Public Schools. Our review will focus on our self-assessment processes, curriculum delivery and our engagement with the community. We look forward to this opportunity to reflect on our operations as a school and how we can continually improve for the benefit of our students.

Suzanne Pekin
Principal
Dr Paul Swan Parent Mathematics Workshop

Dalkeith PS is proud to present a parent workshop by renowned mathematics educator Dr Paul Swan about mental computation on Tuesday 2nd March from 6:30-8:30pm in the school library.

Dr Swan is an award winning author, acclaimed speaker and workshop presenter and developer of games and materials to support students to learn mathematics. He is an Honorary Life member of the Mathematical Association of WA and an Honorary Fellow of the Australian College of Educational Leaders (ACEL). He was awarded his PhD for his work identifying the Computational Choices of upper primary and lower secondary students.

In this workshop, Dr Swan will work with parents on how mental computation is taught and can be reinforced, including games and activities you can play with your child at home to work on this important area of mathematics. The workshop is suitable for parents of students of all ages.

Please RSVP to the Principal by Monday 27th February: suzanne.pekin@education.wa.edu.au

PBS

The focus for the fortnight is: ‘Be prepared and punctual’
This semester the school is focusing on one expected behaviour every two weeks. This particular behaviour is part of Responsibility in our School Community.

Remember:
• Arrive on time – Before school
• Arrive on time- Straight after sirens
• Bring all required resources – homework, stationery, iPads
• Line up quickly and quietly on sirens
• Listen for the warning bell
• Go to the toilet and get a drink when you hear the warning bell
• Prepare your desk before the bell
• Know your timetable – what are you doing today
• Be responsible for notes going home and coming back
• Be responsible for packing and carrying your own bag

PARENT WORKSHOP
MENTAL COMPUTATION

Dr Paul Swan

6:30pm - 8pm
Thursday 2nd March
Library at Dalkeith Primary School

RSVP if attending: suzanne.pekin@education.wa.edu.au by Monday 27th February

Come along and see first-hand the strategies DPS teachers use to teach mental computation to your child.
Yandeyarra Remote Community School

A GREAT BIG thank you to all of the families who donated books for Yandeyarra Remote Community School late last year. The box arrived in Yandeyarra just this week much to the student's delight! Reports were that Roald Dahl, Aussie Bites and Grug were favourites. The students and teachers from Yandeyarra send their sincere thanks.

We look forward to fostering our connection with Yandeyarra Remote Community School this year.

Swimming Training

To prepare for our upcoming house and interschool swimming carnivals, we will be holding swimming training for years 3-6 students at lunchtime starting next week. Staff will supervise training. Interested students will need to bring their swimming gear on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Tuesday 1:10-1:40
Thursday 1:10-1:40
Friday 1:10-1:40
Late last year, the early years teachers at DPS reflected on what a quality teaching and learning environment looked and felt like to them. These reflections led us to develop an Early Years Philosophy for our school in line with the National Quality Standards, Quality Area 1: Educational Program and Practice. Following our reflections, we invited community input and feedback that fell under the three headings of our business plan; Successful Students, Excellence in Teaching and Leading and Community Partnerships. We are very grateful to the DPS families who contributed to the creation of this philosophy.

This philosophy captures all of the elements that we as a community value in early years education at DPS. Belonging, Being and Becoming.
Here at Dalkeith Kindergarten we are “all smiles”. We have had a big few weeks of exploring our new environment and making new friends. The children are learning all about themselves as people and how to be kind and include others. The children at Dalkeith Kindy learn richly through many play-based opportunities. Working out what is heavy or light, empty or full through water play is one of our favourites!
CONGRATULATIONS!

Our community would like to congratulate Dalkeith Primary School alumni Clea Sanders, class of 2011, who was awarded a rare perfect score of 45 in the International Baccalaureate diploma at Presbyterian Ladies College. Her score is the equivalent to the top score in Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR). Clea, who was also awarded dux of her year when attending Dalkeith Primary School, was a speaker at the 2016 Year 6 graduation ceremony, discussing leadership in the community to our graduates. It is wonderful to see a former student achieving outstanding success and we wish her all the best for her future studies and career.
The P&C held its AGM on the 16th of February and we were delighted to see quite a few new faces. It’s not too late to join us, everyone is welcome. We would like to thank our outgoing committee volunteers for all your time and effort, you did a fantastic job and we hope we will still see you at our meetings. We welcome our new committee:

President: Sharon Marron
Vice President: Jodie Winnett
Secretary: Tracey McMahon
Treasurer: Ann Robinson
Uniform Shop: Kate Bailey & Libby John- son

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Fundraising: Nastasya Chan, Liz Griffin, Thao Tran, Susannah Gallagher, Laura Keenan
Board Rep: Thirza Feutrill
Newsletter: Emma Gauld
Grounds: James Tuckerwell/Mark Etherton-Beer
Lunch Orders: Kirsten Yoong
Kindy Reps: Jo Donaldson, Catherine McNeilly

QUALIFIED AUDITORS?

The P&C is looking for a qualified auditor to audit our 2016 accounts. If you’re an auditor or if you know of one who would be willing help us out please contact Ann Robinson arobinson@wescef.com.au

SAVE THE DATE

The biggest night on the DPS calendar is fast approaching. Keep the 17th of March free for the Bald Archies!! If you have access to some bar tables and would be happy to bring them in for use on the night, please see Tash Chan ASAP.

DPS FAMILY PICNIC

We are holding our Family Picnic this Sunday, 26th February, from 4-6.30PM. Come along to meet old and new families and enjoy dinner and drinks on the school oval. Bring some change for kids entertainment, sausage sizzles, pony rides and ice cream. If you’d like to buy raffle tickets for one of the wonderful hampers they are available in the school office $5 each or 3 tickets for $10

ELECTION DAY - 11 MARCH

If you have any gently used books or toys please bring into the office ASAP for a stall on Election Day. This is a great chance to raise some money for the school from the local community - we will also be asking for donations of whole cakes and slices. We sold out by 9.30am last year so if everyone can get involved would be brilliant! Help needed for manning the sausage sizzle and cake stalls on the day - details to come soon.

FEES REMINDER

This is a gentle reminder for those of you who haven’t yet paid your school fees, can you please do so as soon as possible. These fees go towards essential programs and equipment for the school that are not funded through other methods.

DALKEITH NEDLANDS JFC

Registrations are now open for AUSKICK and JUNIOR FOOTBALL at your local club Dalkeith Nedlands Junior Football Club. We play football on Sunday mornings at Melvista Oval and welcome all primary school aged kids from Kindy to Year 6. For more information and registrations please go to www.dnjfc.com
Join the international game for all shapes and sizes...

PLAY RUGBY FOR NEDDIES IN 2017

The Nedlands Rugby Union Football Club welcomes:
- Kids aged 3-5 for our flagship ‘cubs’ program
- Players from U6 to U17
- Girls for our U15 and U18 7’s squads

Register at nedlandsrugby.com.au or attend our open day at the club, Charles Court Reserve, Nedlands on Saturday March 4 from 9am

Neddies offers:
- Experienced coaches
- A family friendly environment
- Two training bases: Nedlands and James Cook Reserve, Hillarys
- A pathway to a premier club: 2015 Colts, Reserve & Premier Grade champions
- Senior club champions 2014 & 2015
- Annual team tours to Singapore
- Excellent facilities and stunning grounds
- 2015 joint winner, best juniors club (RugbyWA’s Steve Fink Award)

Find us at nedlandsrugby.com.au or contact juniors president Josh Mynle on 0458 490 905 or at juniors@nedlandsrugby.com.au
LEARN TO PLAY HOCKEY WITH THE 2016 HOCKEY WA JUNIOR CLUB OF THE YEAR

Recognizing the focus that Suburban Lions has put into junior development and its success, the club was awarded the Kyle Rutter Trophy for the best junior club for 2016 by Hockey WA.

It all starts with the Minkey and Cubs and we are pleased to again offer the program for 2017 at Melvista Oval, Nedlands on Saturday mornings commencing May 7 and finishing August 12.

Teams are school or community based. It’s a lot of fun and safe and the club will help with coach support if required. TEAM NUMBERS ARE LIMITED

Minkey for Yrs 1 & 2
Played on ¼-sized field and is designed to give kids the opportunity to learn basic skills, develop fundamental motor skills and have fun.
Teams have 7 players on field and can be boy/girl mix. Games start from 8.00 am.

Cubs for Yrs 3 & 4
 Begins the transition to full hockey played on ¼-sized field. Emphasis is on next stage development but OK for beginners too. Games start from 8.45 am.
Teams have 9 players on field including goalie and can be boy/girl mix.

Equipment
Teams usually wear their school sports uniform or agreed team uniform.
Kids need stick, mouth guard, shin pads and hat.
See the Lions Club Shop on our website news.

Coaching
You can appoint your own coach or the club can assist finding one for you which is usually an older junior player (team may have to pay).
The club will provide assistance and coach the coaches program.

Training at Melvista
Minkey – Thursdays 3.45 - 4.30 pm
Cubs – Fridays 3.45 - 4.30 pm

Holiday Clinics
The club offers skills clinics during school holidays through the Lions Academy. See website.

How to Register
School based teams should appoint a manager to collate the registrations and register with the club at Suburban Lions Website by Thursday, March 23rd. Please email managers details to secretary@suburbanlions.org ASAP.
If you don’t have enough for a whole team or want to register an individual let us know and we will endeavor to include with another group.
All players need to be registered to be covered by insurance.

2017 Calendar
Early Feb – Registrations open
March 23 – Registrations close
April 8 to April 24 Holidays
Optional clinic - see website
April 27 Thurs & 28 Fri
First pre-season training at Melvista Oval
May 5 Thurs & 6 Fri
Second pre-season training at Melvista Oval
Saturday Morning Games
May 6 – Game 1
May 13 – Game 2
May 20 – Game 3
May 27 – Game 4
June 3 – WA Day no game
June 10 – Game 5
June 17 – Game 6
June 24 – Game 7
July 1 – 16 holidays no games
Optional clinics - see website
July 22 – Game 8
July 29 – Game 9
August 5 – Game 10
August 12 – Game 11
End of season windup

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