Welcome to Term 3!

It has been a wet and windy start, however we have been blessed with an incredible upgrade to our school!

What an amazing transformation our indoor undercover area has undergone! The carpet is down, the paint is on, the lighting is in and the furniture has arrived and been arranged! Already the staff and students are making great use of this wonderfully flexible space. The intensive teaching areas that have been built into the area, are providing light and airy but private spaces for our intervention programs. The colourful sofas, tables and wobble stools can be moved and arranged to suit a myriad of teaching and learning situations.

Many, many thanks to the Buildings and Grounds Committee and in particular Matt Crawford for his expert advice on design, lighting, air flow and colour. Matt drew up the plans and provided expert guidance every step of the way.

Many thanks to Tamara Doig who liaised with all the contractors and committees to get the job done – For example, purchasing of materials, installation of carpet, painting and the installation of the intensive learning spaces. As you can imagine this is quite time consuming and sometimes difficult to coordinate, so well done to Tamara who remained calm and focused throughout!

A huge thank you to the Dalkeith P&C, and in particular Jodie Winnett, for their tireless work to raise the funds needed to make this vision a reality. The P&C donated a whopping $42,548.00 to this project, whilst continuing to fund other important initiatives in the school. This is an amazing feat – we are very fortunate to have such dedicated and professional P&C that ensure our school has the very best!

Last but not least, many thanks to you the parents and community who by opting to donate to our Building Fund raised an amazing $27,025.00 towards building programs. Your support is very much appreciated and I am very pleased that your children will reap the benefit of this space immediately. The space has been funded by both P&C fundraising and by those parents opting in to the building fund. These funds have been directed towards paying for the contemporary furniture, lighting, fixed partitioning, carpet purchase and installation, Mobile LED TV system and painting in this space.

Please come in and see for yourself how incredible this space looks – I am sure you will be impressed. The next step is to run a ‘name the space’ competition.

Suzanne Pekin
FarmED
Our students were lucky enough to experience the play “The Country Life” last week. The Royal Agricultural Society FarmED learning program is touring the play to help educate students around Western Australia about life on a farm in the 21st century. There were catchy tunes, energetic choreography, puppetry and a really fun storyline to raise awareness of where our food comes from. Students loved the play and our younger students even got to meet a real life farmer in person and a whole host of farm animals were on site!

PBS
The focus for the fortnight is: ‘Walking quietly on paths and verandahs’
This semester the school is focusing on one expected behaviour every two weeks. This particular behaviour is part of Respect in our School Community.

CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK 2016
Costume day Tuesday 23 August 2016

Students:
Start researching and thinking about your costume for Book Week.
This year’s theme for the costume is Australia: Story Country
This could be anything to do with Australian book characters, Australian History, Aboriginal stories, Historical Fiction books.

2017 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 2017.

Please email the principal Suzanne Pekin on Suzanne.pekin@education.wa.edu.au

A friendly reminder to our Kindergarten families that an Application for Enrolment needs to be lodged with the school office for your child’s admission to Pre-primary in 2017.
The Kindy Red and Kindy Blue children thoroughly enjoyed the incursion for the Royal Agricultural Society last Friday at Dalkeith Primary School.

They got to pat sheep, rabbits and chickens. The biggest adventure for the children was their first walk back to kindy from “the big school”.

Thanks to all the parents that helped us get back safely. All the children were very good at listening to instructions –

Great job!!
Walking School Buses are running again this term!

After a fantastic participation rate in the Walking School Bus program last term, we are pleased to announce that the Walking School Buses will be operating again this term on Friday mornings. For those not familiar with the Walking School Bus routes and protocols, refer to the information below. Note that we would very much welcome more parent volunteers to help drive the school buses, particularly the Green Bus, which has very few drivers at the present time.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact the relevant parent volunteer. We hope to see you on a Walking School Bus soon!

Who can join the Walking School Buses?

The Walking School Buses are open to all students, however PP and Year 1 students must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver. Of course if you have children who are older than this, you are still very welcome to accompany them on the route. To lighten the schoolbag load, you might like to give your kids a lunch order each Friday.

Please note that prams/strollers are fine, but no scooters, skateboards, roller-blades, bikes or dogs.

**Consent forms**

All families must provide the parent on duty with a signed consent form the first time their child/children walk on the bus (the consent forms allow for all children in a family to be listed - ie you only need to complete one consent form per family). The parents driving the Walking School Buses have consent forms available for you to sign on the morning that your child/children first join a Walking School Bus.

It is important to note that whilst the parents who volunteer their time to help guide the Walking School Bus will use all reasonable precautions and common sense whilst walking the children to school, a decision to send your child on the Walking School Bus is ultimately undertaken at your own risk. It is therefore important to exercise your judgment on the question of whether your child is able to manage themselves in a sensible manner whilst participating in the Walking School Bus.

Many thanks to those parents who are volunteering their time to drive the buses, we are very appreciative. If you would like to volunteer, please do so by contacting any of the parent coordinators listed here.

Volunteering to help drive a Walking School Bus

Incentives

Apart from the obvious enjoyment of walking and getting to know others in your school and community, Dalkeith Primary gives a Hoorrrrah! to each child each time they join the bus, which will put them in the draw for a faction point. Parents who volunteer to help drive the bus will also be given a Hoorrrrah! and if they get drawn, the can give the point to their child/childrens' faction.

Walking School Bus Routes

There are three Walking School Buses for you to choose from. A map showing the routes are posted on the verandah outside the front office, but to summarise the Walking School Buses travel along the following roads:

Red bus: Starts corner of Melvista Ave & Hackett St (at Masons gardens) (8am) - Hackett St - Watkins Rd (8.10am) - Roberts St - Waratah Ave (8.15am) - Adelma Rd - Circe Circle North - School (8.30am)

Blue bus: Starts cnr Melvista Ave & Davies Rd (8am) - Davies Rd - Gallop Rd (8.10am) - Curlew Rd - Circe Circle North (8.20am) - School (8.30am)

Green bus: Starts cnr Hobbs Ave & Pardalote Ln (8am) - Hobbs Ave - Sadlier St - Browne Ave (8.10am approaching Murray St corner) - Wavell Rd - Cygnet Cres - Viking Rd (8.20am opposite Nardina Cres corner) - Adelma Rd - Circe Circle South - School (8.30am)

Bus stops

We have identified meeting points ("bus stops") along each route for parents to wait with their children (please refer above, as well as to the maps for details). Note that the times at which the walking buses will arrive at each of these stops are our best estimate. If we are running a bit behind schedule, please wait at the stop and we will be there as soon as we can. If we are running ahead of schedule, we will wait at the stop until the designated time. It is imperative that parents wait with their children at the bus stop so that there is a handover - ie please do not leave your children unattended.

Note - if your house is located along the route, you are welcome to wait out the front instead of going to a bus stop, having regard to the approximate timings on the maps. Ditto if your street intersects with a street on the route - you can feel free to wait at a convenient point at or near the intersection - having regard to the timings listed on the maps. If you don't live near a walking bus, please feel free to drive and park your car at any point along the route that suits you.
P&C News

P&C POSITIONS VACANT

Uniform Shop Coordinator - After many years of dedication we will be losing Elissa Everingham from our uniform shop at the end of this term. This is an essential position for our P&C and for the school community, so if you are available to pick up the reins from Elissa, please email Jodie Winnett: jodiewinnett@gmail.com. We would like someone to come forward soon so that they can benefit from a handover period and work alongside Elissa for a few weeks to learn the ropes.

Vice President - The Vice President position on the P&C is also still vacant.

LAP-A-THON 25th-26th Aug

One of the P&C’s fundraising activities, the Lap-A-Thon will be running during week 4 of this term. It is a fun sporting activity which all children will be involved in. The children will be given a Lap-A-Thon sponsorship form this week and are encouraged to ask family and friends to sponsor them and help them raise money for our school. This event has been a great success in previous years, so come down and cheer your children on.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

Following on from last year’s successful inaugural Father’s Day Breakfast, the P&C will be holding another Father’s Day breakfast on Friday 26th August. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

LUNCH ORDER COORDINATOR

We would like to thank Kirsten Yoong, one of our Pre Primary parents for coming on board as the new Lunch order coordinator. Should you need any information about lunch orders, please contact Kirsten directly.

Awards

Term 2 Honour Certificate Winners

James Y

Term 2 Virtues Award Winner