



# Dalyellup Primary School Newsletter

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## **Important Dates**

**Monday 31 July - Friday 11 August** - Years 3s & 4s In Term Swimming

**Wednesday 9 August** - Assembly Room 16 - starts at 9:00am

**Monday 14 August - Friday 18 August** - Science Week

**Wednesday 23 August** - Assembly Room 5 - starts at 9:00am

**Friday 25 August** - The Magical World of Crazy Science incursion (Years PP to 6)

**Wednesday 30 August** - School Open Night - 4:00pm to 6:00pm

**Thursday 31 August - Friday 1 September** - P&C Father's Day Stall

**Wednesday 6 September** - Assembly Room 7 - starts at 9:00am

**Monday 18 September** - Year 6 Day Camp - Forest Edge

**Thursday 21 September** - Last day of the school term - Students **DO** attend school

**Friday 22 September** - School Development Day - Students **DO NOT** attend school



## Principal's Report



1 - Alex Cameron

*Principal*

### Week 3, Term 3 Newsletter

#### NAIDOC Week

We had a very successful NAIDOC Week. Despite some weather challenges, all activities went ahead with some modifications. The theme 'Our Elders' was the focus for Monday's opening ceremony. Uncle Greg Little spoke to us about the meaning of the *Welcome to Country*, followed by delivering the welcome. I had the pleasure of speaking to the gathering. A point I attempted to make was that I believe we are trying to listen and understand, and the Elders are essential in helping us to learn about country and culture. I acknowledged their patience and persistence, and challenged all of us to listen, learn and act. Our Aboriginal students spoke, via video recording, of an Elder who is important to them. It was wonderful to see photos of the Elder and hear these students speak with pride about why they admire these people. Following the ceremony, Mrs Turner and Ms Martin prepared a lovely bush tucker inspired morning tea for guests.

Tuesday's plans had to be changed due to rain, then adapted again as we had a short break in the weather, before the rain returned. However, all students enjoyed a sausage sizzle and we had a good number of parents / carers come in to join their children for lunch and a play outside.

Wednesday's assembly was led by Room 17 (Year 5/6). In class, Ms Martin (AIEO) and her daughter, Jamiee-Lee Spring, cooked the most impressive damper I have ever seen. Each class enjoyed this treat!

On Thursday Ms Martin and Mrs Turner coordinated art and craft activities with the classes. This activity was very well received. Items such as wrist bands, tapping sticks and paintings were created during the class visits.

We had 10 representatives from the Shire of Capel attend Friday's closing ceremony and heard from Shire President, Mr Doug Kitchen who talked about the partnership project to design the Shire's corporate shirts. The shirt's design was inspired by stories and art from our Aboriginal students. Mr Kitchen unveiled the new design, which looks fantastic!

Ms Martin and Mrs Turner have spent many months preparing the week. Mrs Martin was on her feet all week, adapting to the changing weather and volunteer numbers. A very big thank you to Mrs Martin and Mrs Turner for their work in making NAIDOC Week special at Dalyellup. A big thank you to parents Jamiee-Lee Spring and, Sarah and Jarrid Anderson who volunteered a lot of their time and

skills throughout the week. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you, also, to the Dalyellup staff who adapted and stepped into help wherever possible.

### **WA All Schools Cross Country**

We had 17 students travel to the UWA Sport Park, Mt Claremont today for the WA Schools Cross Country Championships. There are a lot of runners in each year group and we were thrilled to see our students up for the challenge. We hope our competitors enjoyed the experience. A big thank you to parents, carers and friends who transported the students to Perth for the event.

### **Swimming Lessons (Year 3/4)**

We are coming to the halfway mark of the Year 3/4 swimming lessons. The students are doing well with their organisation, both at school and at the pool. We know they can fatigue towards the end of the program, so a healthy diet and plenty of rest is essential.

### **School Production – 'Matilda'**

Rehearsals are well underway for this year's production, 'Matilda'. We recently had a visit from Sydney based actor, Laura Cameron, who did a workshop with some of the leading cast members. Laura was very impressed with the skills of these students and thoroughly enjoyed talking to the cast during rehearsal time.

The Dalyellup PS productions are a highlight of the year. This year's production will be held early in Term 4 (date to be confirmed).

### **Independent Public School Review**

We are currently finalising the materials and supporting evidence for our Public School Review (PSR). This is a very good process that all Government schools go through every three years. Dalyellup's last review was in 2019, however due to disruptions in the time of COVID, the Department of Education's (DoE) schedule was pushed back. On Tuesday 22 August two DoE reviewers, a Director and a Peer Principal, will spend a day in the school meeting with various people to validate our review submission. The review report will be made public via the school's website, in due course. I will notify the school community when this happens.

### **Canteen Volunteers – Thank you!**

Thank you to the following people who have volunteered in the canteen over the past fortnight (17 July to 28 July). Without you, our canteen cannot open.

Desiree Kire    Kay Hancey    Kylie De Vries

Bruce Watts    Simon Jenkins    Brenden Ditri

If you can find the time, the canteen always welcomes volunteers. I hope you can help.

### **Newsletter – every three weeks**

We are trialling publishing the newsletter every three weeks for the remainder of the year. If you feel this needs to revert to being fortnightly in 2024, please feel free to communicate your thoughts to me.

(i.e. Weeks 3, 6 and 9 of this term)

### **NAIDOC Week Message – Mr Cameron Open Ceremony speech**

Kaya

*I feel very privileged to stand before you today as we come together to celebrate NAIDOC Week. The country on which we meet today is very special, we all know this, we can feel it. For many of us, this has taken time to realise. The Aboriginal people have known this for thousands of years. We are learning, although it must seem slowly, to the First Nations people. How patient you are! Do know, however, that at Dalyellup PS, we are trying. Trying to understand, learning to appreciate the limitless wisdom and knowledge you have, and only too willing to share, if we listen.*

*This year's theme 'Our Elders' is very relevant given what I have just said. So much wisdom & knowledge about this beautiful land is with you. So much knowledge about culture and connection is with you. And, if we all just listen, you have such much to share with us, to teach us. If we listen. If we listen to our elders.*

*We are very privileged to have with us today, the 2019 NAIDOC Male Elder of the Year, Noongar and Yamatji man Pastor / Uncle Greg Little.*

*Pastor Greg is well-known to many in Bunbury. Pastor Greg heads up a very large family as a proud great-grandfather, grandfather, father, uncle and cousin.*

*He is a very respected community member and elder, he has spent much of his life supporting those who need it most. Pastor Greg, I listened to your acceptance speech when you received your award in Canberra in 2019. Listening to you, I found myself wanting to know more. I also found myself getting excited to meet you and for you to spend time with us today. We have much to learn from you. I am sure will inspire us to listen, more.*

*To all of the elders here today and in our school community, help us to learn, help us to understand. This may take some patience, but, I think I speak for all of us, we're want to know, we want to understand.*

*This week, let's all commit ourselves to listening, learning and understanding.*

### **Staff Announcement**

Mrs Fran Turner (Year 2 Teacher – Room 8) has informed me that she wishes to retire and will finish on Tuesday 15 August, 2023. In her letter, Mrs Turner states;

*It has been a very rewarding career and I am grateful for the opportunity to educate many students in the Bunbury area. I am happy to be finishing my time here, at Dalyellup Primary School with my friends and colleagues.*

*..... Time to spend time with the family and onto new adventures.*

Mr Damian Giles will increase to fulltime for the class for the remainder of 2023. This will result in a very smooth transition for the students as Mr Giles already teaches the class three days per week.

Mrs Turner has dedicated herself to teaching for the past 31 years. I know this was not an easy decision for Mrs Turner, however she is keen to start the next chapter as soon as possible. On behalf of the school community, I wish Mrs Turner the very best for her plans for the future.

## Attendance



**"Every day counts and there is no 'safe' threshold for absences"** - Hancock, et al., 2013

There are many factors that influence student achievement, including teacher quality and student engagement.

Attendance is also an important contributor to student's academic achievement - all school days matter.

The correlation between absence and achievement is consistent negative and declines in achievement are evident with any level of absence

## Kindness Award



Dalyellup Primary School would like to acknowledge the many kind students and staff at the school. Teachers and students have been given the opportunity to nominate people they see or feel being

kind to others. The person receives a certificate, and all names are entered into a draw to have their photo taken at the "Kind" wall and a canteen voucher donated by the P&C.

This week's Kindness Award winner is **Riley B.** Riley received the Kindness Award for asking a friend if they were okay. Well done Riley!

(As you can see this picture is not of Riley B, but we will add her photo in the next newsletter).

## Parking



The "Kiss & Drop" zone is not for parking and leaving your vehicles. This is a very convenient space for parents/carers to use if dropping their students at school on the way to work, appointments, etc. So please **DO NOT** park and leave your vehicle in these bays. There is a car park very close to these bays that generally has spaces for parking.

We understand that parking is limited at Dalyellup PS, like all schools. But all numbered bays on Hartog Road are allocated to STAFF ONLY. We are sure that you understand that teachers and staff need to be in classrooms ready and waiting for students to arrive, so please do not hold them up by parking in these bays.

## Gates opening / closing times

8:15am - Gates being opened.

8:45am - Gates being locked.

2:30pm - Gates being opened.

3:15pm - Gates being locked for the end of the day.

**NB:** Classrooms do not open until 8:35am. Students cannot be on the school grounds unsupervised before this time. Students are not permitted to play on the playgrounds before school. Playing after school is permitted if supervised by an adult.

## Student Contact Details

It is vitally important that we have the correct contact information for our students for emergency situations.

- Emergency contact names & phone numbers
- Up to date living arrangements / addresses
- Up to date Court Orders
- Up to date email addresses for the Connect App / Communications App

Please come to the front office, phone **9796 5600** or email [dalyellup.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:dalyellup.ps@education.wa.edu.au)<sup>1</sup> any changes that need to be made or if you simply want to check your child/children's contact information.

## Wednesday Runners Club

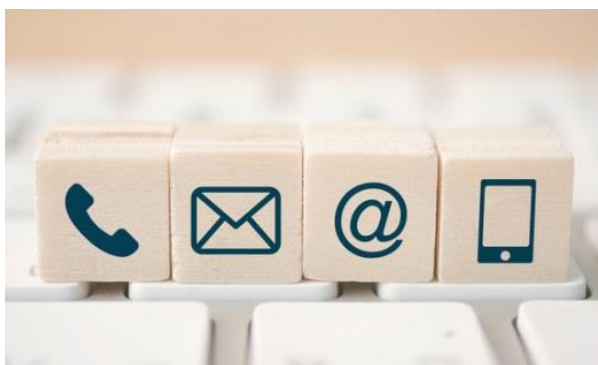


When: **Wednesdays**      Time: **8:00am - 8:30am**

Where: Oval Shade Shelter

- Come along and improve your fitness.
- Each lap of the track is 300 metres.
- Certificate at quarterly goals (25 laps - 7.5km, 50 laps- 15km, 75 laps- 22.5km, 100 laps- 30km).

## Contact Us



Dalyellup Primary School

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<sup>1</sup><mailto:dalyellup.ps@education.wa.edu.au>



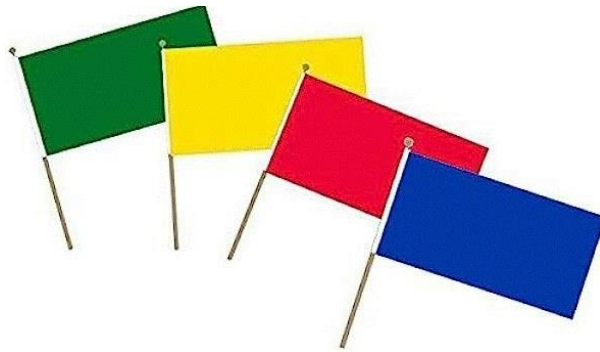
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## Faction Totals



DAMPIER = 18,605 points

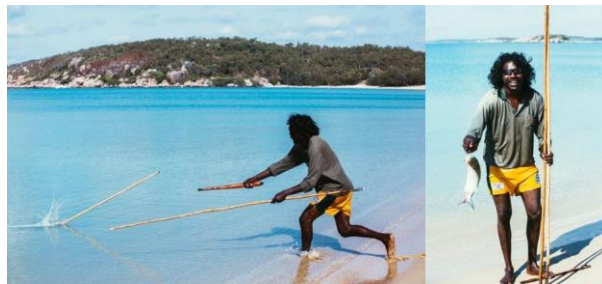
HARTOG = 15,210 points

NORTON = 18,515 points

OXLEY = 17,456 points

## Noongar Seasons





**Djilba** bonar has a mixture of wet, cold days and warmer days. Nights are cool. Djilba is when djildjit (fish) spearing takes place, wildflowers are budding and koola (emu plum) fruit are available.

August wer September from late winter to early spring. Noongar People knew it was the bonar of Djilba when the wattles come into full bloom wer signal the start of the mass blooming of the south-west.

## 2023 Voluntary Contributions & Charges



The 2023 Voluntary Contributions and Charges Information sheet link is as below:

<https://dalvellupps.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2023-Voluntary-Contributions-and-Charges.pdf>

Statements/Reminder Unpaid Billing Items reports are sent home twice a term for your information.

We currently accept the following payment methods for all Voluntary Contributions & Charges:

- Cash
- EFTPOS/Credit card: in person or by telephone
- Direct Deposit - **BSB: 066 040 Account No.: 1990 4154** (Reference: Surname, Initial and Year level)

We encourage all parents/carers to please pay any outstanding Voluntary Contributions & Charges to enable us to continue to offer quality educational programs to our students.

## Creating Resilient Kids



### Social management skills

- Have the skills to make and keep friends.
- be able to sort out conflict and cooperate with friends and peers.
- be able to make decisions based on safety and respect for others.
- be able to ask for help when required.

## Our Mental Health is Important



Kids Helpline: <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

Youth Beyond Blue: <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

Lifeline: 131 114 or '000' if in danger

## Road Safety



### Keeping your kids safe in the car

- Children from birth to under 6 months must be seated in a properly fastened and adjusted, rear facing approved child restraint.
- Children from 6 months to under 4 years must be seated in a properly fastened and adjusted, rear facing approved child restraint with an in-built harness.
- Children from 4 years to under 7 years must be seated in a properly fastened and adjusted, forward facing approved child restraint with an in-built harness or an approved booster seat with a lap-sash seatbelt.
- Children 7 years and over must be restrained in an adult seatbelt or booster seat.

## Positive Parenting



### Teach Personal Accountability

- I am in charge of my actions.
- I am responsible for my mistakes.
- I can take control of my life (a scary concept for many people).

- Personal accountability is a superpower that can help you always be in charge of your life.

## Dalyellup PS P&C News



### **Next Meeting**

Week 9, Monday 11 September

### **Containers for Change**

Please see the QR code and Account for Dalyellup Primary School's Container for Change. All eligible items are accepted here at Dalyellup PS.

### **Canteen Volunteers**

It is an ongoing request for volunteers in the Canteen on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Please if you are able to volunteer even for 30 minutes, every bit helps.

### **Athletes Foot**

Did you know???? If you purchase a pair of shoes from the Athletes Foot and mention Dalyellup PS, the P&C will be donated \$5.00. A great fundraiser for the P&C. More information on our website under 'Community Noticeboard'.