



# Dalyellup Primary School Newsletter

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## Important Dates



**Tuesday 6 February** - Parent/Carer Information Session

**Monday 12 February - Friday 23 February** - Year 5 & 6 In Term Swimming - Note and payment due back Friday 2 February.

**Monday 12 February** - P&C Meeting - 6:30pm

**Wednesday 21 February** - Room 14 Assembly - 9:00am

**Thursday 29 February** - Faction swimming carnival

**Friday 1 March** - Student development day - Students DO NOT attend school

**Monday 4 March** - Labour Day - Students DO NOT attend school

**Wednesday 6 March** - Room 17 Assembly - 9:00am

## Principal's Report



*1 - Alex Cameron*

## **Week 1, Term 1 Newsletter**

### **1 February 2024**

Welcome back for another year at Dalzell Primary School. Or, as Tony Raudino, Chair of the School Board said to me today, welcome to another trip around the sun. I trust everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year, as well as enjoy some down time. Our term has started smoothly and we welcome a number of new families to our school community. We hope you enjoy your time with us at our wonderful school.

On the holidays I met a fascinating person on the jetty at the Busselton marina. This chap, Drew, was coming to the end of a six-year journey to travel to his antipode. Probably like you, I have never heard of the term 'antipode', despite every person having one. Your antipode is the direct opposite position on the globe to where you were born. Drew was born in eastern Canada; therefore, his antipode was about 1000km south of Western Australia, deep in the Southern Ocean, halfway to Antarctica. So, for Drew, the only way to get to his antipode was by boat!

As mentioned, his journey commenced six years ago sailing from Canada to the farthest point on Earth he could get to from where he was born. His vessel was a 34ft yacht, which is small for the scale of the journey he was undertaking. I should add, this journey was only supposed take two years, but due to the pandemic, hurricanes and other challenges, two years became six. Drew made it to his antipode in mid-January. One can only imagine the sense of achievement he must have felt. In his Instagram post, floating in the middle of the Southern Ocean at 12:20am in complete darkness, he said, "So, what has this proved?" His response, "Well, a dumb purpose trumps no purpose any day of the week."

While it would open to personal opinion as to whether Drew's purpose over the last six years is 'dumb' as he put it, the statement makes the point that we all need purpose, hope and goals to make getting up in the morning feel worthwhile. It might be a good exercise for you and your child to set a goal for the term and / or year. Perhaps two or three goals! Help your child articulate their goal and talk to them about the steps they can take to start working towards achieving their goal. And make their goal personal, not competitive against others. Drew wasn't competing in a race, aiming to break a record or be the first. It was something he wanted to do for himself.

Oh, and where's Drew now? Well, this morning he sailed into Hobart after 27 days at sea, much of it in the Roaring 40s, without seeing another soul or vessel since leaving the Canal Rocks anchorage four weeks ago. The first thing he was going to do after reporting to Customs is have a hot shower!

### **Parent / Carer Information Session (Tuesday 6 February)**

Over the past few years, we have trialled different styles of presentations whereby you can meet your child's teacher. We continue to try to find what works best for you in regard to sessions where we can provide information about the classroom routines and expectations. This year we are going to have an informal parent / carer information session on Tuesday 6 February. The teachers will be in their rooms between 3:15pm – 4:00pm and have handouts for you and be available to answer questions. If you are unable to attend, the teachers will send the information handouts to you at a later date.

Please note, this is not a parent interview or reporting session. It is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and ask questions about class routines.

As always, teachers are available for meetings to discuss concerns and / or your child's progress. Should you wish to meet with the teacher, please contact them directly to arrange a time.

### **Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)**

PBS is a big part of our school culture. The expectations of responsible, respectful, safe and personal best, are explicitly taught in class, displayed around the school and highlighted in assemblies. Our PBS matrix defines behaviours and actions we should see when living out the expectations. The behaviours we highlight are;

**Responsible** – Stay on task, care for others, own your behaviour, follow instructions, use good manners.

**Respectful** – Be kind, be friendly, let others learn, take care of our school environment, embrace differences in others.

**Safe** – Be mindful of others, play by the agreed rules, move safely around the school, use equipment safely.

**Personal Best** – Be fair, try your best, make good decisions, think positively.

Perhaps some dinner table discussions about these behaviours may further embed these into everyday actions.

### **Swimming Lessons (Year 5/6)**

Year 5 and 6 students will be attending swimming lessons from Monday 12 February to Friday 23 February. Lessons will be held at Koombana Bay each morning during this two week period.

### **NAPLAN (Year 3 and Year 5)**

The online NAPLAN assessment window will be from Wednesday 13 March to Monday 25 March. We will communicate the exact days for the assessments at Dalyellup PS in the next newsletter.

### **School Development Day**

Our next School Development Day is scheduled for Friday 1 March. Again, we have scheduled this leading into the long weekend.

### **P&C Meeting**

The first P&C meeting of the year will be held on Monday 12 February, 6:30pm in the staffroom. It would be great to see a strong attendance at the meeting. Our P&C work very hard to support the school and the organisation is only as strong as the support it receives.

Alex Cameron

(Principal – Dalyellup Primary School)

## 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

# Parent and Child Volunteers in Schools



We are grateful for and value our parent volunteers – here's how you can help keep our children safe when doing unpaid work at your child's school.

Before you volunteer at your child's school, you need to **complete a Parent and child volunteer declaration form**. You will be asked to complete the form annually if you want to continue volunteering.

<p><b>You are volunteering</b></p>	<p><b>When you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• help out in a classroom or attend a day excursion</li> <li>• present an award or speak at an assembly</li> <li>• are on canteen duty or helping in the uniform shop</li> <li>• assist at a sports carnival</li> <li>• conduct P&amp;C duties.</li> </ul>
<p><b>You are not volunteering</b></p>	<p><b>When you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pick up and drop off your child</li> <li>• watch an event, like an assembly or sports carnival</li> <li>• attend a parent and teacher interview</li> <li>• visit the uniform shop.</li> </ul>
<p><b>You cannot volunteer</b></p>	<p><b>When you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have a current Interim Negative Notice or Negative Notice</li> <li>• have submitted the form and are issued an Interim Negative Notice or Negative Notice – you must alert the principal.</li> </ul>
<p><b>In addition to the declaration form, you need a Working with Children (WWC) Check</b></p>	
<p><b>You need a WWC Check</b></p>	<p><b>When you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• volunteer for an overnight camp</li> <li>• billet students in your home</li> <li>• provide one-on-one mentoring to a student.</li> </ul>

A current WWC Check is required by all other family members and friends (over 18 years of age) who want to volunteer.

If you are not sure if you need a WWC Check or to complete the Parent and child volunteer declaration form, please speak with the school office staff.



We are grateful for and value our volunteers – here's how you can help keep kids safe when you're doing unpaid work at a school.

Before you volunteer at a school, we will ask you to **complete a Parent and child volunteer declaration form**. You will be asked to complete the form annually if you want to continue volunteering. Child volunteers are volunteers under 18 years of age.

<p><b>You are volunteering</b></p>	<p><b>When you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• complete an unpaid practicum or work placement as part of your educational or vocational course of study</li> <li>• coach or umpire sports</li> <li>• mentor students</li> <li>• help out in a classroom.</li> </ul>
<p><b>You are not volunteering</b></p>	<p><b>When you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are enrolled at a school and doing unpaid child-related work with other children at the same school</li> <li>• watch an event, like an assembly or sports carnival</li> </ul>
<p><b>You cannot volunteer</b></p>	<p><b>When you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have a current Interim Negative Notice or Negative Notice</li> <li>• have submitted the form and are issued an Interim Negative Notice or Negative Notice – you must alert the principal.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>You need a WWC Check</b></p>	<p><b>When you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• do any paid child-related work at a school</li> <li>• volunteer after you turn 18 years of age.</li> </ul>

If you are not sure if you need a WWC Check or to complete the Parent and child volunteer declaration form, please speak with the school office staff.



We thank all our parents who generously volunteer their time and energy to support our school community. There are some changes to the Working with Children Check policy, to ensure the safety of children when we have volunteers in the school.

If you would like to volunteer at our school, you will need to sign a 'Parent and child volunteer declaration form'. You cannot volunteer if you have a current Working with Children Negative Notice or Interim Negative Notice.

These changes affect parents who are engaged in volunteer work. For example, you are considered a volunteer when you assist with activities such as reading sessions, day excursions, canteen duties, helping at a sports carnival or carrying out P&C duties.

You are not a volunteer when:

- picking up and dropping off your child
- observing events like school assemblies
- attending parent and teacher interviews


If your circumstances change, and you are issued with a Negative Notice or Interim Negative Notice after completing the 'Parent and child volunteer declaration form', you must advise the principal.

A current Working with Children Check is required by all other family members and friends over 18 of age who want to volunteer.

It is a collective responsibility to ensure the safety of our children. We appreciate your ongoing support and dedication to our school community.

Induct Contractors & Volunteers in Health & Safety

for volunteers and therapists at  
Dalvellup Primary School

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for contractors at Dalvellup  
Primary School

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The *Work Health and Safety Act 2020* (WA) identifies contractors and volunteers as 'workers'. As a representative of the Department of Education, who is in charge of a worksite or school, we have a duty to ensure the safety of all workers on our site.

From Term 1 2024, contractors, therapists, and volunteers must complete a health and safety induction. They need to complete the induction on the first day they visit the school. From the date of first completion, they will need to complete the induction again in 12 months, and then every following 12 months.

## Uniform Concepts

**UNIFORMCONCEPTS**  
NELL GRAY

*We would like to welcome you to our*  
**Bunbury Super Store**  
*conveniently located at*  
**4/118 Spencer St, South Bunbury, WA 6230**

*A one stop shop for all your quality school uniform requirements.  
Our friendly, experienced staff will make buying uniforms a breeze!*

**DURING TERM 4 2023**

*All new students are encouraged to make an appointment with the uniform shop for a fitting during Term 4, thus avoiding long queues in January. Appointments can be made by scanning the QR code below or alternatively, you can contact the uniform shop on 9270 4664. Please note that the most popular times for appointments are after 3pm weekdays and Saturday mornings so book early to avoid disappointment.*



*Why not take advantage of our \$20 Layby service?  
Visit our store during Term 4 and secure your Back-to-School uniform order with just a \$20 deposit, pay off the balance and collect your order before 25 January to avoid the rush, long queues, and last-minute panic!*

*Online Ordering available by visiting our website:  
[nellgray.com.au](http://nellgray.com.au)*

**OPENING TIMES**

**Mon, Wed, Fri: 9am – 5pm**  
**Saturday: 9am – 12pm**  
Closed on Sundays, Public Holidays & partly during term breaks.  
Please telephone for details.

Closed for the Festive Season from Saturday 16 Dec 2023 until Wednesday 3 Jan 2024.

Tel: 08 9270 4664 Email: [bunbury@uc.nellgray.com.au](mailto:bunbury@uc.nellgray.com.au) Website: [nellgray.com.au](http://nellgray.com.au)

Please see the details above about ordering uniforms for 2024.

## 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 Dalzellup 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

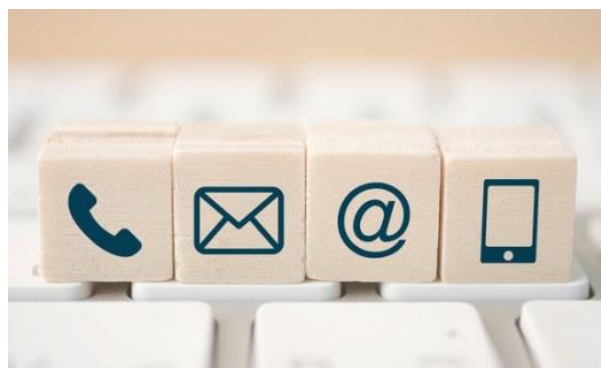


It is vitally important that we have the correct contact information for our students for emergency situations.

- 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.

## Contact Us



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14 Hartog Road

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Phone: 08 9796 5600

Email: [dalyellup.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:dalyellup.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

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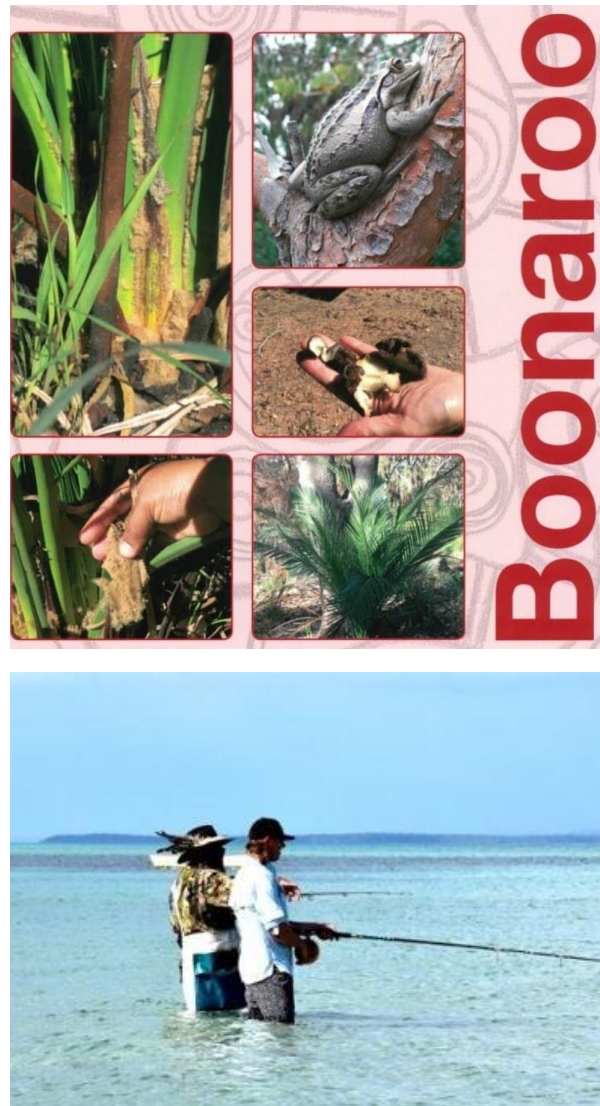
## PECS' SLD & ADHD Report and PECS' Quick Points

Please click links below for more info:

Microsoft Word - PECS' Example SLD-Dyslexia and ADHD Report 24-02-22 (dalyellupps.wa.edu.au)<sup>2</sup>

Microsoft Word - PECS Quick Points with Autism (dalyellupps.wa.edu.au)<sup>3</sup>

## Noongar Seasons



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<sup>2</sup><https://dalyellupps.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/PECS-Example-SLD-ADHD-Report.pdf>

<sup>3</sup><https://dalyellupps.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/PECS-QuickPoints.pdf>



Wanju (welcome) **Boonaroo**, is the hottest time of the year with little to no rain and is represented by the colour orange. Hot easterly winds continue with a cooling sea breeze most afternoons – if you're close to the coast.

Traditionally this was, and still is, a great time for living and fishing by the coast, rivers and estuaries. Because of this, freshwater foods and seafood made up major parts of the Noongar people's diet during Boonaroo.

Boonaroo is also a time of the white flowers with lots of white flowering gums in full bloom, including jarrah, marri and ghost gums.

## 2024 Voluntary Contributions & Charges



The 2024 Voluntary Contributions and Charges Information sheet link is as below:

<https://dalvellups.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



### **Encourage your child to talk about things that are bothering them**

Learning to seek help when a problem can't be solved is an important lifelong skill. Let your child know that unhappy or difficult times are a normal part of life and don't usually last long.

### **Encourage your child to re-phrase their unhelpful thinking**

Teach your child to turn words such as - *I'm stupid* or *She hates me* into more helpful and optimistic thinking - *I made a mistake, everyone makes mistakes, or She doesn't hate me she just feels like playing with someone else today.*

## **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

### Dalyellup Primary School P & C Association

Here's your organisation's member number. Keep it handy - share it with your supporters to raise funds and to track your fundraising efforts.

**C10687261**



### Next P&C Meeting



Monday 12 February 2024 6:30pm

### **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'.