



# Dalyellup Primary School Newsletter

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## Important Dates



**Monday 12 February - Friday 23 February** - Year 5 & 6 In Term Swimming - continues

**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

**Wednesday 13 March - Friday 22 March** - Year 3 & Year 5 NAPLAN

**Wednesday 20 March** - Room 1 Assembly

**Friday 22 March** - Interschool Swimming Carnival (selected students only)

**Wednesday 27 March** - Performing Arts Assembly

**Thursday 28 March** - Last day of Term 1

## Principal's Report



## **Week 3, Term 1 Newsletter**

**15 February 2024**

### **Parent / Carer Information Session**

We enjoyed meeting those who were able to attend last week's class information sessions. The less formal plan where parents / carers could visit the rooms between 3:15pm and 4:00pm and meet the teachers at your leisure seemed to work well. This also allowed those with two or more children to get around to all classes. As I always remind you, if you would like to have a more detailed one on one meeting with your child's teacher, please contact them directly to arrange a time.

### **Uniform Standards**

Standards in uniform and presentation are often a sensitive topic that can be open to interpretation and testing boundaries. Our Department of Education endorsed policy can be found on the school's website. The policy attempts to clarify the school's position on uniforms. The policy states;

*The Dalyellup Primary School Dress Code has been written in conjunction with the School Dress Advisory Panel and the School. This School Dress Code is consistent with the Department of Education (DoE) Policy for 'Dress Requirements for Students' 2007.*

*It is expected that all students and parents will demonstrate their pride in the school by wearing full school uniform (including the school hat). This initiative is strongly supported by both the P & C and the School Board.*

Our DoE endorsed policy also clarifies expectations on hair style and colour. We ask that hairstyles comply with the following Dalyellup Primary School standard:

- promote a positive perception of Dalyellup Primary School
- would be considered appropriate at any employment or training facility. Parents are requested to support the school by encouraging students not to wear jewellery, body art or makeup to school. Safe and healthy footwear needs to be worn at all times (e.g. sneakers or secure shoes etc). Thongs are not acceptable. Enclosed toe shoes should be worn for sports. Thank you for supporting our school's position and standards.

**School Development Day** Our next School Development Day is scheduled for Friday 1 March (tomorrow fortnight!). Again, we have scheduled this leading into the March long weekend.

### **Thank you P&C!**

At Monday night's meeting I extended our gratitude to the P&C for their generous support at the of end 2023 with the reading nights prizes (iPad, books) and PBS awards (vouchers), Year 6 graduation awards (presented by Gary Tansell) and bus transport subsidies. The P&C's support enabled the school to offer these incentives and ensure bus transport costs are affordable. The Association's contributions are greatly appreciated.

### **Staffing News**

We had one late change to the 2024 teaching staff with Mrs Cindy Piggott (Room 6, two days per week) accepting a fulltime position as Year 4 Teacher at another school. We wish Mrs Piggott the

very best for her new position and thank her for her work at Dalyellup PS. Wanting to see a smooth start for Year 2 students, Mrs Renee Harslett voluntarily increased her teaching load in Room 6 to fulltime. Thank you, Mrs Harslett!

Alex Cameron

Principal

## 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


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## Checks for parent 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>In addition to the declaration form, you need a Working with Children (WWC) Check</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.








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## Checks for child volunteers in schools

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>
<p>In addition to the declaration form, you need a Working with Children (WWC) Check</p>	
 <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



Work health and safety induction  
for volunteers and therapists at  
Dalvellup Primary School



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.

## 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 children 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 Dalvellup 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.

2:45pm - 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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Email: [dalyellup.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:dalyellup.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

## 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](https://dalyellupps.wa.edu.au))<sup>2</sup>

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

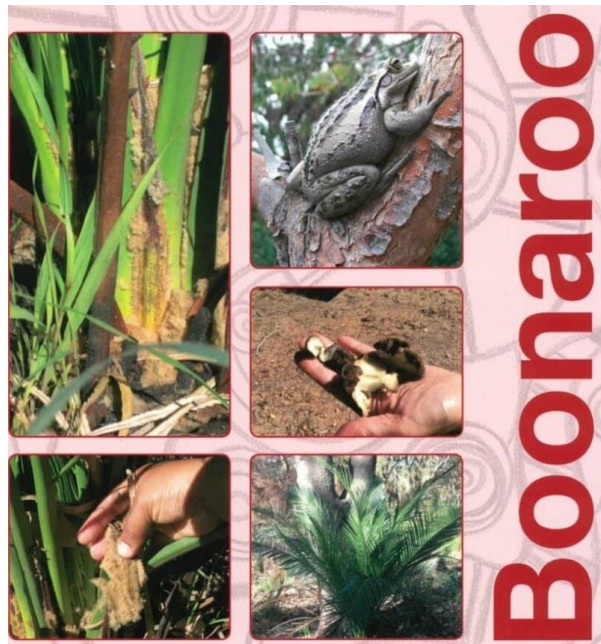
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<sup>1</sup><mailto:dalyellup.ps@education.wa.edu.au>

<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>

## Noongar Seasons





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://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



**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.

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### Next P&C Meeting - AGM

Monday 11 March 2024 6:30pm - all welcome



**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.