Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the 2013 school year. A special welcome is extended to students and families who are attending Dalmeny for the first time and to our newly appointed teachers Mrs Cognetta, Mrs McCormick and Ms Marland; School Learning Support Officer Narelle Stott and to Miss Reid who is returning following a year as Regional Kinder G&T consultant.

Dalmeny PS is a positive learning community - with a mix of happy, succeeding students; dedicated staff and supportive parents. The 2013 school year (which is our 10th Birthday) will, I am sure, be a rewarding one for us all as we build on the very solid foundations laid during the last 10 years. Your continued support and involvement will help maintain this positive school environment, enabling your children to gain the maximum benefit from the wide range of learning programs offered.

ENROLMENTS, CLASSES and STAFFING
Our school has grown again and will start the year with 40 classes, with around 965 students. Students are beginning the school year in ‘getting started’ class groupings which may change in the next few days when we know more accurately our enrolment figures. Our staff for 2013 is:

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<th>Deputy Principals:</th>
<th>Mr Anthony Mazzitelli</th>
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<td>Assistant Principals:</td>
<td>Mrs Flashman</td>
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<td>Miss Hosking</td>
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<td>Year 1:</td>
<td>Miss Hearne</td>
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<td>Year 3:</td>
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QUALITY LEARNING and TEACHING in a SAFE and SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT
At Dalmeny we aim to ensure that all students experience success by providing quality learning opportunities within a positive, safe and supportive learning environment. We know that children learn best when they are supported not only at home and at school but when they take a growing responsibility for their own learning and behaviour. Our School Behaviour Code supports this:

- Be Safe
- Look after our Environment
- Show Respect
- Learn as much as you can

Procedures regarding the suspension of public school students have been distributed to schools. These procedures make clear that all students and teachers have the right to be treated fairly and with dignity. The principal, in some circumstances, may determine that a student be suspended from school. Full details of this, and all school policies, are available from the school.
SCHOOL TIMES
School commences at 9.00 am and concludes at 3.00 pm. Children should arrive at school between 8.40 am and 8.55 am so they are ready for morning classes. Three teachers are rostered for the supervision of students in the morning playground areas from 8.30 am.

Our lunch break is between 10.50am – 11.30am, with students allocated 10 minutes to eat their lunch prior to their play time. An afternoon tea break is taken from 1.30pm – 2pm.

BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Bankstown City YMCA provides Before and After School Care from the Assembly Hall each morning and afternoon. Information and enrolment is available online at www.ymcasydney.org/oshc or Phone: 9771 6033

SCHOOL UNIFORM
As Dalmeny PS is a uniform school, it is essential that children wear their school uniform each day. Our uniform is on display in the school foyer and is available from the suppliers, Moorebank Uniforms - Shop 30 Moorebank Shopping Village, Stockton Road, MOOREBANK and also at Shop 2/170 George Street Liverpool (opposite the rear entrance to the Spotlight store). A reminder that girls and boys need to wear school shoes and their school hat each day - our Sun Smart policy is ‘no hat, play under the COLA’. School hats can be purchased from the office. Please contact the school if you have any difficulties purchasing a uniform for your child.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
Attached to this week’s Newsletter is information about General School Contributions. Some families prefer to contribute via one single payment while others prefer one payment each term. Either option helps the school to increase the supply of quality learning resources and equipment for your children.

SCHOOL CANTEEN
Our school canteen, Healthy Habits is operated by Greg and Tania Carluccio under the guidelines of the NSW Government’s Healthy School Canteen Strategy. The canteen is open each day and a copy of the 2013 Term 1 Summer menu will be distributed shortly.

STUDENT ABSENCES
It is a legal requirement of the NSW Department of Education and Training that all student absences have a formal explanation from parents. A brief note to your child’s class teacher is the most acceptable.

HELP and HOW TO GET IT
We know that children learn best when teachers and parents work together in partnership and when parents and teachers share the responsibility for this partnership. If you perceive a problem at any time with your child’s learning; if you are unsure of a particular school policy or; if you wish to discuss your child’s progress - please contact the school so that any difficulties may be quickly resolved.

Meet the Teacher sessions will be held on Wednesday 20 February. There will be more information about this in next Tuesday’s newsletter. Our Parent Information Booklet is provided for all families new to our school. Additional copies are available from the school office.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Information about the Yr 3-6 swimming carnival (Thursday 28 February) will be distributed shortly.

TEXTBOOKS and CLASS REQUIREMENTS
Parents can help support their child’s school learning by ensuring children are organised each day with the appropriate equipment for school. Details about textbooks and other class requirements will be outlined in a grade information note to be distributed later this week.

Best wishes for a wonderful year,

David Eggins
Principal
APPROVED SCHOOL SHOES

It is important that all students wear the correct footwear to school. Students are required to wear closed leather shoes each day to school. Shoes need to be black leather. Sport shoes need to follow the same guidelines of sturdy supportive joggers and be white. The following are examples of shoes that meet the requirements for safety and school use.

The following styles of shoes **ARE ACCEPTABLE** footwear:

![Acceptable Shoe Styles](image1.png)

Students must not wear skate shoes, black soft ballet style shoes, open top Mary-Jane, dance shoes or similar fabric type shoes. If you are not sure what footwear is acceptable please contact the school before buying new shoes. A salesperson at a shoe shop will not necessarily give the correct information in terms of approved school styles. Please check with the school.

The following styles of shoes are **NOT ACCEPTABLE** footwear:

![Not Acceptable Shoe Styles](image2.png)