Term 1 Week 2

The new school year has started very smoothly and productively. A special welcome to our Kindergarten students, who have settled in and accepted school routines so quickly. We especially appreciate the support of families who have ensured their children are ready for school, in school uniform, by 9.00am each day. This has really assisted in making sure each school day is off to the most effective start.

Class Organisation
Our 'Getting Started' classes will continue until at least mid-way through next week as we finalise our enrolments. Where there is a need for individual students to move to another class, parents will be contacted. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you would like more information about our classes this year.

Student Workbooks and Class Information
To assist learning programs this year students will need a copy of student workbooks which are available for purchase from the school. Parents will also receive a note outlining general class information and other class item needs. These will be distributed later this week.

School Contributions
Thank you to parents who have already sent in this contribution. These payments are being used to increase the supply of quality learning resources in classrooms and across the school.

David Eggins
Principal

Parents and Citizens (P&C) Meeting
Tuesday 12 February 7.00pm in the Library
P&C meetings provide an opportunity for parents to find out, discuss and support what is happening at our school. They are also a great way to meet other parents.

All parents are welcome to these meetings which are friendly and informal.
IMPORTANT HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTICE
The Department of Education and Communities has recently announced that all government schools will receive a general use adrenaline autoinjector (an EpiPen) for their first aid kit.

This does not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis signed and dated by their doctor when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis. Instead the general use adrenaline autoinjector is intended to be used if:

- An undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school
- There is a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student
- A student requires further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his or her own adrenaline autoinjector has been administered.

Please contact the school if you would like further information in relation to this matter.

KINDERGARTEN STARTING TIMES
Just a reminder to Kindergarten parents that students commence school at 9.00am and will finish school at 2.30pm until Friday, 15 February.

As of Monday, 18 February students will finish school at 3.00pm

MAKING PAYMENTS
Please forward all payments to the administration office, enclosed in an envelope that has your child's name, class, amount you are paying and what you are paying for marked clearly on the front.

Enclose the correct amount of money and the relevant permission note, order form or payment advice. In order to avoid lengthy queues in our office, we request that these envelopes be "posted" into the mailing box which is located in the cupboard on the direct right hand side as you enter the admin area.

We are also offering the additional option of direct deposit for payments of over $10. Our details are as follows:

Account Name: DALMENY PS
BANK: Westpac - NSW Government Dept
BSB: 032 001
Account: 148433
Reference: student/class/event

When making payment by direct deposit, please enter a name and reason for payment as a reference. If you do not insert this reference we will not be able to tell what the payment is for and who it has come from. We hope this initiative simplifies the payment process for many of our parents.

STUDENT PROFILE SURVEY
Attached to this week's newsletter is a brief survey which parents may like to complete. Please return this profile to your child’s class teacher if there is information you feel the teacher should know about early in the year.

SCHOOL STUDENT BUS TRANSPORT
Students who had a bus pass in 2012 or made application prior to the end of last year should have received their 2013 pass. Applications received since the commencement of this year are in the process of being issued. We have been advised that new students may travel without a 2013 bus pass until Friday, 8 February.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS SALE
We have a small number of second hand uniform items that will be sold outside the library on Thursday, 7 February from 8.30am to 9am. Items will be priced from $2 each.

STUDENT BANKING
Student banking will commence Thursday, 14 February. Please leave deposit wallets at the office each Thursday morning before 9.00am. Parents are taking advantage of this great service at Dalmeny. Deposits will be processed and the wallets will be returned to students by the following Monday. Keep up the great saving Dalmeny!

Application packages for new accounts are available from the office.
INFORMATION about ATTENDANCE
Good attendance at school by all students is a high priority. Recent changes to Attendance Law have made it very important for parents and schools to work together to resolve issues of unsatisfactory attendance.

Schools are required to refer matters further when efforts to resolve issues are unsuccessful. The NSW Department of Education and Training may take legal action against parents and caregivers who do not send their children to school without a valid reason.

Regular attendance at school enables students to develop a sense of belonging to a peer group and building important coping and friendship skills. Confident children are less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour. All children have a right to an education and through regular attendance at school can make the most of educational opportunities leading to greater social and economic outcomes.

During this year there will be occasions where parents and caregivers of children with attendance concerns will be contacted by the school to inform of these concerns. This will be done by letter, phone call or a meeting will be organised if required.

Concerns with attendance may include:
- An unsatisfactory attendance rate
- Unexplained or unjustified absences
- Regular lateness/part day absences

Parents are encouraged to work with the school to resolve attendance concerns to ensure the best outcomes are achieved for all students at school and in their future opportunities.

Mr Mazzitelli
Deputy Principal

PSSA TRY-OUTS
Try-outs for the Dalmeny PSSA Summer Sports will be held in the next 2-3 weeks. The sports being held this summer are:
- OzTag
- Cricket
- Newcomeball
- Softball (boys/girls) - depending on numbers

Please remind your child to listen carefully for announcements regarding try-out times if they are interested. Students must agree to stay in the team for the 12 week duration of the competition at a cost of $6 per week for bus fares and students are expected to attend weekly training sessions.

This week, the following sports will have their initial trials for all interested students:
- OzTag Juniors (Yrs 3 & 4) - Wednesday, 6 February, Break 2
- OzTag Seniors (Yrs 5 & 6) - Thursday, 7 February, Break 1

Students are to meet Mr Mathews in the PSSA training part of the oval.

All other sports will trial on Friday as part of regular sport time. Summer will include (depending on numbers) cricket, newcomeball, Boys/Girls softball/t-ball.

Tennis will be offered again this summer and notes will be sent out later this week. Please note that if your child is selected in a PSSA team, they cannot do tennis as these sports run at the same time. Tennis will cost $10 per week.

Miss Moffat
PSSA Co-ordinator

LIVERPOOL ZONE SPORTING TEAM TRIALS
The following is a list of proposed dates on which trials will be held for various Liverpool Zone Sporting teams:

- Liverpool Zone team trials are usually for students in Years 5 and 6 with some limited exceptions made for students in Year 4 that demonstrate a talent in that sport.
- Be aware that for most trials each school is only allowed to send 2-3 students with a high level of demonstrated skill in a particular sport.
- School PSSA coaches will provide input as to which students may be best suited to attend these trials, but we also welcome input from parents to help us make our recommendations as to who we send for the trial.
- Parents are responsible for getting their child to and from the trials.
- Miss Moffat will make announcements at Monday Morning Assemblies and put
reminders in the newsletter as each sport trial information is received by the school.

- **These dates may change according to the convener of the sport.**

Please see Miss Moffat if you are interested in your child attending one of these trials to collect an expression of interest note or if you have any questions. This note does not guarantee your child will be sent to a trial.

- Boys and Girls Basketball – Tuesday, 12 February
- AFL – Thursday, 7 March
- Zone Swimming Carnival – Tuesday, 5 March
- Boys Soccer – Wednesday, 27 February
- Boys Hockey – Tuesday, 12 March
- Girls Hockey – Tuesday, 12 March
- 11yrs Rugby League – Thursday, 21 March
- Girls Soccer – Thursday, 21 March
- Boys Softball – Tuesday, 26 March
- Girls Softball – Tuesday, 26 March
- Open Rugby League – Thursday, 21 March
- Girls Touch Football – Tuesday, 2 April
- Netball – Thursday, 4 April
- Boys Touch Football – Thursday, 9 May
- Zone Cross Country – Tuesday, 21 May
- Rugby Union – Wednesday, 8 May
- Girls Cricket – Thursday, 30 May
- Boys Cricket – Tuesday, 30 July
- Zone Athletics Carnival – Tuesday, 20 August (TBC)

**Miss Moffat**

PSSA Co-Ordinator

**LIVERPOOL ZONE PSSA TRY-OUTS**

Try-outs for Boys and Girls Basketball will be held on Tuesday, 12 March (week 3) with the venue to be advised. If your child is in Year 5 and 6 (or a very talented Year 4 student in basketball), please see Miss Moffat so that permission notes and trial information can be given out.

**TOILETTING ACCIDENTS**

It is not unusual for Kindergarten students or other junior students to have a toileting accident as they settle in to the new school year. Many require a change of clothing. Unfortunately, we do not always have a change of clothes that fit or are suitable to change students in to. If your child is a junior student, it would be greatly appreciated if you could please include a change of undies, socks, school top/dress and short/pants in your child’s bag daily. This will assist us to make your child comfortable quickly.

**KNOCKOUT COMPETITION 2013**

In the coming weeks, try-outs will be held for the following sports which students in Years 5 and 6 will play in NSWPSSA knockout completion:

- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Boys and Girls Soccer
- Rugby League
- Cricket

These teams are different to Friday afternoon PSSA teams.

**CASULA HIGH SCHOOL**

**Information Evening**

For future Year 7 students (currently in Years 4,5,6)

**Tuesday 19th February 2013**

6.30pm to 7.30pm

**ANNOUNCING ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2014**

Please contact the school should you require additional information

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