Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the halfway point of term 4. It has been a very busy term so far, with many more events currently in the planning for students and parents. To assist you in not missing anything, please take the time to check the Term Calendar weekly as more events are added to it.

I would like to thank all of the grandparents who were able to visit our school last Wednesday. It was great to see so many grandparents and special friends in classrooms and the playground, sharing their stories and taking an active interest in the education of their grandchildren. The children were also very excited to share their school experiences with their grandparents.

We also welcomed many of next year’s Kindergarten students on Thursday morning at the first of 4 “Transition to School” visits. I look forward to this week’s visits when our Year 5 students will be given the opportunity to demonstrate their leadership skills as they meet and work with their Kindergarten buddies for the first time.

A very special assembly was also held this morning and attended by all students and staff. On this Rememberance Day, at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, one minutes’ silence was observed and dedicated to those soldiers who served and lost their lives in the First World War and in all other armed conflicts our nation has engaged in since.

On a less positive note, the staff has become concerned about the number of students consistently arriving at school well before teachers are on duty at 8.30am. Several students are consistently arriving at school as early as 7.30am. Unfortunately, this means that they are unsupervised during this time, which is obviously quite unsafe.

If your children need to be at school before 8.30am, please arrange for them to be enrolled in the Out Of School Hours (OOSH) program. Information about this program can be obtained at the office. I thank all parents for their support with this.

Mr Clayton Reedie
Principal
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Payment of Invoices

Invoices requesting payment of school contributions and current excursions will be distributed this week. As we approach the end of the school financial year on 30 November, it would be greatly appreciated if you could finalise any outstanding amounts by Friday, 28 November. Please also note that - no money can be accepted via the Parent Online Payment option or via direct deposit to the school account between Friday 28 November and Tuesday 2 December.
**2015 ENROLMENTS**
Planning is now underway for our class formations in 2015. Indications are that student numbers at Dalmeny school will continue to grow. It is of vital importance that if you are not returning in 2015 that you please inform the office. The numbers of students enrolled will impact on how many classes we are entitled to have and also on students being placed into 2015 classes. We really want to start the classes as soon as we can in 2015 so information about students who will NOT be returning is vital for this to happen.

Also, parents of students who plan to return from their holidays after school begins on January 28 2015 are asked to let the school know. This will help ensure that class positions are held for your child/ren.

**P&C DISCO - THANK YOU**
The discos that were held last week were enjoyed by all students who attended. There were a lot of “groovy movers” and the students stood out in their amazing “glow” accessories.

Thanks to the committee members, new and current parents and teachers who donated their time to assist on the day: distributing chips/drinks and selling flash necklaces. Also many thanks to our DJ - Mr Benson for making the time to assist in this fundraising event. P&C Committee

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**
Student and school achievements are recognised and classes have the opportunity to perform for their peers at our regular school assemblies. Parents and community members are most welcome to attend.

**PLEASE NOTE: K-2 Athletics ribbons place getters (1st, 2nd and 3rd places) for finals will be receiving their ribbons at the Year 1 & 2 assembly on 14 November.**

We would like to congratulate the following students who will be awarded their certificates at assembly this week. These students were acknowledged by their teacher for class work, participation, attitude or citizenship. (This is common practice at Dalmeny PS. If you object to having your child’s name and/or photo in the newsletter please advise the office.)

**Term 4 Week 6**

**SUMMER PSSA COMPETITION**
Round 10 of the summer PSSA competition will be played this Friday, 14 November 2014.

Students who are selected will need to ensure they wear school sport uniform and always have a school hat, water and sunscreen with them on Fridays. Team members are expected to attend training during school hours and need to pay their $7 bus fares each week to their coaches on Friday mornings. This commitment is for the entire PSSA season.

In the event of inclement weather on a Friday morning, please still assume that games will be played and send your child in the correct sport uniform and with the appropriate equipment and bus fare. Students will attend even if they “forget” to bring their bus fare - please pay the following week. Venues for Friday 14 November are:

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**UPCOMING EXCURSIONS/ACTIVITIES INFORMATION**
Payments can also be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. Go to the schools website: www.dalmeny-p.schools.nsw.edu.au then select $ Make a payment and follow the prompts.

**Year 5 CSIRO “Electrics Circuits” Incursion**
(5DJ, 5K, 5L and 5M)
**Date:** Wednesday 12 November 2014
**Where:** Dalmeny Public School
**Time:** 1 hr sessions of approx. 30 students throughout the day
**Cost:** Permission note and payment of $8.50 are due back to the office by Monday 10 November.
Yr 5 & Yr 6 Surf Awareness/Surf Skills Beach Program
Date: Tuesday, 25 November 2014
Where: Cronulla Beach
Time: Buses will leave promptly at 8.30am and will return by 3pm.
Info: Students to wear their sports uniform with their swimming costume underneath (and a pair of board shorts - a rash shirt will be provided) and have sunscreen applied at home. Wear a school hat. Bring sunscreen for “top up” application, a towel, jumper, underwear and a plastic bag for their wet clothes. Bring lunch, afternoon tea and adequate drinks.
Cost: Permission note and payment of $25.00 are due back to the office by Friday, 14 November.

Year 6 Berry Sport & Recreation Camp
Date: Wednesday 10 December to Friday 12 December 2014
Time: Be at school 8.00am and returning approx. 3pm
Medical & Consent Form: Sport & Recreation needs parents to complete this form on behalf of your child and is available online at dsr.nsw.gov.au/schoolcampmedicalform.
Payment: $25 to cover accommodation, transport, meals and activities. Payments are now being accepted and you may elect to forward part payments. Full payment must be finalised by Friday, 28 November 2014.

Year 2 Fun Day AMF Bowling “COMING SOON”
Date: Friday, 12 December 2014
Where: AMF Bowling, Liverpool
Approx. Cost: $30-$35 which includes 2 games of bowling, laser tag and lunch (hot dog and hot chips).
Info: Permission note and more detailed information will be sent out later next month. This is to advise parents of the upcoming fun day and approximate cost.

P&C 2014 CHOCOLATE DRIVE PLEASE RETURN MONIES ASAP
Thank you to families who have sold and returned payment for boxes sold. We ask that families return proceeds from the sale of these chocolates as soon as possible ($50 if all sold) and to return any unsold boxes. Invoice reminders have been sent home to families who have outstanding chocolates to be returned. All funds raised help us to make a vital contribution towards improved facilities.

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TELEPHONE INTERPRETER SERVICE
If you need help with English to make an enquiry contact the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will call the number you provide and get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

NSW PUBLIC SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS
Here’s a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2015 - 2016.

SCHOOL BANKING
Parents and students are taking advantage of this great service at Dalmeny. Don’t forget that Thursday is School Banking day and students should leave their deposit wallets at the office each Thursday morning before 9.00am. Deposits will be processed and the wallets will be returned to students by the following Monday. Application packages for new accounts are available from the office, at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 22 21 or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access. Keep up the great saving Dalmeny!
LOST PROPERTY FROM SWIM SCHOOL
Over the 2 weeks during the swim school scheme, there have been some items of lost property handed into the office. If your child is missing any items that may have been left at the swimming pool, please check the lost property draws located in the front office.

ATTENTION ALL YEAR 5 PARENTS
SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS
Current Yr 5 students seeking entry to Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2016
Applications open on 14 October 2014 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016. Please note applications on the website close 17 November 2014. Information is available on the Department’s internet at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

If you would like an information booklet, please contact the office. Please note selective placement is not appropriate for all students. If you wish to discuss the appropriateness for your child, please contact me.
Mr Mazzitelli
Deputy Principal

EXTRAVAGANZA 2014
“Colour My World”
A quality DVD of the performance is now available at $27 per copy. These are being sold on a ‘first in’ basis from the front office.

FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAM
An ideal development opportunity for school Student Representative Council (SRC) or any student who shows leadership potential. To make a booking or find out more, contact Sport and Recreation on 13 13 02 or visit http://dsr.nsw.gov.au/futureleadersprimary/ for primary school programs and http://dsr.nsw.gov.au/futureleaderssecondary/ for secondary schools.

UNDERSTANDING CLIMATE CHANGE
Is your child learning about climate change at school? CSIRO’s scientists are learning how the earth’s climate system works through observation, measurement and modelling. Find out more: http://www.csiro.au/Outcomes/Climate/Understanding.aspx

LITTLE AUSSIE SONGSTERS COMPETITION
An Australia Day competition where primary students can video their singing of our national anthem. For further details, visit http://www.aussievault.com.au/vault/136/detail/little-aussie-songster
The competition is now open and will close on Saturday 14 February 2015.

READY FOR HIGH SCHOOL
Just to let you know that the Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages. Search by language: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start_ss/rfhsc.php

LOST PROPERTY
As we are approaching the end of year, please check the lost property draws located in the admin foyer if your child has lost any personal property at school. In order that any lost items are able to be returned to your child, please write your child’s name on everything! You can:
- use a permanent laundry marker to label clothes, hats and shoes, or sew or iron on personalised labels;
- check that labels haven’t faded with washing or
- go through your child’s bag with them each night.