Term 4  Week 8  Tuesday, 25 November 2014

Dear Parents,

Voluntary School Contributions
Thank you to the many families who have paid a Voluntary School Contribution ($30 for one child / $60 for two or more children) this year. Your assistance has made a significant contribution to the increased quality of learning materials available now in all of our classrooms.

Parent “Thank You” Afternoon Tea
I will be looking forward to sharing the “Thank You” Afternoon Tea with our parents, community and staff next Monday 1 December commencing at 1.30pm and concluding at 2.15pm in the school hall to show our gratitude for the help we receive.

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page).

The cost of the photos online are discounted at $14.00 per group.

Order forms are also available from the office. Please include cash (exact money) or cheque in the envelope. Orders for these photos must be in by Friday, 28 November 2014.

SPORTS, DANCE & SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOS
Sporting teams and other school group photos are now available online for viewing and purchase from advancedlife. There are 4 easy steps to online photos ordering:

Step 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter your school code: MR6 RR2 1LV
Step 2: Select “GROUPS” and choose the images you would like to purchase
Step 3: Enter your Students details (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

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DALMENY STUDENTS BECOME REGIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CHAMPIONS
In last week’s newsletter, it was announced that Kiranjot Kaur of 3/4R won the Stage 2 section of the SSW Regional Public Speaking competition. Later that same afternoon, Christian Valensise of 5/6S became the Stage 3 SSW Regional Public Speaking champion. These two students presented outstanding prepared speeches and then backed it up with impressive impromptu speeches showing their knowledge of the current world issues.

Congratulations go to Christian and Kiranjot on their extraordinary performances in their representation of Liverpool Zone. This brings to close this year’s public speaking events. They began as a K to 6 school competition which forms an integral part of our speaking and listening assessment and ended in amazing achievements when Ryan Fang, Kiranjot and Christian won all three stages of the Liverpool Zone (only Stage 2 and 3 winners go on to Regional level). Dalmeny students at every level can be very proud of their public speaking achievements.

Mrs Sue
Liverpool District Public Speaking Convenor
KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION 2015

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TIER TAG EVENTS

Under burning blue skies the Dalmeny students headed down to Victoria Park, Minto on Thursday last week to take on all comers (10 other schools) at the annual Wests Tigers Oztag challenge. Battle hardened after a PSSA season the Dalmeny students were settled and ready for action. With 4 teams playing we were able to showcase the depth and athletic talent we have at our disposal here at DPS. Our A teams made it through the tournament undefeated all the way up to the Grand Finals. The B teams also went very well, with the juniors making the finals and the seniors just missing out.

Come Grand Final time the seniors powered home over Campbelltown North for a decisive victory 5 - 2 to claim our fourth Tiger Tag winners trophy. The juniors fought gamely against Kentlyn to battle to 2 all at the end of the game. Extra time started and Kentlyn snuck in for a try to snatch victory. A great game by both teams.

The Grand Final teams played 7 games that day in temps in the mid 30s without a single complaint from anyone. Tired, thirsty and ‘heavy legged’ by the end, our squad were simply outstanding representatives for our school, and Miss Joseph and I would like to thank them very much for their efforts. You did us all proud.

Mr Mathews

SCHOOL BANKING

The last day for school banking will be this Thursday, 27 November 2014. Please make sure that all bank books are handed into the office by 9.00am on Thursday. Unfortunately no late bank books will have their deposits processed this term.

Congratulations to the students who have been saving weekly where children are developing money management skills.

P&C Committee & School Banking Co-ordinators

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.

BEAT THE BEEP

Has been run and won. Thanks to everyone who participated this year. Extra demands were placed on your generosity this year and the school community really dug deep. We were able to raise in excess of $1,800 which has greatly helped to reduce the cost of our Year 6 farewell. The big prizes will be handed out at the 6M assembly coming up in 2 weeks. More information on that in next week’s newsletter.

Mr Mathews

NSW PUBLIC SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

BUS PASSES for STUDENTS in Yr 3 2015
A note and new bus pass application form were sent home to all students in Year 2 who may be eligible for a bus pass in 2015. This is a clerical requirement for Year 2 students only as they move from Year 2 to Year 3. Please return this application as soon as possible or your child will not automatically be issued with a bus pass next year.

Students in grades 3 to 6 are now only eligible for subsidised transport if they reside more than 1.6km (radial distance) from Dalmeny P. S. or 2.3km or more by the most direct practicable walking route to the nearest point of physical entry to the school. In order to ensure that new passes are processed promptly in readiness for the 2015 school year, please complete a bus application form and return it to the office by Friday 5 December.

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.

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.

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The following teams will be staying at school: Girls and Boys softball, Junior “B” and Senior “B” Newcombeball.

GOOD LUCK TEAMS!
P&C 2014 CHOCOLATE DRIVE
Feeling peckish or have an event coming up? We have over 20 boxes left of Cadbury chocolates. Anyone interested in purchasing or selling a box of chocolates ($50), please see the office staff and we will be happy to assist you. Fundraising activities such as this help us to make a vital contribution towards improved facilities.

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 1 Let’s Celebrate Day
Date: Thursday, 4 December 2014
Where: Dalmeny Public School Year 1 classrooms
Time: All day
Info: Classrooms will be decorated in a theme of a celebration event. Students will be participating
in craft activities and trying different foods such as cupcakes, Diwali sweets and candy canes.

**Payment:** Please return permission note and payment of $5.00 to the office by Friday, 28 November.

**Year 6 Fun Day**

**Date:** Thursday, 4 December 2014  
**Where:** Bowlarama, Wetherill Park  
1 game of laser tag and 1 game of TenPin Bowling.  
**Time:** Leaving school at 9.30am and returning to school by 2.00pm.  
**Payment:** Permission note and payment of $25 are due back to the office by Friday 28 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:** $255 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 1 Fun Day**

**Date:** Thursday, 11 December 2014  
**Where:** Dalmeny Public School all day activities.  
**Info:** Activities such as cookie decorating, bubble art, movie, inflatable obstacle challenge and disco. A sausage sizzle lunch will be offered. A packet of chips, a drink and an ice-block will also be provided on the day.  
**Payment:** Permission note and payment of $20.00 are due back to the office by Friday 5 December.

**Year 2 Fun Day - AMF Bowling**

**Date:** Friday, 12 December 2014  
**Where:** AMF Bowling, Megacenta Liverpool  
2 games of bowling, laser tag and lunch.  
**Time:** Leaving shortly after 9.00am and returning to school by 3.00pm.  
**Payment:** Permission note, payment of $30 and lunch order are due back to the office by Friday 28 November.

**Kindergarten Fun Day - Dumaresq St Cinemas**

**Date:** Friday, 12 December 2014  
**Where:** Dumaresq St Cinemas, Campbelltown  
viewing "Penguins of Madagascar" (G).  
**Time:** Leaving school at 10.30am and travelling back to school by bus at 1.30pm.  
**Payment:** Permission note and payment of $21.00 are due back to the office by Monday 8 December.

**Year 6 Farewell Graduation Evening**

**Date:** Tuesday, 16 December 2014  
**Where:** Liverpool Catholic Club, Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool  
**Time:** Arriving at 6.15pm and concluding at 9.00pm. Parents to join us at 8.45pm for presentation of Graduation certificates.  
**Payment:** Permission note and payment of $10.00 are due back to the office by Tuesday 9 December.

**Year 3 Fun Day**

**Date:** Tuesday, 16 December 2014  
**Where:** Dalmeny Public School all day activities.  
**Info:** Activities such as inflatable obstacle challenge, sporting games and movie. A "Fun Day Party Pack" will be provided on the day.  
**Payment:** Permission note and payment of $26.00 are due back to the office by Friday 12 December.

**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.

**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.

**OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN TO PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT**

Dear Parents,

Last week, students from Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 were treated to a visit from David Howell who represents "MUSICORP Australia", and Keren
Jamieson who is a qualified music teacher. MUSICORP provides schools with quality musical instruments to support their music programs.

The students received a musical demonstration of each instrument and were then able to actually try several instruments of their choice.

Our long term plan is to form a school band. Depending on the response and commitment from students and families, we may work towards forming a junior and a senior band.

As explained in the brochure that accompanies this note, the cost of the program is $209 per term. This includes 1 x half hour lesson each week at school (a minimum of 8 lessons per term), the rental and full use of the instrument at school and to take home, all music and lesson material and a music stand. Please remember that this is a long term commitment that, realistically, will require participation of longer than one term.

Students are asked to choose two instruments as they may not always receive their first choice. It is important to have a balanced band so a good cross section of instruments is required.

Learning to play an instrument has proven benefits to the overall academic, social and emotional development of students. Playing an instrument and then performing as an ensemble or school band can be an extremely rewarding experience. However, it requires support and commitment from both students and their families for the long term. There will be an expectation that students will practice at home for a minimum of 4 times per week for 15 minutes.

This exciting new program has the full support of the Principal, staff and the P&C Association.

We look forward to creating a Dalmeny Public School band in 2015. Please return the Expression of Interest slip to the office by Friday, 28 November 2014.