Term 4  Week 10

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the second last newsletter of 2014. I look forward to seeing many of you at next week’s presentation assembly.

**OOSH Tender Process**
As many of you may have heard, our before and after school care contract was recently up for renewal. Under NSW law, this meant that we needed to re-tender, under the direction of the NSW DEC Asset Management Unit. During this process, a panel met to consider new tenders which were called through public advertisement.

As a result of this process, our tender has been awarded to Cubbyhouse, providers of before and after school care for students. Some points for you to be aware of:

- All students currently in before and after school care will be provided with a place under the new licensees.
- Additional students are welcome to enrol (this includes Kindergarten children starting with us in 2015).
- The OOSH will continue to operate in the hall as per current setup.
- New enrolment procedures and other information can be found in this newsletter.

A range of factors were considered by the panel before awarding the tender to Cubbyhouse, and in no way is the change in licensee a reflection of dissatisfaction with our current care provided by the YMCA. In fact, I know many of you will join me in thanking them for their service to our community over a number of years.

I trust that you will find the new care provisions for your children more than satisfactory.

**P&C Meeting**
Our final P&C meeting for 2014 will be held in the staffroom tonight at 7:00pm. All welcome.

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**Dalmeny PS App**
A reminder that the Dalmeny App can be downloaded for Android and iPhones now. A great way to keep up to date with school news.

**Key Dates**
A reminder that the last day for students is next Wednesday 17 December 2014. Students return for the start of the new school year on Wednesday 28 January 2015. Thank you.

Mr Clayton Reede - Principal
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**GARDEN CLUB HARVEST**
This Wednesday morning the K-2 Garden Club will be selling their lettuces for $1 each! These will be sold from 8.30am in the 3-6 passive area (outside the library). We hope to see you there.

Kellie Flashman – Garden Club Coordinator

**TERM CALENDAR**

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BEAT THE BEEP - YR6 FUNDRAISER
And a huge thanks to everyone who donated towards the Beat the Beepathon challenge. We raised nearly $1,400 and it is with great pleasure that we announce our winners as being:

1st prize - the iFly voucher for a family visit - Salma Nour
2nd prize - 2 tickets to Wet 'n' Wild - Luke Bobbin

and the voucher from JB Hi Fi will be drawn at the 6M assembly today. Many thanks to everyone on behalf of Year 6.

Mr Mathews

TERM DATES
2014 - The last day of the 2014 school year for students is Wednesday 17 December.
2015 - Wednesday 28 January is the first day back in 2015 for Year 1 - Year 6 students.

Kindergarten children will begin at Dalmeny PS on either Thursday 29 or Friday 30 January. Parents of Kinder students will receive a letter indicating starting time and date for their child.

INTERLINE BUS SERVICES TIMETABLE
As part of their commitment to provide improved services, Interline are currently conducting a comprehensive review of the bus timetables. They expect to be able to provide full details of any changes to services by the first day back to school 2015. Interline's website will be updated over the school holiday period with the latest news. Please monitor the website to familiarise yourself with any new information at www.interlinebus.com.au

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.

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS/ACTIVITIES
Reminder & Information
Stage 3 Berry Sport And Recreation Camp
Year 6 students will be attending Berry Sport and Recreation Centre for two nights and three days leaving tomorrow Wednesday 10 December and returning Friday, 12 December 2014. Year 6 teachers will be accompanying the students.

Departure Time:
Leaving from Dalmeny PS on Wednesday 10 December at 9.30am.

Returning Time:
Arriving back at Dalmeny PS on Friday 12 December at approx. 3.00pm. Parents will need to organise to have their child picked up on this day.

What to bring:
Check you have packed everything as per the "What to bring note". Some key points are:

- Raincoat/spray-jacket for wet weather;
- No valuables including mobile phones and electronic games;
- No lollies, chips or junk food;
- 2 towels, toiletries, change of underwear, PJs, socks;
- Warm clothes;
- Torch;
- Spare pair of old sneakers;
- Sleeping bag and yoga "type" mat;
- Any medication labelled with your child’s name and written instructions of administration in a zip lock plastic bag to be handed to your teacher on Wednesday morning at school;
- Pack your best manners and be ready to comply with the behaviour contract that you signed.

Have an enjoyable stay!

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

LOST PROPERTY
As we approach 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;
- go through your child's bag with them each night.
Any unclaimed items will be donated to the second hand clothing stall or to the charity bins.

CHOOSING SCHOOL SHOES
Are expensive school shoes the best option for happy feet? Let's face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn't evolved much at all.

Tips for choosing shoes:

P&C 2014 CHOCOLATE DRIVE
PLEASE RETURN MONIES ASAP
As we are approaching the end of year, 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. All funds raised help us to make a vital contribution towards improved facilities.

READY FOR HIGH SCHOOL
Can you recall what you were most apprehensive about when you started high school? This video of Year 7 students explain why teens shouldn't be worried about starting high school, and how they can get off to a great start in the first few days. Watch the videos:

TEACH YOUR KIDS TO BE WATERPROOF
As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer. Find out more:

NSW PUBLIC SCHOOL TERMS & HOLIDAYS
Here's a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2015 - 2016. Find out more:
KINDergarten Fun Day: Friday, 12 December 2014
Kindergarten students will be travelling to Dumaresq Street Cinemas, Campbelltown leaving school at 10.30am to watch the movie "Penguins of Madagascar" (G) (a popcorn an a bottled water will be provided at the cinema). Students are required to wear full school uniform, including a school hat and please send lunch as usual. Please do not order from the canteen. The cost to students is $21 which includes coach transport, movie, popcorn and a drink, and also craft activities at school (in the classroom until 10.15am). Permission note and payment MUST be returned by Monday 8 December.

YEar 1 Fun Day: Thursday, 11 December 2014
Students in Year 1 will have their fun day at school participating in activities such as cookie decorating, bubble art, afternoon movie viewing, inflatable obstacle challenge and a disco. Students may wear appropriate comfortable, casual clothing and enclosed shoes (joggers). Don’t forget your hat. A sausage sizzle lunch will be offered, A packet of chips, a drink and an ice-block will also be provided on the day. Students may bring a small treat to eat during the afternoon movie session. Cost of the day is $20. Permission note and payment MUST be returned by Friday 5 December.

YEar 2 Fun Day: Friday, 12 December 2014
Students in Year 2 will travel to AMF Bowling, Liverpool Megacentra leaving school at 9.00am. Students will return by 3pm. Lunch will be provided however students will need to bring their own snacks and any additional drinks. No spending money is required. Students will need to wear full school uniform, school hat and bring a school jumper. Cost of the day is $30 which includes bowling, laser tag, lunch and bus transport. Payment has now been finalised.

YEar 3 Fun Day: Tuesday, 16 December 2014
Students in Years 3 will participate in activities that encourage teamwork, risk taking and co-operative learning. These activities include challenging inflatable obstacle courses, sporting games and watching the PG rated movie "Mr Peabody and Sherman". Students will be required to bring their own lunch and recess. They will be provided with a "Fun Day Party Pack" including a drink, chips and an ice-block. Students should wear sports uniforms and joggers. Cost of the day is $26. Permission note and payment must be returned by Friday 12 December.

YEar 4 & 3/4R Celebration Day: Thursday, 11 December 2014
Students in Year 4 will visit Stanwell Park Beach Reserve participating in a range of outdoor activities including soccer, cricket, sand sculpting, nipper activities and art. Students will not be allowed in or near the water. Students should bring a packed lunch and recess from home with adequate drinks. Full school sport uniform, school hat and joggers are required. The cost of the day is $16. Permission note and payment are due back by Tuesday 9 December.

YEar 5 Fun Day: Thursday, 11 December 2014
Year 5 will visit Bowlarama, Wetherill Park participating in 1 game of Laser Tag, 1 game of TenPin Bowling and a session of Karaoke singing. Leaving school at 9.30am and return to school by 2.30pm travelling by bus. Students should wear full school uniform including enclosed shoes and a school hat. All students should bring a packed lunch and recess from home including snacks and adequate drinks. No spending money is required. The cost is $25 per student. Permission note and payment are due back to the office by Friday 5 December.