Dear Parents,

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Mr Clayton Reedie, and I am the new Principal of Dalmeny Public School.

Dalmeny is the fourth school where I have been Principal. The others being Mount Hunter, Chipping Norton and, most recently, Hinchinbrook Public School.

I feel honoured to be leading Dalmeny. It is a wonderful school with an exemplary reputation in so many areas: academic performance, sport, performing arts and student behaviour are a few that come to mind. I have only been on "official" duty here for two days, but already I can understand why the school attracts such positive comments.

Yesterday I worked with the teachers for the day here at school. The staff are extremely hard working and make every decision in the best interests of the children. I am looking forward to working with them very much in the years ahead.

Today I had the pleasure to chat with many students in class and in the playground. I was impressed with how many remembered my name from last term! It may take me a little while to learn all of their names in return 😊

Of course, our schools are only here to serve the students and I know that the boys and girls of Dalmeny Public School will continue to grow and improve throughout the terms to come.

Additionally, thank you to the parents who introduced themselves to me today. I appreciate your support very much and look forward to getting to know you in my new role.

Before finishing this report, I would like to acknowledge the work of the previous Principal, Mr David Eggins. Mr Eggins was highly regarded by his staff, community, students and colleagues. Over the past few years I got to know him very well and I will always hold him in high regard. I wish Mr Eggins a long, happy, enjoyable retirement.

Finally, I would like to publicly thank Mr Mazzitelli for his leadership of Dalmeny following Mr Eggins' departure. His work has made stepping into the Principal's role here a pleasure.

Thank you

Mr Clayton Reedie
Principal

NAIDOC WEEK
NAIDOC Week was celebrated nationally during our school holidays between the 6-13 July.

Naidoc stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920's which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians.

NAIDOC week is held every year in the first full week of July. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our community and our society.

This week all students at Dalmeny Public School will celebrate NAIDOC week. Enjoy the rainbow serpents that decorate our buildings.
PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival is being held at the Ash Road Sporting Complex, Prestons on Tuesday, 22 July 2014.

Permission notes have been distributed. All Yr 3-6 students are expected to attend this event as this is a regular and important part of our school program. If students are signed out early on the carnival day, a partial absence will be recorded against their attendance. Parents are welcome to attend and anyone willing to assist should contact Miss Todhunter. Please return permission notes by Friday 18 July.

"Sporting House" colours are as follows: Wenden (yellow), Fitzpatrick (green), Kantek (blue) and Minichielo (Red).

Miss Todhunter – Sports Co-Ordinator

TERM CALENDAR

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MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES DISTRICT PUBLIC SPEAKING FINAL
During the final week of Term 2, Christian Valensise and Saarah Gierdien represented Dalmeny in the District Public Speaking Final held at Greenway Park Public School. Both speakers were excellent in their prepared speeches and then backed it up with some terrific presentations in their follow-up impromptu speeches. They engaged the audience with their eye-contact, voice and speech content. Saarah was awarded highly commended runner-up in the Stage 3 section. Thank you to these two students who have been committed in their preparation for this competition. Well done!

Shortly, all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be preparing for our school Public Speaking Competition which will lead into the District Competition to be held early in Term 4.

B Sue – Public Speaking/Debating Co-ordinator

PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE
Yes - it’s time once again to hone those spelling skills. All students from Years 3 to 6 will be participating in a series of elimination rounds over the coming weeks beginning in Week 3. From these elimination rounds two students in each stage will be selected to represent Dalmeny at zone level. A standard wordlist taken from the Macquarie Dictionary will be used in all rounds.

Wordlists used in this competition are available on the following website: www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au (click on Spelling Bee).

The login password which has been made available to all students is:
Password = decade
This year the lists feature a new category entitled Places, which adds a geographical element to the word lists. Please note, when being tested on these words students will not have to state whether a letter is capitalised or not. Have fun studying those words, and good luck!

B Sue – Spelling Bee Co-ordinator

WINTER PSSA COMPETITION
Round 7 of the winter PSSA competition will be played this Friday, 18 July 2014. Students who are selected will need to ensure they wear school sport uniform, sports gear and always have a school hat, water and sunscreen with them on Fridays.

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 ($7.00) – please pay the following week. Venues for this Friday are:

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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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A purple note was sent home last term to the eldest child in your family. Only families who respond by returning the slip at the bottom of this note will be issued with a box of chocolates.

Fundraising activities such as this help us to make a vital contribution towards improved facilities. 
P&C Association Committee

SCHOOL BANKING
Thank you for supporting the School Banking Program. School banking will commence next Thursday 24 July.

Don’t forget that Thursday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Dalmeny Public School. Keep up the great saving!

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.

Support Unit "Kidz Zoo" incursion (K/6D, K/6J and K/6M)
Date: Monday, 21 July 2014
Where: Support Unit playground at Dalmeny P. S.
Time: 11.30am - 1.30pm
Cost: $17.00
Payment: Permission note and payment of $17 are due back to the office.

Year 4 CSIRO Workshop
Date: Wednesday 23 July – Classes 4C, 4H and 4L
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Where: Dalmeny Public School
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Wakakirri Performance
Date: Thursday, 28 August 2014
Where: Riverside Theatre, Parramatta
Orders: Ticket prices are $33 per seat – limited tickets have been allocated to the school.
Time: 7.00pm
Due: Ticket orders are due back to the office by Friday, 18 July 2014.

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Families Together invites mothers, fathers, grandparents and carers to “Guiding children’s challenging behavior”
Presented by Petra Will Herat
Relationship Educator

All children sometimes behave in ways that are challenging to parents. As they grow up, children learn what constitutes acceptable behavior and how to control inappropriate behavior. This session aims to promote positive parenting through behavior guidance and reduce the stress associated with raising children. This session is aimed at families with children up to the age of 12 years.

Date: Thursday, 31 July 2014
Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Place: Conference Room ABC
Mt Pritchard & District Community Club Ltd (Mounties)