Term 3  Week 2  Wednesday, 23 July 2014

Welcome to the Week 2 newsletter - a day later than usual due to yesterday’s athletics carnival. We are currently in the middle of a very busy week, with a great many events happening at our fantastic school.

**Athletics Carnival**
Beautiful weather greeted us for our 3-6 athletics carnival held yesterday at the Ash Road Reserve. We saw many outstanding performances from our students as they ran, jumped and threw their way to personal bests in the track and field events.

I had the chance to talk with many parents who attended, and I thank them for coming along and supporting their children on the day. I would also like to thank the teachers who ran the day, ably led by Miss Joseph and Ms Todhunter, who coordinated the event on our behalf. Congratulations, all.

**School Canteen**
As you are aware, we welcomed the new canteen operators at the beginning of this term. This has brought a new menu, new staff and some new operational procedures that have been implemented over the past two weeks.

We understand that there have been some “teething problems” with the changeover, as our canteen partner comes to grips with new kitchen equipment, different suppliers and the fact that they are servicing nearly 1,000 students at Dalmeny.

Mr Mazzitelli and I are regularly meeting with the new owners to work through issues raised by parents and students. I am happy to say that they have been very responsive to our requests and concerns thus far. We thank you for your patience as our new lessee settles in.

Mr Clayton Reedie
Principal

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**EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY**
**Thursday, 31 July 2014**
**NSW Public Schools**
“Lighting The Way to a Better Future”

Education Week celebrations first began 60 years ago in 1954. This year, New South Wales schools are celebrating 60 years of Education Week with original theme of “Lighting The Way to a Better Future”.

Dalmeny Public School will celebrate Education Week this year with a community assembly at 9.15am on Thursday 31 July.

Following the assembly, all classrooms will be open for visitors to see quality teaching and learning in action. Parents and visitors are welcome to visit classrooms to see displays and samples of students’ work and a diverse range of learning experiences.

It will also be an opportunity to promote our Musical Extravaganza “Colour My World” which will be held in Week 10 this term. Please look for more details in next week’s newsletter.

We hope to see many visitors on this special occasion.

**CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS**
Teagan Hunter from 3/4R was one of the students from Dalmeny P. S. who represented the Liverpool Zone at the Regional Cross Country Carnival held at Hurlstone Agricultural High School at the end of Term 2. She came 5th in the 8/9 year old girls’ race (having come 18th in the same race last year).

As a result Teagan represented Sydney South West at the State Cross Country Carnival at Eastern Creek on Friday 18 July. She came 58th in that race. We would like to congratulate Teagan on her outstanding achievement.

Liz Todhunter - Sports co-ordinator
KINDERGARTEN 2015 ORIENTATION

It's that time of year again when we are taking enrolments for Kindergarten next year. Children who turn five by 31 July 2015 are eligible to begin school next year.

To ensure you receive information regarding the Kinder Orientation Program, please collect an enrolment application form from the office as soon as possible.

TERM CALENDAR

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COMING SOON BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

On Thursday, 21 August 2014, Year 6 will be holding their annual “Book Character Parade” to celebrate Book Week. All students and staff are invited to dress up as their favourite book character to come and show everyone at our parade - all for the cost of a gold coin donation! This is always a fun day and we look forward to everybody’s participation.

Year 6 Fundraising Committee

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

This year, Dalmeny Public School is showing its support for the Children’s Medical Research Institute by recognising Jeans for Genes Day. On Monday, 4 August 2014 students and teachers are encouraged to wear their jeans and bring in a gold coin donation. The SRC will also be selling Jeans for Genes Day merchandise before school in front of the library. There is only a very limited number of stock available, so first in best dressed! The items available include a bangle, brooch, pen and tissue pack ranging from $3.00 to $8.00. Please show your support for the Children’s Medical Research Institute and the important work they do in trying to cure childhood diseases.

Miss Wicks - SRC 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 8 of the winter PSSA competition will be played this Friday, 25 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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SCHOOL BANKING

Thank you for supporting the School Banking Program. School banking will commence this Thursday 24 July. Students should bring in their weekly deposit to the office every Thursday morning. Keep up the great saving!

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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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.)

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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.

Cooking Program – Class K/6D, K/6J & K/6M

The cooking program has commenced for the support unit this term. The cost charged to students for the purchase of ingredients will be $3 per week or $30 for the full term or $60 for Terms 3 & 4. Students in Years 3-6 will be walking to the shop to buy ingredients each week with Mr Brook. Please return permission note and payment by Wednesday 23 July.

Year 4 CSIRO Workshop

Date: Wednesday 23 July - Classes 4C, 4H and 4L
Thursday 24 July - Classes 4S, Year 4 students in 3/4R and OC students attending the test on 23 July
Where: Dalmeny Public School
Cost: Permission note and payment of $9.50 have now closed.

NSW Rugby League U/10s All Schools Carnival

Date: Monday, 28 July 2014
Where: Peter Van Hasselt Park, Koomooloo Crescent, Shalvey then Finals to be played at St Mary’s Leagues Stadium, Cnr Forrester & Boronia Roads, St Marys at 5pm.
Time: Meeting at school 7.00am and unsure of the return time depending on the outcome of the games.
Info: Students will need to supply boots, shoulder pads and must have a mouth guard. Students will require their full sport uniform including a school hat and to bring their recess, lunch, adequate drinks and wear sunscreen. Canteen facilities maybe available.
Transport: Students will be transported to and from the game in a car driven by Mr Mathews or a parent volunteer. Please note if the team progresses to the finals, this will be played at a different venue at 5.00pm.
Cost: No money is required for this event, however, if the team qualifies for the finals, please send money or adequate food/drinks for the day.
and evening. Permission notes are due back to the office by Thursday, 24 July.

Year 5 Belgeny Farm Excursion
Date: Tuesday 12 August - 5K, 5L and Year 5 of 5/6S
Wednesday 13 August - 5DJ & 5M
Time: Departing school at 9am & returning by 3pm.
What to wear/bring: Students should wear comfortable casual clothes. They should bring a jumper, hat, sunscreen and wear comfortable closed shoes. Students need to bring their lunch, recess & adequate drinks for the day in a lightweight material bag.
Payment: Permission note and payment of $22 are required at the office by Friday, 8 August 2014.

Year 6 Interrelate Program - “Moving into the Teen Years”
Date: Monday 18 and 25 August and Monday 1 and 8 September 2014.
Where: Dalmeny Public School
Time: 4 x 90 minute sessions
Info: A course for students in Year 6 to prepare them for High School. Explores a range of adolescent issues and offers a comprehensive sexuality and relationship education programs designed specifically for this important time in life.
Cost: Permission note and payment of $32.00 is due back to the office.
CASULA LAKERS BASEBALL CLUB

We are holding our Annual Try Baseball days again this year and we would like to invite you to come down to Daruk Park and see why Baseball is a great sport for you and your kids to play and enjoy.

Our Try Baseball days are designed to show young players from 5 -16 years of age what the basic skills of the sport are and to show just how enjoyable and interactive this sport can be.

**Try Baseball Days**
- **Where:** Daruk Park (behind Casula Mall Kurrajong Rd)
- **When:** Sunday 27th July and Sunday 3rd August
- **Time:** 10am to 2pm
- **Who:** Boys and girls aged 5 – 16 years
- **Cost:** Free

All participants will receive a free sausage sizzle and a drink.

Enquiries: casulalakersbbq@gmail.com
David 0407 888 668

* Registrations will also be held on these days.

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CASULA HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

This week at Casula High has included a very busy and productive time celebrating NAIDOC week:

- **Dreamtime stories and paintings were created by our special education students in their technology classes.** They also worked on the garden project and made boomerangs.
- **Work has begun on our Bush Tucker garden. Yummy!**
- **Our school choir brilliantly sang the National Anthem in the Dharawal dialect at our recent NAIDOC week assembly.**
- **Our Year 9 Commerce students are busy setting up a school café as part of their small business program.**
- **80 of our students from Years 7 to 10 have entered into the International Writing Competition. Good luck!**
- **One amazing senior student came first in her age division in the South West Sydney Gymnastics Championships.**
- **3 of our year 10 students were selected by the University of Wollongong as very high achieving and therefore took part in a student conference where important current affairs were discussed. Congratulations!**
- **We are all very busy organising and working towards our annual International Day, One of our favourite days of the year, we can’t wait.**

If you have any queries please contact the school on 9602-4270. Emily Signorini, Transition Co-ordinator