Term 3  Week 3

Dear Parents

It seems like I often start my report with the same sentence, but we again have a very busy week at Dalmeny this week!

Education Week
We are currently celebrating Education Week in NSW schools. Information about Education Week at Dalmeny PS is included below. We hope you can join us on the day.

PSSA Sport
Last Friday I had the chance to visit a number of our teams playing PSSA sport. PSSA is a great opportunity for our students to represent our school, and I was impressed with the quality of play and sportsmanship on display. Congratulations to all students and their dedicated coaches.

Mr Mazzitelli
As I mentioned at yesterday’s morning assembly, Mr Mazzitelli injured his hand over the weekend, necessitating surgery on Sunday afternoon. I expect him to be away for the next two weeks. We wish Mr Mazzitelli a speedy recovery and look forward to his return.

Mr Clayton Reedie
Principal

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

As indicated in last week’s newsletter, this year we will be celebrating 60 years of Education Week. In 1954, the slogan for Education Week was “Lighting the Way to a Better World”.

Dalmeny Public School will celebrate Education Week this year with a community assembly commencing at 9.30am on Thursday 31 July.

School captains and vice-captains will conduct the Assembly. All SRC members will attend the assembly to represent the student body.

The assembly will include items from the Junior Dance Group, the School Choir, Year 1 singing, 2A dance and senior public speakers. Following the assembly, all classrooms will be open for community visitors to see displays and samples of students’ work and a diverse range of learning experiences.

You are also invited to bring a blanket and have a picnic lunch with your children. We hope to see many parents and visitors on this special occasion.

TERM CALENDAR

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| Tuesday 12 August  | 1) Yr 5 Belgenny Farm Excursion - 5K, 5L and Year 5 in 5/6S  
|                    | 2) Yr 1 Belgenny Farm Excursion - 1B & 1N  |
| Tuesday 12 August  | P&C Meeting at 7pm in the Library          |
| Wednesday 13 August| 1) Yr 5 Belgenny Farm Excursion - 5DJ and 5M  
|                    | 2) Yr 1 Belgenny Farm Excursion - 1G and Year 1 in 1/2K |
| Monday 18 August   | Yr 6 Interrelate 1st session               |
| Thursday 21 August | Book Character Day                         |
| Monday 25 August   | Yr 6 Interrelate 2nd session               |
| Tuesday 26 August  | 1) Zone Athletics Carnival                  |
|                    | 2) Yr 1 Belgenny Farm Excursion - 1L & 1W   |
| Thursday 28 August | Wakakirri Performance, Riverside Theatre, Parramatta at 7.00pm |
| Monday 1 September | Yr 6 Interrelate 3rd session               |
| Monday 8 September | Yr 6 Interrelate 4th session               |
| Tuesday 14 October | Yr 3 Sydney Wildlife Park Exc              |
| 10 to 12 December  | Year 6 Berry Sport and Rec Camp            |
YEAR 3-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Congratulations to everyone who attended the 3-6 Athletics Carnival on their participation and the level of skill they showed on the day. I would like to thank Mr Griffiths, Mr Hardman and Mr Samperi for their expert assistance on the day - it helped boost the quality of competition and judging for the students, not to mention helping with the smooth running of the day. It was also pleasing to see so many friendly faces watching on from the hill.

Students who came 1st, 2nd or 3rd overall for their age group in an event will receive a ribbon at stage assemblies in the coming weeks. Whilst most of these students will get the chance to represent Dalmeny at the Zone Athletics Carnival, unfortunately this is not the case for all events. Once again well done to everyone on your outstanding effort and I look forward to celebrating your achievements with you soon.

Liz Todhunter - co-ordinator

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

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

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.

P&C CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER DISTRIBUTION
Our annual Cadbury Fundraiser returns the largest money raised from the various fundraisers we run during the school year. For this drive we will be distributing mixed Cadbury chocolates to the eldest child in the family who have requested a box of chocolates this Thursday and Friday.

The P&C Committee are requesting parent helpers who are able to volunteer their time to label and distribute boxes of chocolates to students to the classrooms. This Thursday, please meet at the front office at 11.00am (after Education Day) and on Friday morning.

Fundraising activities such as this help us to make a vital contribution towards improved facilities.

P&C Association Committee
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 9 of the winter PSSA competition will be played this Friday, 1 August 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 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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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. Permission notes and payment are due back to the office already.

Year 5 Belgenny 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 1 Belgenny Farm Excursion
Date: Tuesday 12 August – 1B & 1N
Wednesday 13 August – 1G, 1H and Year 1 students in 1/2K
Tuesday 26 August – 1L & 1W
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 2 pm
Who: Boys and girls aged 5 – 16 years
Cost: Free
All participants will receive a free sausage sizzle and a drink.

Enquiries: casulalakersbb@gmail.com
David 0407 888 668

* Registrations will also be held on these days.