PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents

Welcome to our final newsletter for Term 1. It is hard to believe that ten weeks have past since we welcomed everyone back from the Christmas holiday in January.

We have had a big, busy term of work at Dalmeny, with much to reflect on and celebrate.

School Plan
The staff and I have been working on the Dalmeny School Plan for the 2015-2017 planning period.

The plan frames our priorities for the next three years and outlines the processes we plan to implement to make these directions a reality.

The plan has been written after an extensive consultation process which included:

- Written feedback from parent groups;
- The recent P&C survey;
- A survey of students (Year 4, 2014);
- Focussed interviews with groups of students;
- Investigating current trends in educational practice; and
- Input and feedback from staff.

Guiding our work over the next three years will be the strategic directions of:

1. Delivering high quality student learning;
2. Creating outstanding teachers and educational leaders; and
3. Fostering productive, supportive professional partnerships.

The first stage of our school plan will be placed on our school website in the near future.

Election BBQ
My thanks to the P&C Exec and all helpers who worked on the barbecue at school last Saturday, selling sausage sandwiches and drinks at the State Election.

Your work is very much appreciated!

Finally...
A final thank you from the staff and I for your support and input over the past ten weeks as we have worked with your children.

I am honoured to lead such a wonderful school and I look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 21 April.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful, safe, happy Easter vacation.

Mr Clayton Reedie
Principal

K-2 Easter Hat Parade
Our Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday, 2 April 2015 commencing at 9:30am.

Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 will make a hat at school on the day. Buddy classes may assist students with making of hats. Only hats created at school will be worn during the parade. Children who do not celebrate Easter will be able to make a hat relating to another theme.

Students may wear mufti clothing to school on

Next P&C Meeting: Tuesday 12 May, 2015 (7:00pm - Staffroom)
this day and bring a gold coin donation. The money will be collected and donated to Stewart House.

We are hoping to create a rainbow effect across the school, so classes have been asked to wear colours as follows:

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We hope that family and friends will be able to join us for the parade and share in the fun.

The school also extends an invitation to family and friends to remain after the parade to share a picnic lunch with your child/children.

**Easter Hat Committee**

**Harmony Day**

Thank you for the kind donations that were made last week on Harmony Day with students and staff celebrating in a sea of orange. The school raised $852 to go towards Oxfam.

**A Reminder to Parents to Notify the School About Your Child’s Health**

We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. This information should be reviewed every 12 months. It is also vital that you please advise us immediately if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

If your child currently has a health condition recorded on our records, parents will be contacted to share in the review of information prior to the end of this term.

Parents who have a child with an Anaphylaxis or Asthma Plan are reminded that a copy of this plan, as written by your child’s doctor, is required to be submitted each year (or as the condition changes).

Also, please ensure that you issue us with new medication prior to the expiry of medication we hold at school.

These reviews will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

**Sport News!**

**Summer PSSA Competition**

The Summer PSSA season ended last Friday and will resume in Term 4.

**Winter PSSA Try-Outs**

This Wednesday try-outs will be held for the Winter PSSA teams. All students in Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to tryout for Boys and Girls Soccer, Rugby League, Netball or Hockey. Try-outs will be held from 11.30am-1.30pm.

As this is the last week of term, all coaches will run a second try-out during Week 1 of Term 2. If students are AWAY this Wednesday, they should see the coach and listen for information on 2nd try-out.

The coaches are:
- Rugby League: Mr Mathews & Miss Joseph
- Girls’ Soccer: Mr Spolyarich
- Boys’ Soccer: Mr Hart & Mr Brook
- Netball: Miss Moffat, Miss Marland and Miss Williams
- Hockey: Miss Koppe

Please be aware that sport costs $7.00 per week for bus fares. Please discuss with your child which sports you are happy for them to try-out for. If you have any questions, please see Miss Moffat.

**Knockout Sports**

Many of the knockout teams are now also being selected. Boys Basketball, Girls and

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**Cross Country Carnival**

The Year 3-6 Cross Country Carnival is being held at the Ash Road Sporting Complex, Prestons on Thursday, 7 May 2015.

Permission notes will be distributed shortly. All Years 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.

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

The P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle on the day. The lunch order will be attached to the permission note. The P&C are also seeking parent volunteers on the day.

**Miss Todhunter**

**Sports Co-Ordinator**

Mrs McNamara

**Harmony Day Extract**

Thank you for your fantastic contributions last Tuesday. Below we have a sample of a student’s work demonstrating what a success the day was:

“I ultimately agree we should celebrate Harmony day kids could prepare for school and to celebrate each other’s culture. We celebrate Harmony day to look the same so we can celebrate harmony everywhere.

“On Harmony day we bring gold coin donations and put it in a small jar. Teachers count how many coins are in the jar and send it to poor kids who need to prepare for school.

“We should celebrate each other’s culture because it will be rude if we don’t do it. All our cultures are important. Australia is a place of peace because we don’t have any wars because everyone has friends in Australia.

“Everyone Celebrates Harmony day everywhere in the world so poor people need as money as they can get. Everywhere needs peace so everyone can be relaxed without wars. Harmony day is not just in one culture but in every culture. Celebrate Harmony day today!”

Rayan Nour 3S’
Boys Cricket and Netball have already been selected. If your child is interested in Boys/Girls Soccer, Girls Basketball and Rugby League these teams will be selected soon. Please listen to announcements about trial dates. Knockouts are separate to PSSA so students can trial for any sport.

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.

Mothers Day Stall
The P&C will hold their annual stall at school on Wednesday 6 May 2015. This stall is not a major fundraiser, just an opportunity for children to be able to do their own shopping and buy a Mothers Day Gift for their mum.

This year the gifts have been pre-ordered whereby a selection of $5.00 gifts will be available to purchase. Please return the “pink” Mother’s Day Stall note together with payment to the office by this Thursday 2 April. This will assist the P&C with ordering to ensure that there are enough gifts for the children to choose from at the stall.

The P&C need parent helpers on the day. If you are able to help, please advise the office as there will be a roster for the day. All help is greatly appreciated.

Dollarmite School Banking
Thank you for supporting the School Banking Program. The last day of school banking for this Term will be this Thursday but bank books can be brought in tomorrow morning (Wednesday). Also school banking will recommence the first week of Term 2. Please bring bankbooks on Thursday morning (23 April).

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!
KIDS DISCO
Thursday 16th April
11am – 1pm • $5 entry
includes free soft drink, games, dancing,
and prizes to be given away!

Keep the kids entertained
these school holidays!!

Tickets available now from reception
Phone 4628 4188 for further details

LET IT GO
The Aussie FROZEN tribute show

An action-packed interactive treat
of song, dance, frosty fun &
REAL, FALLING SNOW

Thurs 9th April - 10.30am
Wests Leagues
☎ 4628 4188
Tickets: $14pp

Come dressed up
& have fun