PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents

Welcome to our third newsletter of the 2015 school year. Making news at Dalmeny this fortnight.

Zone Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to those students who swam qualifying times at the school carnival and who will now compete at the zone carnival, to be held at Macquarie Fields Swimming Centre tomorrow, 4 March. Good luck to you all.

Thank you also to our dedicated staff who were responsible for the co-ordination of the carnival. Everything ran very smoothly in the new format.

Years 3-6 SRC Induction Assembly
I look forward to attending our assembly on Thursday afternoon where we will be inducting our school leaders into their positions and presenting badges.

My thanks to Miss Joseph for organising the event on our behalf. I hope to see you at 2:00pm on Thursday in the school hall.

Parent Teacher Meetings
A reminder that our first formal parent meetings of the year will be taking place on Wednesday 18 March, 2015. Notes will be sent home soon.

P&C AGM
The P&C AGM will be held next Tuesday, 10 March at 7:00pm in the staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend.

Nominations will be called for 2015 leadership positions, including President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.

In addition, the fundraising committee, canteen rep, uniform rep, OOSH rep and pedestrian safety committee will be appointed. Only financial members of our P&C can nominate for positions and vote.

In keeping with the manner in which staff and student elections are held at Dalmeny, all voting will be by secret ballot, with a vote counter and scrutineer appointed on the night.

In other P&C news, a small team of parents and I have begun compiling a survey regarding the operation of our P&C. It will be an opportunity for parents to provide some feedback on the role of the P&C in keeping with our school Strategic Direction which commits to… Fostering productive, supportive professional partnerships.

This survey will be predominantly online (pushed out through our Dalmeny App) with paper copies also available through the front office.

Survey information will be sent home soon and I encourage you all to participate in this important communication opportunity.

Thank you
Mr Clayton Reedie (Principal)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING: STUDENT ENTITLEMENT TO FREE BUS TRAVEL

It has been brought to our attention that Transport NSW have new regulations for students who are eligible to obtain a bus pass for free travel on buses:

“a primary school child must live more than 1.6km radial distance from the school or further than 2.3km walking distance to be eligible for free travel”.

We have been contacted by Interline Bus company who have informed us they will be enforcing this and students must present a valid bus pass or pay the appropriate bus fare, other wise they will be refused travel.
We encourage parents to plan and be aware of this as we do not want students being distressed or unsure as to how they are going to get to school or home from school. Should you have any specific questions regarding your entitlement to bus travel, Interline bus services can be contacted on 9605 1811.

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. Our 3-6 SRC Induction will be held this Thursday.

Student Workbooks
To assist with your child’s learning program a list of workbooks needed by students this year has been sent home. These workbooks are a valuable resource for your child’s class program and will assist students and parents in understanding the class work being covered. These books have arrived and will be distributed this week in class to those students who have paid.

It is important that all students have a copy of the appropriate workbooks. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office to discuss any concerns you may have, or options for support for payment.

COLLECTING STUDENTS AT 3pm
Parents are encouraged, where practical and possible, to organise a meeting place with their child that is located away from the classroom, such as the COLA, outside library at the picnic tables, canteen silver seats, flag pole etc. This action will reduce noise and congestion outside classrooms and allow teachers to finish off the day without disturbances from outside the room and allow students a safer path when leaving their room. Your support is appreciated.

Sport News!

PSSA
Students are reminded of the importance of attending weekly training sessions. Training times are displayed on the noticeboard at the back of the Planning Room if students are unsure of days or times.

Students are also reminded of the importance of bringing bus payments of $7.00 each week. These are made to your coach on Fridays. Please note PSSA AFL walk to Ash Road reserve each week and therefore no money will be required.

Other Trials
If your child is experienced in tennis, diving or lawn bowls and would like to compete at SSW Regional carnival in any of these sports please see Miss Moffat. Trial dates are:
- Tennis - Wednesday 4 March
- Diving - Thursday 26 March
- Lawn Bowls - date to be advised.

Please see the sport calendar in this newsletter with all the important dates for school, Zone and Regional carnivals and

**AUSTRALIAN TAE KWON DO GROUP**
**LEARN MARTIAL ARTS**
Visit us at www.oztakwondo.com.au
Tae Kwon Do is a sport for the whole family, visit us at any of these locations below and try Tae Kwon Do for yourself.

- Self Control
- Co-ordination
- Mental Attitude
- Physical Attitude

For further information please contact - 0413 146 301
Classes for - Beginners / Intermediate / Competition

**MONDAY CLASS**
LOCATION: PRESTONS
Dalmeny Public School
Cnr Dalmeny Drive & San Marino Drive, Prestons.
Classes held in School Hall
TIME: 6:15pm - 7:00pm

**TUESDAY CLASSES**
LOCATION: CHIPPING NORTON
Chipping Norton Public School
Central Avenue, Chipping Norton.
Classes held in School Hall
Class 1: 5:15pm - 6:00pm
Class 2: 6:00pm - 6:45pm

**WEDNESDAY CLASS**
LOCATION: HINCHINBROOK
Hinchinbrook Community Centre
Cnr Whitford Ave & Partridge Ave, Hinchinbrook.
Class 1: 6:15pm - 7:00pm
Class 2: 7:00pm - 7:45pm

**THURSDAY CLASSES**
LOCATION: PRESTONS
Prestons Public School
Cnr Kurrarong Rd & Box Rd, Prestons.
Classes held in School Hall
Class 1: 6:15pm - 7:00pm
Class 2: 7:00pm - 7:45pm

**FIRST LESSON FREE** **FREE UNIFORM** **NO CONTRACTS** **NO JOINING FEES**
Summer PSSA Competition

Round 3 of the summer PSSA competition will be played this Friday, 6 March 2015.

Students who are selected will need to ensure they wear school sport uniform and always have a school hat, water and sunscreen with them on Fridays. Team members are expected to attend training during school hours and need to pay their $7 bus fares each week to their coaches on Friday mornings. This commitment is for the entire PSSA season.

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 with the appropriate equipment and bus fare. Students will attend even if they “forget” to bring their bus fare – please pay the following week. Venues for Friday 6 March are as follows (this information is also displayed weekly on the Dalmeny Skoolbag App.

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Toileting Accidents

It is not unusual for Kindergarten students or other junior students to have a toileting accident as they settle in to the new school year. Many require a change of clothing. Unfortunately, we do not always have a change of clothes that fit or are suitable to change students in to. If your child is a junior student, it would be greatly appreciated if you could please include a change of undies, socks, school top/dress and short/pants in your child’s bag daily. This will assist us to make your child comfortable quickly. Also, donations of undies and socks to our sick bay stock, are always gratefully received.
This week at Casula High:

- It was wonderful to see our local community engage with a range of events over the last couple of weeks. Meeting parents and future students really reinforce the family feel within the school.
- Creative and performing arts are taking over again at Casula High. Dance and drama clubs are up and running and we cannot wait to see what is produced.
- A new range of graphic novels have arrived in the Library. The list of students waiting to borrow is growing. It is great to see such a wide variety of books, one for everyone.
- Tim Bailey eat your heart out. Our Year 8 students are studying and predicting weather patterns with scary accuracy.
- Timber, Art or Society and Culture major works season has started. Year 12 students are busy building, constructing and researching a variety of major works for their HSC, we know you will do use proud.
- This is a Tiger town. Wests Tigers players visited this week and spoke to the students. They even remarked how well behaved they all were. Well done and go Tigers!
- For more updates on our exciting achievements why not like us on Facebook? Find us at www.facebook.com/casulahighschool

if you have any queries, please contact the school on 9602-4270. Simon O’Donnell, Relieving Transition Co-ordinator

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**2015 CENTRE OF DEVELOPMENT FOR UNDER 9s AND U11s**

**Hockey NSW**

ATTENTION ALL HOCKEY PLAYERS OR POTENTIAL FUTURE PLAYERS

Hockey NSW has released a new program for U9s and U11s for 2015 (for players born in 2004 or later).

The 4 week program will be run by current NSW HockeyEd Accredited Coaches and is a fantastic opportunity for players of all levels. Whether you're getting started or a future superstar, we'll make sure you have fun, learn new skills, advance your basic skills and take your game to the next level!

Go to www.hockeynsw.com.au to register.

**Looking forward to seeing you there!**

WHERE: Moorebank Hockey Complex, Junction Rd Moorebank

WHEN: Tuesdays: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th March 2015

TIME: U9s and U11s: 4.30-6.00pm

COST: U9s: $68.90 U11s: $92.00 (inc GST and IMG fee)

**REGISTER AT**

www.hockeynsw.com.au

Enquiries: Ruth Dorman: ruth.d@hockeynsw.com.au Mob: 0447180418

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**What is MLC Tennis Hot Shots?**

MLC Tennis Hot Shots is an exciting tennis program for kids aged 10 and under. Using smaller courts, racquets and low-compression balls, the program makes learning tennis easy for new players.

At the heart of MLC Tennis Hot Shots is a fundamental approach to learning. It's called "learning through play" and is based on developing skills in real tennis situations. This program allows children to develop technically and tactically in a stimulating environment.

- It's fun, safe and easy to play
- A sport the whole family can enjoy
- Kids are ready to play as soon as they can swing a racquet
- Easy progression to full court tennis
- Free Racquet and Ball Hire