PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents

Welcome to the second newsletter of 2016!

Farewell, Mrs Smith

It is with sadness that I am reporting to you that our Deputy Principal, Mrs Julie Smith has decided to enter into retirement after 43 years of service to NSW students.

Mrs Smith has been a part of the Dalmeny fabric since starting here in 2008 and I know she has touched the lives of many families in our community.

Mrs Smith’s last day with us is Thursday 25 February, and parents are welcome to join us at 2:15pm in the main assembly area to farewell her into retirement. Please note the date and time of this assembly has changed from that sent through the school App last week.

Mrs Smith is pictured here with her namesake (our other little Julie Smith) who joined us in Kindergarten this year… It’s nice to know that we will still have one Julie Smith with us for a few years to come!

Staff Car Park

A reminder that the staff car park is not to be used for drop-offs and pick-ups each day. Last week a student was almost hit by a car entering the carpark without approval.

To this end, I also ask parents to use the main pedestrian gates to enter/exit the school from Dalmeny Drive - the carpark remains out of bounds for obvious safety reasons.

State Knock Out Sport

This year I am returning to previous policy of only entering Dalmeny in State Knock Out events for those sports not played as part of regular PSSA competition. All other aspects of the Dalmeny sporting program remain unchanged.

P&C Survey

Yesterday the link to the 2016 P&C survey was published via our school App. The survey will remain open until Friday 4 March and presents an opportunity for families to provide feedback regarding this important association. Parents who do not have access to the online link are welcome to complete a paper copy, available through the front office.

Kindergarten Finishing Times

Just a reminder to Kindergarten parents that Kinder students commence school at 9:00am and now finish school at 3:00pm.

School Calendar

February

Tue 16 Meet the Teacher Evening:
   Session 1 3:30 - 4:30pm
   Session 2 5:30 - 6:30pm

Wed 17 School Swimming Carnival

Thurs 18 Hindu Scripture Information
   Session at 9.15am in the
   Multipurpose Room

Fri 19 Summer PSSA Competition begins
   P&C Outdoor Movie Night, 6:00pm

Thurs 25 Mrs Smith’s Last Day! Farewell
   Assembly for Students and
   Community at 2:15pm

March

Wed 23 School Photo Day

Fri 25 Good Friday Public Holiday

Mon 28 Easter Monday Public Holiday

April

Fri 8 Last Day of Term 1
   School ANZAC Day Service

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Next P&C Meeting: AGM - Tuesday, 8 March 2016 (7:00pm - Library)
Parent Meet the Teacher Evening
As communicated, we are hosting our meet the teacher sessions this afternoon. The first session is being held from 3:30—4:30pm, and the second session runs from 5:30—6:30pm.

The same information is being presented in both sessions (parents only need attend one). I look forward to seeing you with us this afternoon.

Payment Cut Off Dates
Thank you to the parents who met the cut off date and finalised payment for the Swimming Carnival by Monday 15/2/16. This assisted us with the planning and management of the swimming carnival.

Final payment cut of dates are crucial in allowing staff to meet the organisational deadlines required for events.

Later in the 2016 school year Dalmeny PS will be transferring over to a new finance and administration system. A component of this system will require payments for all events to be processed through the Shared Service Centre of the Department and the school will no longer write cheques.

We will not be able to extend cut off dates in any way once this new system is implemented. I would encourage families to get into the habit now of being mindful of cut off dates for payment and adhering to these. Should you have difficulty with a payment date for a particular reason please contact the office to seek assistance.

Mr Clayton Reedie
Principal
clayton.reedie@det.nsw.edu.au

Year 5 Camp
At this evening’s Year 5 Meet The Teacher sessions, the Year 5 staff will be handing out an expression of interest for all Year 5 students. We are keen to offer students the opportunity to attend a two day / one night camp to YMCA Camp Yarramundi.

Please complete this note and indicate if your child will or will not be attending. We are unable to make a solid booking until we can confirm numbers. Please see a member of the Year 5 staff if you have any questions.

Mrs Selena Gandy
Deputy Principal

Swimming Carnival at the Whitlam Centre

A reminder that the school swimming carnival is being held tomorrow for students who are able to swim 25m confidently or more and who have returned their permission notes. Payment has closed for this carnival.

Due to organisational restraints, no notes can be accepted on Wednesday morning as numbers have been finalised.

Hindu Scripture Information Session
If you would like your child to participate in Hindu scripture this year, there will be an information session held on Thursday 18 February in the Multipurpose Room at 9.15am. This session will be run by a member of the Vishu Hindu Prishad organisation. If you would like more information regarding Hindu scripture or would be interested in teaching Hindu scripture this year, please attend this information session.

Miss Arlene Wickremaratne
Scripture Co-Ordinator

Summer PSSA Competition
This competition commences this Friday (19 February). Students are reminded of the importance of attending weekly training sessions. Permission notes have been sent out to team members, please return these as soon as possible.

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

Please ensure students are at school before 9.00am as buses will leave promptly at 9.15am to their venues and return to school by 12noon. Students are required to have their sports uniform, school hat, sports equipment and plenty of drinking water.

If students wish to place a canteen order, please mark the lunch bag with “PSSA” on it as students will receive their lunch at Break 2.

Stay tuned for notification of game venues being played this Friday on the Skoolbag App.

Meet the Teacher Evening—Tonight
Venues for each grade are:

- Kindergarten: Class KW (Homebase 14);
- Year 1: Multipurpose Room (Demountable 39);
- Year 2: Library;
- Year 3: Class 2/3A (Demountable 30);
- Year 4: Class 4S (Homebase 21);
- Year 5: Class 5T (Homebase 1);
- Year 6: Class 6R (Homebase 6) (including 5/6M);
- Support Unit: Class K/6D (Homebase 7).

Parents who have students in composite classes, the following details are relevant:

- Year 1 students in 1/2B—please attend the Year 1 information session;
- Year 2 students in 1/2B—please attend the Year 2 information session;
- Year 2 students in 2/3A please attend the Year 2 information session;
- Year 3 students in 2/3A—please attend the Year 3 information session in 2/3A.

Your attendance at these sessions is strongly encouraged. There will be opportunities to ask questions of general nature. Parents wishing to discuss their child’s individual learning needs will be able to request a meeting with their child’s teacher on another occasion.

Toileting Accidents
It is not unusual for Kindergarten students or other junior students to have a toileting accident as they settle into 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 into. 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.

Making Payments
Please forward all payments to the administration office, enclosed in an envelope that has your child’s name, class, amount you are paying and what you are paying for marked clearly on the front.

Enclose the correct amount of money and the relevant permission note, order form or payment advice. In order to avoid lengthy queues in our office, we request that these envelopes be “posted” into the mailing box which is located in the cupboard on the direct right hand side as you enter the admin area.

Payments can also be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. Go to the schools website:

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CLASSES HELD IN SCHOOL HALL
CLASS 1 TIME: 6:15PM - 7PM
CLASS 2 TIME: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

WEDNESDAY CLASS
LOCATION: HINCHINBROOK COMMUNITY CENTRE
CNR WHITFORD RD & PARTRIDGE AVE, HINCHINBROOK.
CLASS 1 TIME: 6:15PM - 7PM
CLASS 2 TIME: 7:00PM - 7:45PM

TUESDAY CLASS
LOCATION: CHIPING NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOL
CENTRAL AVENUE, CHIPING NORTON.
CLASSES HELD IN SCHOOL HALL
CLASS 1 TIME: 5:15PM - 6PM
CLASS 2 TIME: 6:00PM - 6:45PM

THURSDAY CLASS
LOCATION: PRESTONS PUBLIC SCHOOL
CNR KURRAJONG RD & BOX RD, PRESTONS.
IN SCHOOL HALL
ENTER VIA BOX RD
CLASS 1 TIME: 6:15PM - 7PM
CLASS 2 TIME: 7:00PM - 7:45PM

TUESDAY CLASS
LOCATION: MOOREBANK COMMUNITY CENTRE
ENTER VIA MAIN LIBRARY ENTRANCE,
CNR NUWARA RD & MADDECKS AVE, MOOREBANK.
CLASS TIME: 7.00PM - 8.00PM

SATURDAY CLASS
BEGINNERS
LOCATION: PRESTONS PUBLIC SCHOOL
CNR KURRAJONG RD & BOX RD, PRESTONS.
IN SCHOOL HALL
ENTER VIA BOX RD
CLASS TIME: 9:45AM - 10:30AM

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