Dear Parents and Community Members

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all members of our school community and in particular those students and their families who are attending Dalmain Primary for the first time. I hope that everyone has enjoyed the summer break and is ready for an excited and busy school year. I have no doubt that our new families will find Dalmain to be a friendly and caring school with students quickly settling into their respective classes.

CLASSES
As is usually the case, once again this year we have needed to form several split classes across our school. This is a common practice in government schools and varies from year to year. Each year our class structures are primarily determined by our student enrolments in each year level. Classes are not streamed and the process of determining classes is undertaken carefully, with input from staff and administration.

It has been pleasing to have a smooth and quiet start to the school year. Thank you to parents for your assistance in ensuring your child/children were well prepared and ready to start the term. Parents who have not yet purchased their child’s personal items, as outlined in their Year Level Requirements List, are urged to do so as soon as possible.

STAFFING
The staffing process, which is also based around student numbers, will be finalised by mid-February. At this point it is anticipated that our current class structures will not change. This year we have had two additions to our school staff. Miss Kara Orr (Year 1) and Mr Scott Bosworth (Year 5/6) have joined our teaching ranks and are both looking forward to being a part of Dalmain Primary School.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING (15 Feb)
Parents will have the opportunity to attend class information sessions on Wednesday, 15 February. These sessions are designed to provide parents with an insight into how classes will be run and information on areas such as homework and communication. An information flyer about this event will be forwarded home next week to all families. A copy of this flyer along with the meeting times will also be posted on our school website.
COMMUNICATION
The school newsletter is one of our most important ways for communicating with our school community. The newsletter is uploaded to the school website every Thursday. You should receive an email and a Tiqbiz notification letting you know when it is available each week. This is a cost saving and eco friendly way of providing information to our community. In order for this to occur we do need to have a current email address for every family. If your email has changed, or you have not provided this information to the school, please do so as soon as possible to ensure that you continue to receive reminders to download our weekly school newsletter.

TIQBIZ
This phone app has been used by our school community for the past three years. It is great way of communicating important messages to parents quickly. The app is free and can be installed on almost all mobile phones and computers. Further information outlining how to obtain this app is included inside this newsletter and is also available on our school website. Please contact the school office if you have any further queries about this form of communication.

P&C AGM
I look forward to meeting with parents at our P&C AGM on TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY commencing at 7:00pm in the staffroom. The P&C plays a vitally important role within our school, supporting many programs and ventures. It would be terrific to have some new faces as well as our regulars attending. Kindergarten and pre-primary parents are most welcome. Please join us if you can.

ASSEMBLY - DATE CHANGE - FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY
Our first assembly will be held on Friday 17 February in the undercover area. At this assembly our school leaders will be announced following the completion of the election process. It is always a much anticipated occasion and will be followed by morning tea in the library for all Year 6 parents and students.

SCHOOL GATES
Parents please note that our school gates close at 3:25pm each afternoon. I would ask that parents collecting students at the end of the school day to please remember this. Reasons for this time include the Care for Kids Out of School Hours Care program running after school on our site. A further reason is for duty of care considerations. In the past we have had several incidents with students left playing unsupervised on playground equipment for long periods of time resulting in injuries and near misses.

NO HAT NO SUN PLAY – ALL YEAR
Dalmain Primary School has a “No Hat, No Sun Play” policy in effect at all times. It is expected students WILL wear either a ‘ legionnaire’ type hat or a wide brimmed hat (both available from our Uniform shop) when playing outside the classroom.

STUDENT BIKES AND SCOOTERS
It is not recommended that students younger than Year 4 ride bicycles/scooters to school without supervision. Children riding bicycles/scooters to school are requested to park them in the racks provided. To prevent theft it is advisable for cyclists to lock their bicycles into the racks with an effective lock. Normally, children are permitted in the bicycle rack area only when going to or from their bicycle. Students must walk their bicycles/scooters when in the school grounds.

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
Please remember that our school has a No Dogs on School Grounds policy.

TERM PLANNER
A term planner has been forwarded home with students today and is also available on our school website. Please note that this planner does get updated during the course of the term.

Have a great week,

Don Boyes
Principal
Welcome everyone to your newly named “Dalmain Delights Café” in 2017!

This year we will continue with the class system for volunteers and below is the schedule for the Term 1 volunteer roster commencing Week 2:

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Classes not listed above will be rostered in Term 2 but we would welcome extra help at any time!

Please note the timeslots have changed slightly to:

Orders: 8.30am - 9.30am  Recess: 10.30am - 11.30am  Lunch: 12.00pm - 1.00pm

Each classroom has a Volunteer Roster which can be viewed outside the classroom window. If you are able to help, please add your name to this roster or alternatively, see Barbie in the canteen. A reminder note will go home with your children the week prior to their class’s rostered week.

Volunteers are vital to the smooth running of the canteen. If you have any questions, please contact Barbie (0428 850 191) or Donna (0410 636 930). Please come along, meet new people and enjoy a cuppa and snack on us!

Thanks, Barbie & Donna

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**Direct Deposit Payments**

Bank: ANZ  
BSB: 016-494  
Account: 3408-18845  
Reference: Child’s Surname / TA

Please confirm payment by email, or send your lodgement receipt to the office with the reason for payment

dalmain.ps@education.wa.edu.au

***PLEASE NOTE***  
Direct Deposit is not available for P&C payments (eg - uniforms, fundraisers).

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**Incursion/Excursion Payments**

Parents are reminded that payments for school incursions and excursions (with the exception of School Voluntary and P&C Voluntary Contributions) must be handed in to the class teacher.

INCURSION AND EXCURSION PAYMENTS CANNOT BE RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE AT ANY TIME

Thank you.
There will be Support-A-Reader training in TA 8 Monday 6 Feb at 9:00 am for any interested people.

Look forward to seeing you then.

Hilary.Winterton@education.wa.edu.au or 0434 210 609.

Thank you

Hilary Winterton

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**Support-A-Reader Program - Term 1, 2017**

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**Dalmain Primary School Needs You for 2017!**

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

The Dalmain Support a Reader programme has been a great success at our school since 1998, when it was first introduced as a means of giving children extra help and assistance with their reading.

This great success is due to the kindness of our parent community who have generously given of their time on a volunteer basis. Without parental help the programme would not be a success.

However, in order for this worthwhile programme to continue as successfully as it has over the last eighteen years, we need more reliable helpers who can give one hour a week of their time to hear several students read on a one to one basis. As you can see from the roster advertised in our newsletter, we have several days that still require tutors. Without more assistance the children are not able to read as often as they should.

As this is a teaching programme, training is available in order to provide volunteers with the necessary skills. The strategies you will learn are very useful when hearing your own children read at home. Training requires only forty minutes of your time. We invite all parents, grandparents and friends to volunteer for this unique programme.

If you would like to assist, please contact Mrs Hilary Winterton on mobile number 0434 210 609 or email: Hilary.Winterton@education.wa.edu.au.

Without the generosity of our local community, this programme would not be the success it is today. Without your help we will be unable to run this valuable programme.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Hilary Winterton
Missing Books from Library Reading Kits

Unfortunately, there are currently **35 books missing** from the *Dandelion Launcher* series which were used last year in TA1, TA2 and TA7. As this series is phonics sequenced based, a missing book means that students will miss out on an area of phonics which is important in the development of their reading. I am unable to buy these books individually, a whole set costs in the region of $400. Three years ago, the library had four complete Dandelion Launcher sets, we now have huge gaps in each set due to the amount of books that have not been returned to the classroom.

I would appreciate it if parents of students who were in TA1, TA2 and TA7 in 2016 could have a look for these books and return them to the library.

Thank you,

Kathy Melville
Library Officer

Back to school safety tips

As kids and parents get back into the swing of school, it’s important to keep safety in mind.

Drivers should remember that as the new school year begins, children will be walking, crossing streets and maybe even fooling around a bit on their way to school.

Parents should take the opportunity now to talk with their children about getting to and from school safely. Here are some tips from Constable Care to make the start of the 2017 school year a safe one:

**Make safety part of the conversation**

- Talk with your kids about safety and going back to school. If possible do a practice run before schools starts so your child is familiar with the process.
- Remind children not to talk with strangers or anyone that offers a lift home unless it has been prearranged with yourself.
- Reinforce with your children that they should avoid walking or riding bikes behind school buses and other dangerous blind spots.
- If you are collecting your child from school, advise them where the pick-up point will be and the safest way to get to you. This could include using a crossing and not running across the road.
- If your child is riding to school ensure they wear bike safety equipment including helmets.
- Tell your child to always cross the road at crossings or traffic lights and to look both ways before crossing.
- Don’t talk on your phone or send text messages while you’re driving. Apart from the safety concerns, it’s important to practice what you preach - don’t text and drive.
School Communication App - Tiqbiz

We’d like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to download and/or update your class selections on the school app. The school app plays an important part in Dalmain Primary school’s communication policy and your cooperation is appreciated.

Instructions can be found at the bottom of this page or more in-depth video tutorials are available on the Tiqbiz YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_78xHUEzAt1rTzpwWdrcMA

Please note: Year groups will no longer be available as a selection - please choose your child/ren’s TA and any other categories relevant to your family.
Join the Community Yoga in Kingsley!

Traditional gentle Yoga practice running at Dalmain Primary School, Dalmain St, Kingsley.

**Wednesdays 6:15pm - 7:45pm**
**Saturdays 8:00am - 9:30am**

Practice includes dynamic sequences, basic poses with variations according to your experience, strengthening, breathing exercises and deep relaxation.

*All ages, shapes and sizes, men and women, all fitness levels welcome!*

Casual $20, 10 session ticket $150, conc apply. Bring a friend and you both pay 1/2 price for the class! (applies to casual price first time only)

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8 Week Meditation and Mindfulness Course
Starting Monday 6 February 2017

- Guidance on how to practice meditation and establish a habit
- Facts on the theoretical background of meditation
- Relaxation and breathing techniques to be practiced by yourself or in conjunction with meditation
- Introduction to mindfulness and how to apply mindfulness in daily life to reduce stress
- Application of essential oils to aid meditation

Easy to learn, non-religious approach - enjoy a whole range of mental and physical benefits.

No pre-requisites required, not even the ability to sit cross legged on the floor. However, regular home practice is recommended to experience the benefits.

**When:** Monday, 6 Feb 2017 - 7:30pm - 8 weeks

**How much:** $200, concessions apply, weekly summary emails and continuous support during the course included, **bookings essential.**

**Who is teaching:** Antje, Yoga Shiromani (Teacher of Yoga), Holistic Meditation Teacher Diploma, over 500 Yoga and meditation sessions

For more information contact Antje on 0431 320 782 or anandiniyoga@gmail.com, anandiniyoga.com.au
Interested in finding work?
Can you see yourself as a Gardener/Handyman or Cleaner?

Starting in 2017 North Metropolitan TAFE (RTO code: 52786) are running a 1 semester course on the skills required to be a successful gardener/handyman or cleaner. The course is a preparation for entry into gardening, handyman or cleaning work.

**In addition, we will support you in applying for work as a gardener/handyman or cleaner.**

We have feedback that there is high demand for people to fill these roles and the chances of gaining employment are strong. This course is suitable for existing gardeners/cleaners that want to up skill, people looking to change career or people looking for work.

**Gardening and cleaning course will include:**
- Time management
- Safe work practices
- Plant knowledge
- Gardening procedures e.g. planting, fertilising, watering
- Use of gardening equipment e.g. ride on mowers, wiper snippers
- Athletics specific equipment e.g. line marking machines
- Basic reticulation repair
- Use of hand tools
- Chemical use
- Use of cleaning equipment e.g. rotary polishers
- Record keeping
- Much more!

**Entry requirements:**
- Strong work ethic
- Good oral and written communication
- Must be able to read procedures, safety sheets and chemical bottles
- Successful completion of an entry interview
- Working With Children Check and a Police Clearance

**Course details:**
- Full time - 3 days per week - 20 week course duration
- Days - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:15 until 2:45
- Cost - $169.74 (course fee for 20 weeks)
- Based in Leederville and on site

If you would be interested in this course then please email:
Chris Hodson - chris.hodson@nmtafe.wa.edu.au