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COMING EVENTS

Thursday, 10 December

Year 6 Graduation

Undercover Area - 8:45am

Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Monday, 14 December

2021 Year 6 Leadership

Roles Assembly

Undercover Area - 2:40pm

Tuesday, 15 December

Free Dress Day

Gold Coin Donation

Kindy Blue Music Incursion

Class Parties

Wednesday, 16 December

Student Reports Emailed

Thursday, 17 December

Kindy Gold Music Incursion

Last Day for Students



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Community Members,

PLANNING 2021

Next year there will be some changes to the way in which the curriculum is delivered across our school. Essentially we will be trialling several changes to the way in which our specialist learning areas are timetabled and taught across our school. This will include the introduction of science as an additional specialist area. Science will be taught to all students in Years 1-6 in the science lab. Music, physical education and languages (Japanese) will be extended to all year levels. The visual arts learning area will continue to be taught to students in Years 1-6. These plans were discussed with the school board last week who were very supportive of the changes to be put in place.

As we approach the end of the school year, I would ask parents who may be moving to a new area, or have children who will not be attending Dalmain Primary School next year, to advise either their child's class teacher or the school office as soon as possible, if they have not already done so. Your cooperation with this request is very much appreciated.

KINDERGARTEN MEETING

On Wednesday, many of our parents of students entering Kindergarten in 2021 were provided with a wide range of information to assist them with getting ready for the start of next year. This included information from Mrs Ridley about class routines, important health tips from school nurses Tracey Lord and Helen Lethbridge, an overview of the P&C from our president Sabine Steegmann, and the access to our on-site OHSC in Care for Kids. Our school canteen also provided a wonderful morning tea for our parents before they had the opportunity of going on a tour of the school with Mrs Ridley.

GASTRO BUG

Unfortunately, we have had several students this week come down with a gastro ailment. This illness is currently impacting many schools and day care centres. If your child displays any gastro symptoms, please keep them home.

YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP ROLES FOR 2021

Currently our Year 5 students are finalising their applications for their leadership roles in 2021. This year we have moved the selection process for this so that all of our Year 5 students will know and commence the school year in their leadership roles.

A brief, special assembly will be held in the undercover area commencing at 2:40pm Monday, 14 December to announce the leadership positions and present students with their certificates. Parents of Year 5 students are invited to attend this assembly. Students will be presented with their leadership badges early in Term 1, 2021.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2021

Each year, the Department of Education sets a number of days for schools and their staff to engage in professional learning. This is discussed at a school board level and the days are scheduled for the following year. The format will be very similar to this year. Please note that for 2021 the following days will be school development days where students do not attend school.

Term One Thursday, 28 January & Friday, 29 February

Term Two Monday, 19 April

Term Three Monday, 19 July

Term Four Monday, 11 October

STUDENT REPORTS - ATTENDANCE

Teachers are currently busy writing their student reports for this semester. These will be forwarded home to parents via email on Wednesday, 16 December. Parents are requested to ensure that their email address with the school is current. On the reports, parents will notice an additional section has been included within the general comments component of the report. This will provide further information regarding a child's attendance at school. As well as receiving an attendance percentage and the number of half days a child has been absent, parents will also see how this is having an impact on their child's learning potential.

Attendance Categories and Likely Outcomes

Regular:	90 - 100%	Best chance of achieving potential.
At Risk:	80 - 89%	Lessened chance of achieving potential.
At Moderate Risk:	60 - 79%	Limited chance of achieving potential.
At Severe Risk:	0 - 59%	Unlikely to achieve potential.

The categories and likely outcomes are derived by the Department of Education and where a pattern of "at risk" attendance is extended beyond a semester the likely impact on that child's learning is likely to be further impacted. Parents are welcome to enquire or discuss this further with me.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION EVENTS

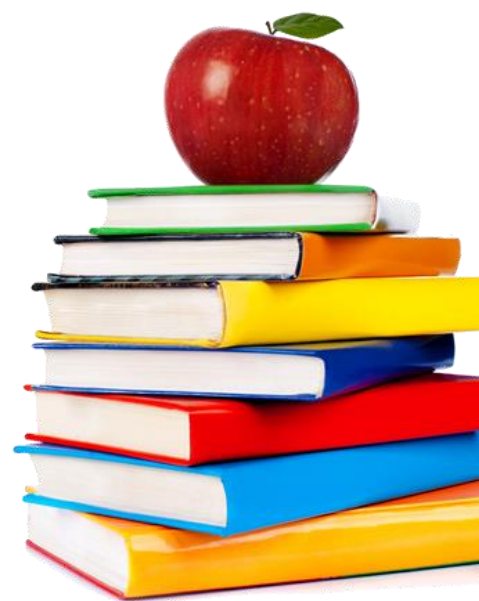
The Graduation Assembly and the Graduation Dinner will take place next Thursday, 10 December. Information about both of these events has been forwarded home to parents of Year 6 students via text. Parents, please ensure that you check and read through this information. The Graduation Assembly will commence at 8:45am in the undercover area. Parents who have any queries regarding the graduation events are asked to contact either their child's teacher or the school office.

FREE DRESS DAY

In support of the Food Bank charity our school P&C have organised a "Free Dress Day" for Tuesday, 15 December. Students will be able to choose their favourite clothes to wear on this day. A gold coin donation will be collected and forwarded on to Food Bank. Please see P&C News for further details.

Enjoy your weekend,

Dan Boyes
Principal





Direct Deposit Payments

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

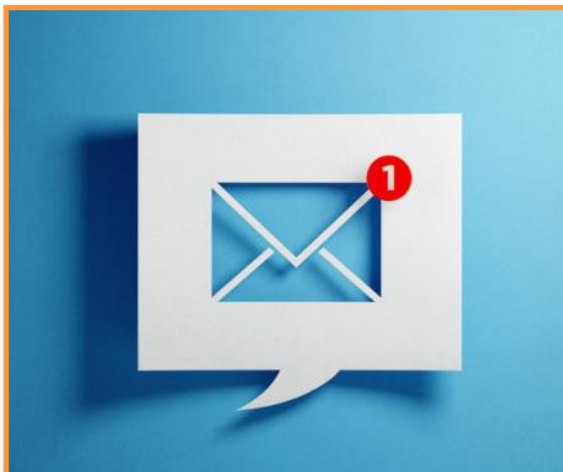
Please confirm payment by email with the **reason for payment**
dalmain.ps@education.wa.edu.au

*****PLEASE NOTE** - Direct Deposit is NOT available for P&C payments.

School Banking

School Library

FRIDAYS
8:20am
to
8:45am



Changed your email address?

Student reports will be emailed to parents at the end of this term.

Please let the office know if your email address needs to be updated.

Dalmain Delights Café

Proud sponsors of the weekly 'Nude Food' winners



CAN YOU HELP?

Extra help is ALWAYS welcome!

Barbie - 0428 850 191

SignUp.com

Sign up online for Canteen help:
<https://signup.com/go/rwduCrV>

Froyo Frenzy

Wednesday, 9 December

Special Price
Only \$2 each!





Pen Pals - TA 1 & TA 2

For the past few weeks, the Pre-primary and Year 1 students in TA 1 and TA 2 have been writing letters to our Year 5 pen pals at West Greenwood Primary School.

On Friday 27 November, our pen pals walked to Dalmain to visit and spend the day together. It was a fabulous day. After getting to know each other over recess, the students all participated in a range of outdoor games including sack races, frisbee throws, giant bubbles, ten pin bowling and lots more.

The weather was perfect and the music playing across the oval added to the excitement. Following lunch, it was time to move indoors where cake decorating, and the crazy hair station proved to be favourite activities. It was lovely to see older and younger students working together so beautifully as they made friendship bracelets and decorated photo frames ready for the photos taken at the photo booth.

This day was once again a great success and most definitely a very worthwhile venture. Many thanks to our parent helpers, Mr Boyes, Ms Morrone and Mr Valentino for helping.

Special thanks go to the staff at West Greenwood PS for walking the students over and being involved in a day that was thoroughly enjoyed by all and one that will stay as a special memory for all students.



Free Origami Adventure - TA 8 & TA 9

Thanks to Dalmain's partnership with EdConnect, TA 8 and TA 9 students had the unique opportunity to participate in an origami session with one of the EdConnect volunteers, Sanny Ang, this week. Sanny showed the students the many techniques of origami using recycling materials, themed around flying earth bound to stratosphere, and things that jump, flap and transform.



Friday Maths

Friday, 4 December - Mixed Set 2

Best Class - TA 8

Runners Up - TA 5

Most Improved - TA 3

Runners Up - TA 9



Dalmain Dockets Term 4 - Week 8

Star of the Week
Lawrence J - TA 8

Junior Draw Winner
Blake T - TA 3

Senior Draw Winner
Isabella W - TA 6





P&C News



Canteen Coordinator

The role of Canteen Coordinator has become vacant. The canteen is a wonderful service provided by the P&C. Please see below to find out more:

- Finding volunteers for the canteen
- Attending P&C AGM/GM (if possible) and reporting to Canteen Manager
- Assisting with preparing the menu for the school year
- Assisting with planning special events (if any and if possible)

DUG Volunteers

Once a fortnight, on a Wednesday afternoon, we are looking for volunteers to assist Mrs Ridley in the DUG (Dalmain Urban Garden). Classes take it in turns visiting the DUG and we are looking for people to help with the ongoing maintenance such as weeding, watering, tidying up and also working with small groups of children as they visit the DUG.

If you are interested and would like to help please visit the sign up link and sign up for the date the suits you:

<https://signup.com/go/TDuvbQU>



Free Dress Day Tuesday, 15 December

On Tuesday, 15 December all students can wear their favourite clothes for a gold coin donation which will be given to Food Bank.

Every \$1 donated provides 2 meals for those in need.

If you would like to find out more about food bank click on this link:
<https://www.foodbank.org.au/WA/uncancel-christmas/?state=wa>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Free Dress Day - Tuesday, 15 December
- AGM - Monday, 8 February 2021
- Toilet Project Makeover - January 2021



P&C News

The School Toilet Project

The School Toilet Project Update

We have now reached the point in the project where we need volunteers to help us change the senior toilets into an affirming space the children feel more comfortable in. The aim is to work on the toilets in the January holidays so the makeover will be finished by the time the new school year starts. We are looking at mid January to commence the make-over.

If you are interested in being part of the team please click on the sign up link we will have more information in the next newsletter:

<https://signup.com/go/yhQqgKe>

Remember many hands make light work. Any questions can be sent to toiletproject.dalmainps@gmail.com



Community News

Stationery Donations for Students in East Timor

Seeking used or unused stationery and school items to help schools and students in poverty.

- Pens and highlighters, pencils, crayons (even used or broken)
- Any stationery - rulers, erasers, sharpeners
- Exercise Books (even if only a few pages left) or picture books
- Old school bags

If you are going to throw out any items at the end of the year, please consider donating them instead. Please place any goods to be donated in the box in the school office by the last day of the school year. It will then be collected and shipped via container to East Timor.

An initiative supported by Rotary Clubs in Perth, delivering essential items to those in need.

Contact: Sonia Gibson - Volunteer 0401 441 431





Community News



Halidon Dental Therapy Centre

Dalmain Primary School students will now be seen at ***Halidon Dental Therapy Centre***

The clinic is situated at:

Halidon Primary School

38 Halidon St Kingsley - Ph: 9409 6362

Before/After School & Vacation Care

Care for Kids provide care at Dalmain Primary School in a fun and stimulating environment. With qualified and experienced staff, the service is Accredited by NCAC.

Phone: 9309 2300

Or pop into undercover area

kingsleyoshc@careforkidswa.net.au

