P & C AGM
I look forward to meeting with parents at our P&C AGM this TUESDAY 1 MARCH commencing at 7.00pm in the staffroom. This is a very important meeting and really does need the full backing of our parents. In order to elect office bearers we do need to have a quorum of parents in attendance to be able to achieve this. Your support of our students and school in ensuring that the excellent work carried out by the P&C continues is paramount. In order to be involved as a financial member of the P&C with voting rights, parents are requested to bring along a 50c coin to the meeting.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Members of the school board met for the first time in 2016 last night. Key points discussed included the structure and formation of the 2015 Annual Report as well as a new three year School Business Plan.

The Board also discussed the position of Board Chair and I am pleased to announce that Simon Clark has been elected to this position. I thank Simon for his contribution as Chair in our first three years as an IPS and for his willingness to continue on in this role in our next phase. For further details about the meeting please see inside this newsletter.

ASSEMBLY
Our first class assembly will be hosted by our students from TA 8 next Thursday. It would be great to see a large turnout of parents and community members to support them.

SCHOOL COMPUTER SYSTEM
Commencing on Tuesday 8 March, our school computer operating system will be undergoing an important upgrade. This will mean that our computer network will be down for this week. While this will be inconvenient for our students and staff, it will also have an impact on parents as well. Parents wanting to advise the school about their child’s absence from school will need to phone the school directly on 9309 3711 and not via SMS on 0409 885 439 as this number is computer linked and will not be in use. Alternatively parents may also use the Tiqbiz app.

Have a great week,

Don Boyes
Principal
School Board Meeting  - Wednesday 24 February

The School Board met for the first time on 2016 on Wednesday evening. With 5 new members joining the board, it was a very productive meeting with enthusiastic and lively debate on a number of topics.

Annual Report
Each year the school is required to prepare an annual report on its activities, performance and achievements for submission to the Department of Education. The report is also circulated to the school community. Board members were asked to provide feedback on the content and format of the report and several suggestions were made on how it could be improved and made more “user-friendly” for the school community. These included making some of the data easier to understand, reducing the number of graphs and historical reports and more focus on the many non-core programs and activities that take place at the school.

We are aiming to have the report finalised by the end of term one, when it will be distributed to the school community and made available on the school website. (http://dalps.wa.edu.au/school-report/)

School Business Plan
As we are now entering our fourth year as an Independent Public School, it is time to draft a new three year School Business Plan. This is an important document for an IPS, as it lays out what the school plans to achieve over that period. It references academic achievement targets, sets out the vision and the core values for the school and outlines the strategies the school will use in order to achieve its goals.

During our IPS review last year, we were challenged to include measurable achievement targets for all curricular activities within the school, not just the traditional ones of numeracy and literacy. This challenge was discussed as well as what board members thought needed revising or adding to the plan. We will be endeavouring to align the content and themes of the School Business Plan to those that will feature in the Annual report, so that there is clear and consistent messaging to the school community about the school’s goals and achievements.

We are aiming to have the new plan finalised during term 2, when we will hold an open board meeting to present it to the school community. It will then be distributed to the school community and made available on the school website. (http://dalps.wa.edu.au/business-plan/)

Coding Club
The idea of starting up a Coding Club at the school was discussed. Last year Mrs Menegaldo organised a session with some Year 5 students, where they were given the opportunity to do some basic computer coding. This was a great success and the board discussed how this might be expanded within the school.

It was raised that coding will become part of the school curriculum within the next few years, so it would be beneficial to both students and teachers to become familiar with the subject. At this stage, we would be looking to conduct this as an out of school activity that would require some volunteer support. As there are a number of programs available providing content and tools for schools to use, it was agreed that we would investigate the available options further before making a decision on the structure of the club and how we would proceed.

Next Meeting
The next school board meeting will be held on March 30th, but in the meantime if parents would like to discuss any matters they would like to be raised at the school board, I would encourage them to reach out to one of the parent representatives, being myself, Justin Burt, Beth Weston, Nick Wood or Jon Laden-Wearne. We now have a section on the school website (http://dalps.wa.edu.au/school-board/) which we will continue to update as the year progresses.

Regards,

Simon Clark

School Board Chair
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.

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Direct Deposit Payments

Direct Deposit is not available for P&C payments (eg - uniforms, fundraisers). These items must be paid in CASH.
Many thanks to

Sarah Rice,
Eve Higginson,
Joanna Rochfort
& Megan Kummerow

for their assistance this week.

Nicole Hinwood


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Great to see some new volunteers this week however more volunteers are still required. If you are able to help, please see Nicole Hinwood in the canteen or call 0419 005 490.

* Opening Hours *

**Early Bird Lunch Orders**

8.20am - 8.40am

Please place in the locked box provided.

All lunch orders to be handed in to the canteen BEFORE 9.00am

* Quelch Icy Poles now available EVER RECESS for Term 1 *

* Cheesies now $1.20ea *

$5 Canteen Voucher, morning tea and refreshments provided for volunteers!

Follow our Dalmain PS Canteen Facebook Page for Specials, Notices and Volunteers

Search Facebook for:

Dalmain PS - Canteen

School Banking

School Banking is available in the School Library

Every Wednesday Morning

8.20am to 8.45am

School Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open:

**Wednesday, 2 March 2016**

8.30am - 9.00pm

Order Forms, Product Photos, Descriptions, Sizing Charts are available on the school website.

Uniform Coordinator

Mel McBride
mcbridemelanie@rocketmail.com
TENNIS

JOHN FORREST

Secondary College
Independent Public School

SPECIALIST PROGRAM
Endorsed by The Department of Education and Tennis West

TRIAL DAY

at John Forrest Secondary College

WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH 2016

Applications accepted from
Year 5 and 6 students

For details and a registration form please contact
Lynn McPherson T: 9473 4095
E: lynn.meperson@education.wa.edu.au

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Greenwood Dental Therapy

The Dental Therapy Centre is situated at
GREENWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

12 Merivale Way, GREENWOOD

Phone: 9203 5611
Parking from Ranleigh Way

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CRICKET

Specialist Program
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Department of Education and The WACA

TRIAL DAY

Monday 4 April 2016
at The WACA

Applications accepted from
Year 6 Students

Get into...

GIRLS' BRIGADE

AT GREENWOOD

GAMES | CRAFTS | CAMPS | SPORTS | DRAMA

Girls' Brigade is a low cost activity in the community
which provides safe, low cost activities for school aged girls.
It is a great way to meet new friends!

PP - Yr 12 | Wednesdays 5:30-7:30pm
Trinity North Uniting Church
89 Marlock Drive | Greenwood

Contact Sarah Menaglio
0430 193 334
3rdperthgb@gmail.com

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.
Childcare benefit and Government rebates apply.

Phone: 9309 2300 or call into the undercover area.