

DALMENY PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 10

Tuesday, 13 December 2011

With the school vacation beginning shortly it is an appropriate time to recognise and reflect on the many individual and group achievements at Dalmeny PS this year. As we saw at our Presentation Days, we have enjoyed success in our classrooms and beyond. Continued improvements in literacy and numeracy and outstanding efforts in the creative arts - and especially our Visual Arts Show, public speaking and sport are just some examples.



Congratulations to each of our **students** who are developing good learning habits and have presented themselves so well throughout the year; to our **parents**, who have supported the school in so many ways and; to our **staff** for the outstanding contributions they have made again at Dalmeny PS this year.

Ten interactive Whiteboards are being installed during the holiday period with the remainder to be installed later in the year. Like our classroom air-conditioning program and the blinds for our demountables, this has been a huge job over a number of years. Special thanks to our P&C and parents who have supported the many fundraisers which have made this possible.

As this is our final newsletter for 2011, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a safe and enjoyable holiday period. School resumes for students in Yr 1- Yr 6 on Monday 30 January.

Year 6, 2011

Thank you Yr 6, for your generous donation of a large TV for the school foyer. We are already using it to view highlights of school events held this year. Good luck, Year 6, at high school and beyond. We look forward to hearing of your future successes.

STOP WORK MEETING

Thursday, 15 December, 2011

The NSW Teachers Federation has organised a Stop Work Meeting of up to 2 hours for this Thursday, 15 December. Many teachers at Dalmeny PS will be participating in this meeting.

**Yr 1, Yr 3 and Support Unit Fun Days
will go ahead as planned**

Although the school will be open for the other grades, minimum supervision only can be provided up until 11.00am on this day. Normal lessons will commence from 11.30am.

Parents who are able to do so, may prefer to make alternative arrangements for their children until 11.00am on Thursday.

Staff News

This year we farewell Mrs Bui, who has gained a transfer to Smithfield PS and Miss Reid, who is taking on the role of a regional Literacy and Numeracy Leader to support the development of these important areas in local schools. We also say goodbye to Mrs Ramsay, a School Learning Support Officer in our Support Unit who has gained a transfer to Camden South PS. On behalf of our school community I thank these staff members for their commitment and contribution to Dalmeny PS and wish them well for the future.

David Eggins
Principal

TERM CALENDAR

Date	Event
Tues 13 Dec	P&C meeting in the library 7pm
Thurs 15 Dec	Yr 6 Farewell at Hunts 6.30-9.30pm
Fri 15 Dec	Last Day for students
2012	
Mon 30 Jan	Students in Yr 1-6 return to school
Tues 31 Jan	First group Kinders start 9.30am
Wed 1 Feb	Second group Kinders start 9.30am

YEAR 6 FAREWELL GRADUATION EVENING

Date: Thursday, 15th December, 2011

Where: Hunts Function Centre, The Crossroads

Time: Arriving at 6.15pm and concluding at 9.00pm

Payment: Permission note and payment have been finalised.



P&C REPORT

This year has been a very eventful year for the P&C with our many fundraisers such as the chocolate drive, mother's & father's day stalls, Art Show tea/coffee stall, election day bbq, school disco and family portrait day. These have been of great value to the school community and school resources.

Throughout the year a team from the fundraising committee dedicated their time each week to perform the duties for the Commonwealth Bank school banking. Thanks to Joyce, Fiona, Sarah and Wendy. We look forward to continuing this great success.

Thank you to our P&C members who have worked tirelessly on our fundraisers throughout the year. The commitment, dedication and compassion shown from members is much appreciated.

The Sardi Family kindly donated money towards the Year 6 farewell cake. Thank you on behalf of the P&C and Dalmeny.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to Mr Forsythe who gave up his time to provide us with a great school disco this year.

A big thank you to all the parents who have given up their time this year to help out in our fundraising events. Their valuable time has added to the success of these events.



Last, but not forgotten, the P&C would like to thank the staff of Dalmeny, in particular, Mr Eggin and the administration staff. Their support towards all our fundraising events has assisted us greatly.

We always encourage new members to the P&C committee and any ideas or concerns to be brought to our meetings. The next meeting will be held on tonight at 7pm in the school library.

Good luck to our Year 6 next year and we welcome our new, eager Kindergarten students.

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a safe New Year. Enjoy the holidays!

Sarah
P&C President

IGA PRESTONS - Thank You

IGA at Prestons donated \$3,319 earlier this year, following other generous donations in previous years.



IGA's Community Chest program helps raise funds for Dalmeny PS when customers purchase products that carry the IGA Community Chest logo. Our school community appreciates this wonderful support and encourages parents and friends to shop at our local IGA store.

THE FORSYTHE FAMILY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & LIONS CLUB CHARITY

This Christmas, the Forsythe family has got into the festive spirit and is helping the Lions Club charity to bring some magic and joy to children and young people.



END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

YEAR 1 (including Year 1 of 1/KR) FUN DAY:

Thursday, 15 December 2011

Students will watch the movie "Cars 2" at school on Thursday, 15 December.

They will also participate in fun craft and performing art activities. The cost of this day is \$6 and includes the movie, an individual "Pizza Mia", juice, chips and all craft activities. Students may wear comfortable, casual clothing. Permission note and payment have been finalised.



uniform and school hat. Please return signed permission as soon as possible.

HOLIDAYS / LEAVERS

We would like to remind parents of students not returning from the school holidays until after school begins next year are asked to let the school know in writing.



Also, if you are moving residence and not intending for your child to return next year, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

YEAR 3 FUN DAY MOVIE OUTING:

Thursday, 15 December 2011

Students in Years 3 will travel to Dumaresq St Cinemas, Campbelltown to view the movie "Puss in Boots" on Thursday, 15 December. Students will depart school at 9.15am and be returned by 3pm. Students should bring a packed picnic lunch (which they will eat at Koshigaya Park). Students will be given a drink and popcorn at the cinema. Cost of the day is \$16. Permission note and payment MUST be returned by Friday, 9 December. Students must wear full school uniform.



SUMMER FIRE SAFETY

Summer has officially started and with it comes the increased risk of bush and house fires. If you live in a bushfire prone area, ensure you have taken the necessary steps to protect your property and family from fire. Download a fact sheet:

www.fire.nsw.gov.au/gallery/files/pdf/factsheets/02_bushfire_prep.pdf

It is now law that caravans and campervans be fitted with working smoke alarms. Check LPG gas bottles for leaks as this is how many barbecue fires start.

Many more tips on how to enjoy a fire-free summer are on the Fire and Rescue NSW website:

www.fire.nsw.gov.au

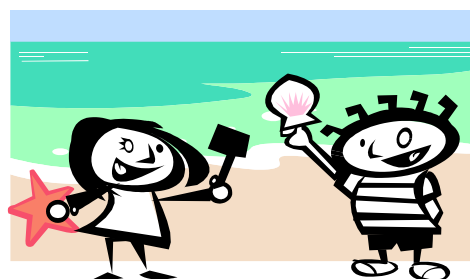
YEAR 4 FUN DAY MOVIE OUTING:

Wednesday, 14 December 2011

Students in Years 4 will travel to Dumaresq St Cinemas, Campbelltown to view the movie "Arthur Christmas" on Wednesday, 14 December. Students will depart school at 10.15am and be returned by 2pm. Students should bring a packed picnic lunch and recess. Students will be given a drink and popcorn at the cinema. Cost of the day is \$14. Permission note and payment have been finalised. Students must wear full school uniform.



Remember in the event of a house or bushfire always dial 000. If your mobile phone is out of range, dial 112.



SUPPORT UNIT FUN DAY:

Thursday, 15 December 2011

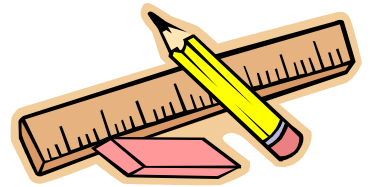
On Thursday, 15 December the Support Unit will be attending an outing at Liverpool Lanes travelling by private bus which will be leaving school at 9.30am and returning by 1.00pm. There is no cost associated with this fun day. Students will need to wear full school



2012 "GETTING STARTED"

Student Workbooks and Class Information

To assist with your child's learning program next year, students will need a copy of student workbooks which are available for purchase from the school. Information about these will be distributed in the new school year.



Parents may wish to purchase the following items during the vacation break to assist students to get off to an organised start in 2012.

KINDERGARTEN

- Library bag Available from school office
- Home Reading Folder Available from school office
- Paint smock or shirt
- For home use: coloured pencils, crayons, glue stick, pencil sharpener, scrapbook and scissors

YEAR 1

- An A3 Scrapbook for homework Available from school office
- Library Bag Available from school office
- Home Reading Folder Available from school office
- Dictionary -
(Jolly Dictionary from Kindergarten) Available from school office
- For home use: coloured pencils, lead pencils, glue stick, pencil sharpener & eraser

YEAR 2

- An A4 lined homework book
(approx. 100 pages) - covered and labelled
- Home Reading Folder Available from school office
- Library bag Available from school office
- Dictionary
(same one required for use in Year 1) Available from school office
- Optional: a pencil case (no larger than half the size of this page) with some drawing supplies - textas, roll-up crayons or gel pens which will be used only in art lessons
- For home use: coloured pencils, lead pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, 30cm ruler, safety scissors for completing homework tasks

YEARS 3 & YEAR 4

- 1 A4 lined homework book - covered and labelled
- 2 lead pencils
- 1 set of coloured pencils and/or twist up crayons
- 1 eraser
- 1 glue stick
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 highlighter
- 1 pencil case
- 1 ruler (30cm, showing mm and cm, NOT metal)
- 1 student dictionary
- 1 library bag

Available from school office

SUPPORT UNIT

- A3 scrapbook for homework
- Library Bag
- Home reading folder
- 2 x glue sticks
- Wipes
- Liquid soap or antibacterial wash
- For home use: coloured pencils, lead pencils, sharpener, eraser, 30cm ruler, safety scissors, glue stick
- Years 3-6 Support Unit - coloured pencils, lead pencils, sharpener, eraser, 30cm ruler, safety scissors, glue stick (in pencil case for class)

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YEAR 5 & YEAR 6

- Lead pencils (HB)
- Selection of blue, black and red biro
- Coloured pencils
- Wind-up crayons (optional)
- Glue stick
- Geometry Set
- Pencil Sharpener
- Eraser
- 1 Pencil Case
- 1 ruler (30cm, showing mm and cm, NOT metal)
- 1 paint shirt
- A4 sized, 128 page homework book
- Calculator
- Dictionary
- Art Canvas - approx size 12x14" or 11x13"
- Library bag

Available from school office

