Dear Parents

Welcome to the final newsletter for Term 1!

Making news at Dalmeny this fortnight…

Staffing Update
The end of the school term often brings changes to teaching positions and this term is no different! Please be aware of the following:

We are farewelling Mrs Vojvodic next week as she enters onto maternity leave. We look forward to hearing of her new delivery very soon.

We are also saying goodbye to one of our Counsellors at Dalmeny, Ms Kathryn Phippen, who is getting married and moving to the ACT to live with her new husband. We wish her all the best as she begins this new phase of her life. I will keep you posted as to her replacement early in the new term.

We are also saying an official goodbye to Mrs Melissa Wilkes, who has recently been promoted via merit selection to the Assistant Principal position at Narellan PS. This follows a successful stint relieving in this position since 2015.

On the plus side, we have recently welcomed Miss Rebecca Fiumara as a Student Support Officer, working at Dalmeny each Tuesday and Thursday. Miss Fiumara will be working with our Counsellors and staff providing welfare support for our students.

Finally, our vacant Deputy Principal position has been advertised. I expect to have this position settled early in Term 2.

Emergency Evacuation Practice
Next week we plan to practise two emergency evacuations at school. Evac drills are an important part of keeping our students and staff safe as we prepare for any emergency situation.

We plan to practise a lockdown drill during a playtime break and an “off-site” evacuation drill. An off-site evacuation is employed when remaining within school grounds is dangerous for the students.

A bomb threat, for example, would necessitate an off-site evacuation. As many of you would know through media reports, a number of schools have been the victims of bomb threats in the recent past, and we need to prepare for such a scenario at Dalmeny.

From the Department of Education: Bomb threats are very disruptive for all students and staff. The vast majority of bomb threats to schools are hoax calls however, all are reported to police. If the school receives a bomb threat, police will be notified immediately and they will advise if it is necessary to evacuate students. When an evacuation is advised, the school’s evacuation procedures will be followed.

As you can imagine, organising an off-site evacuation for 1,013 students (including our Support Unit) over 80 staff, canteen employees and any parent volunteers on site at the time will take some practice!

I will communicate with parents via the Dalmeny School App regarding how these drills are progressing. Please do not be alarmed when your child discusses these drills with you at the end of the day!

Easter Hat Parade
Thank you to all parents and friends who
came to our Easter Hat Parade last week. A wonderful time was had by all! My thanks go to the teachers who coordinated the event and to those staff and parents who assisted with the variety of hats paraded by the students. Congratulations on a wonderful school event. Pictures of our parade appear on the last page of this newsletter.

Finally…
A final thank you from the staff and I for your support and input over the past eleven weeks as we have worked with your children.

I am honoured to lead such a wonderful school and I look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday, 27 April 2016. Wishing you and your families a wonderful, safe and happy term break.

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

Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2017
High School Expression of Interest Forms
The above forms were handed out to Year 6 students a few weeks ago and were due back to Mrs Gandy by Friday, 18 March 2016. These forms need to be submitted to the high schools and are now well overdue. If you haven’t returned your completed forms to the office, please forward them promptly.

Cubbyhouse Vacation Care
There will not be a Vacation Care service offered at Dalmeny Public School in the upcoming April school holidays. We are hopeful that an Expression of Interest will be conducted by Cubbyhouse early in Term 2 to seek expressions of interest for the July school holidays.

Application for Leave - Holidays
Please remember the new procedures for taking leave during the school term for the purpose of a holiday. An “Application for Extended Leave—Travel” form needs to be obtained from the school office and lodged with appropriate travel documents for approval by the principal.

Family holidays and travel are no longer under “The Exemption from School—Procedures”. Travel outside of vacation period is now counted as an absence for statistical purposes. On accepting a parent’s application, a “Certificate of Extended Leave—Travel” is issued. The original certificate is provided to the parent and a copy of the certificate placed in each student’s record cards.

Mrs Selena Gandy
Deputy Principal (Relieving)

Stewart House Donation Drive 2016
Every year 1,800 public school children attend our safe haven next to Curl Curl beach at no cost to their parents or carers. During a 12 day stay they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment.

Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall well-being.

This experience provides children with a much needed break from their current circumstance. Our children are inspired to see beyond the present and to have real

Dear Boys and Girls,
Thank you so much for the special assembly on my last day of school.
It was such a hot day and you all sat so beautifully for so long.
Thank you for the basket of flowers. They looked and smelled so pretty in my house.
Thank you for singing my special song. It was lovely and I will remember it forever.
Thank you for all your cards and letters and presents and good wishes.

I hope you all continue to learn as much as you can everyday and make Dalmeny an even better school.

you really brightened my day!

Be happy, respectful and kind to each other.
I wish you all the very best.

With lots of love

Miss Smith
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hope and positive aspirations for their future. Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All other costs associated with the children's stay are met from charitable donations.

As a member of our school community you are able to assist by making a donation to the 2016 Donation Drive in the donation envelope that was previously sent home (more envelopes are available at the office). You could possibly win a family holiday (to the destination of your choice) to the value of $4,000! Please return the donation envelopes to the office by Friday 6 May which is Stewart House Day.

**Summer PSSA Competition**
Round 6 of the summer PSSA competition will be played this Friday, 1 April 2016.

Students who are selected will need to ensure they wear school sport uniform and always have a school hat, adequate drinking water and sunscreen with them on Fridays. Team members are expected to attend training during school hours and need to pay their $7 bus fares each week to their coaches on Friday mornings. This commitment is for the entire PSSA season. 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.

In the event of inclement weather on a Friday morning, please still assume that games will be played and send your child in the correct sport uniform and with the appropriate equipment and bus fare. Students will attend even if they "forget" to bring their bus fare – please pay the following week.

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

Details of the upcoming venues are listed below. Please note Winter PSSA will commence on 13 May 2016.

### School Assemblies
Student and school achievements are recognised and classes have the opportunity to perform for their peers at our regular school assemblies. Parents and community members are most welcome to attend. Please refer to “School Assembly Roster” on the right..

### Upcoming Excursion/Event Info
Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. Go to the schools website: [www.dalmeny-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.dalmeny-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Select **Make a payment** and follow the prompts.

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### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ROSTER 2016

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### Year 1 Community Walk
**Dates:** 31 March—Classes 1T, 1F & 1/2B  
1 April—Classes 1W & 1K  
**Where:** The surrounding streets of Dalmeny Public School (Prestons)  
**Time:** 9am to 11.30am  
**Info:** Full school uniform, comfortable walking shoes, school hat and sunscreen. A labelled plastic bag containing a healthy snack, water and lunch. Please note students who wish to order lunch from the canteen will receive their lunch order at Break 2 on their excursion day.  
**Cost:** Nil. Please return permission notes to teachers.

### Year 5 Australian Museum Excursion
**Date:** Tuesday, 17 May 2016  
**Where:** Australian Museum Sydney  
**Time:** Leaving school by bus after presentation information by staff from Casula High School.  
**Info:** Full school uniform, school jumper, school hat and enclosed shoes. All students to bring packed recess, lunch and water in a small back pack.  
**Cost:** Nil. Sponsored by Casula High School. Please return permission notes to the office by Friday, 13 May.

### Year 5 Camp
**Dates:** 13th and 14th September 2016  
**Where:** YMCA Camp Yarramundi  
**Info:** Students will have the opportunity to participate in experiences including, abseiling, buschcraft, flying fox, high ropes course, archery, canoeing/ kayaking and many more.  
**Payment:** Total cost: $180.00. Permission note and deposit of $50 are due back to the office by Friday 8 April.

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### PSSA ROUND 6 - FRIDAY, 1 APRIL 2016
(This will be the last week of the Summer PSSA and will continue in Term 4)

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**Open Classrooms**
Friday April 1st (Week 10)
at 2:15 to 3pm

Come and see your child participate in fine motor activities!

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**LEARN MARTIAL ARTS AUSTRALIAN TAEKWONDO GROUP**

**BULLY PROOF YOUR KIDS & BUILD THEIR CONFIDENCE**

*FIRST LESSON FREE*

*FITNESS *DISCIPLINE

*CONFIDENCE *BUILD POSITIVE ATTITUDE

**CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS/ADVANCED & COMPETITIONS**

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CNR DALMENY DRIVE & SAN MARINO DRIVE, PRESTONS.  
CLASSES HELD IN SCHOOL HALL  
CLASS 1 TIME: 6:15PM - 7PM  
CLASS 2 TIME: 7:00PM - 8:00PM |
| LOCATION: CHIPPING NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOL  
CENTRAL AVENUE, CHIPPING NORTON.  
CLASSES HELD IN SCHOOL HALL  
CLASS 1 TIME: 5:15PM - 6PM  
CLASS 2 TIME: 6:00PM - 6:45PM |
| LOCATION: MOOREBANK COMMUNITY CENTRE  
ENTER VIA MAIN LIBRARY ENTRANCE,  
CNR NUWARRA RD & MADDECKS AVE, MOOREBANK.  
CLASS TIME: 7:00PM - 8:00PM |
| WEDNESDAY CLASS | THURSDAY CLASS | SATURDAY CLASS |
| LOCATION: HINCHINBROOK COMMUNITY CENTRE  
CNR WHITFORD RD & PARTRIDGE AVE, HINCHINBROOK.  
CLASS 1 TIME: 6:15PM - 7PM  
CLASS 2 TIME: 7:00PM - 7.45PM |
| 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 |
| 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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FOR MORE EXCITING INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.oztaekwondo.com.au
**Kids Disco**

Friday 15th April
11am – 1pm • $5 entry
includes games, dancing, and prizes
to be given away!

*Keep the kids entertained these school holidays!!*

Tickets available now from reception
Phone 4628 4188 for further details

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**School Holiday Disco Party!**

THURSDAY APRIL 21ST 2016

WEST LEAGUES CLUB - LEUMEAH

Presale tickets available at clubs reception • Phone 46284188

**ARE YOU READY TO PARTY?**

Percentage of proceeds from Disco adds the Kids of Newcastle


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it's planting season
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**FREE Kids Gardening Classes**

11am weekdays

Mon 11 April - Fri 22 April

Children under 5 years of age must be supervised by an adult.
For more information go to www.facebook.com/FlowerPowerGardenCentres
Westfields Sports High

The school that has produced World Champions

Fabrice Lapierre and Dani Samuels

Westfields Sports High School has a tradition as Australia's first and best.

Over 300 students have represented Australia in various sports including 22 Olympians. An outstanding academic school with almost 70 year 12 students receiving distinguished scores of over 90 in the 2015 HSC and our top student with an ATAR of 98.9. Facilities include on-site strength & conditioning, recovery ice bath, physiotherapy, sports psychologist, long jump pit, javelin, discus, shot put facilities, synthetic runway, 20 minute drive to SOPAC and 6 professional track & field coaches.

Applications for Year 7 2017 are now available

Ring the school on 0296043333 for application form by 8th April 2016, or for more information contact Dan Suchy (athletics director) now 0412955793
**EVERY DAY COUNTS...**

A day here or there doesn’t seem like much, but...

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This means that the best your child can achieve is...

- Equal to finishing Year 11
- Equal to finishing Year 10
- Equal to finishing Year 7
- Equal to finishing Year 4

**Give your child every chance to succeed...**

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*Education & Communities NSW*

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*Public School NSW*
2016 Easter Hat Parade!