

Dalmeny Public School Tuesday 12 December 2017

School Calendar

December

Wed 13Support Unit Fun Day
Year 2 Fun Day
Year 6 Fun DayThurs 14Year 4 Fun DayFri 15Last Day of School

2018

January

- Mon 29 Staff Development Day (Student Free Day)
- Tues 30 Students in Years 1 to 6 resume school

February

Mon 5 Kindergarten start school from 9.30am to 2.30pm (then from Tuesday 9.00am-2.30pm for 2 weeks)

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Newsletter

Educating Tomorrow's Leaders

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2017! It only seems like yesterday that I first stood at morning assembly and welcomed you all to the start of a new year at our school. 2017 has been an amazing year for so many of us here at Dalmeny – it is a fantastic school and I feel privileged to lead such a remarkable place of learning.

Key Dates

A reminder that school finishes this Friday, 15 December. Parents are invited to watch the Year 6 farewell arch with the Dalmeny students beginning at 2:40pm. We look forward to seeing you on the day!

2017 Staffing

The end of a school year always brings some changes as staff come and go, and this year is no different. I would like to thank the following staff who will not be with us in 2018:

- Mrs Sarah Read, who will be starting as the Assistant Principal at Thirlmere Public School.
- Mrs Sarah Koppe (currently on maternity leave) who has accepted a transfer to Waniora PS near

Wollongong.

• Mrs Rhonda Ramsay, one of our Support Unit SLSOs who is officially retiring in 2018.

My thanks go to all of these wonderful people for their hard work and commitment to Dalmeny Public School in their various positions over many years. We will miss you all very much.

2018 Classing

As is often the case, our numbers for next year are quite unpredictable, and I have a Plan A and Plan B for the make-up of classes, depending on how enrolments pan out at the beginning of next year.

As we return in January, children will be placed in classes according to our Plan A, on the understanding that things may need to change in the fist two weeks of the year should our numbers change as they tend to do. Of course, I will keep you "in the loop" via our newsletter and School App in the early days of the 2018 school year.

Student Leadership Team

Among the highest honours we can bestow upon our students are the offices of School and Vice Captain. My congratulations go to the boys and girls who were announced yesterday as our 2018 school leaders. They are:



School Captains: Maddison H. and Isaac A.

Vice Captains: Caitlin T. and Dragan S.

Senior SRC:

Isabella P., Abby P., Katelyn A., Salma D., Ariyan N., Joshua K., Rumman S. and Joshua B..

Congratulations to these outstanding students. I look forward to working with them in 2018.

Good Luck, Katelyn!

Katelyn A. (Year 5, 2017) has been selected via auditions in Sydney to attend the *Premier Walt Disney Showcase* from 18 to 23 December in Orlando, Florida.

Whilst there, she will be auditioning again with 200 other contestants from all over the world to try out for a place in the final performance team to be employed by the Disney Channel, USA. A photo of Katelyn appears here and we look forward to hearing of her success!

A Final Thank You

As this is our last newsletter for 2017, I would like to thank you to all of you for



your support and commitment to Dalmeny Public School this year. I am very lucky to be at Dalmeny and know that the years ahead will be just as rewarding.

Have a very happy, safe Christmas break. I look forward to seeing all of you again at the beginning of the 2018 school year.

Mr Clayton Reedie Principal *clayton.reedie*@det.nsw.edu.au Lost Property As we end the year, please check the lost property draws located in the admin foyer and baskets outside the office if your child has lost any personal property at school. In order that any lost items are able to be returned to your child, please write your child's name on everything! You can:

- use a permanent laundry marker to label clothes, hats and shoes, or sew or iron on personalised labels;
- check that labels haven't faded with washing;
- go through your child's bag with them each night.

All uncollected items will be donated to our second hand pool and other lost property items will be put in the recycling bin.



Dalmen	y P.S. Band 2018		
Information for Parents			
Playing a musical instrument can be a fun and wor has shown that there are many developmental, gained from regular structured music lessons, as w that is gained from learning music at a young determination, self-discipline and persistence; the developed along the way. Music tuition at Dalmeny takes the form of week during school time on a Tuesday. Once your child they participate in band rehearsals that are current	educational and social benefits to be vell as the life long appreciation of music j age. Learning an instrument requires se are all important life skills that can be ly 30 minute group instrumental lessons d has progressed to a suitable standard, 'Instrument hire is additional		
band performs at various school assemblies and other events throughout the year. Participation in band is offered to students from years 3-6.			
Lessons in 2018 will be offered to beginners on Trombone, Alto Sax, Clarinet, French Horn and Baritone. No previous musical experience is necessary to be part of the Dalmeny Band Program.			
The following requirements do apply. Students need to commit to Students need to commit to Bring instrument and music each week Attend lessons and rehearsals promptly and reliably Parents are required to Pay \$190* per year to the school for instrument hire or alternatively obtain a suitable instrument Pay \$25 for an initial Tutor Book Purchase a music stand for home practice Support and encourage student with their home practice Based or 2017 instrument hire or a slight charge in 2018). If you are interested in giving your child the opportunity to join the school band, please fill out the expression of interest form below. Please return forms to the school office by Thursday 14th December.			
Any Questions? Please contact Dalmeny's Music Tutor - Keren Jamieson email – <u>kerenlouisejamieson@gmail.com.au</u> mobile 0425 239 352 Register your interest now for 2018			
Trombone Alto Saxophone Clarinet French Horn Baritone Please select at least two instruments and number from 1-5 in order of preference. First instrument choice cannot be guaranteed.			
Student Name:	Parent Name:		
Year in 2018: 2017 Class:	Email:		
Previous Experience? Yes No	Mobile:		
Please indicate if there are any learning, behavioral,	, allergy or health issues that may affect your child's lessons. Alternatively please call to discuss.		

MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME

Students Progressing from Year 2 to 3 and Year 6 to 7 2018

Transport NSW have made some improvements to their system which now means that students who are progressing from Year 3 and Year 7 in 2018 <u>DO NOT NEED</u> to reapply if they meet the following three conditions:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW

The system has automatically validated a student's ongoing eligibility if they're at the same school and progressing to Years 3 and Year 7. Where a student met the new eligibility the system has updated their entitlement and card. If they didn't meet the new eligibility, they would have been sent an expiry notification.

If students need to update any information or reapply, they should go online to https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updatedetails.

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2017 to ensure students' entitlements are updated and their current card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2017, the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for an SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during the 3rd week of January 2018.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their new travel pass at the commencement of the new school year in 2018. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel pases. Students should check with their operator for more information.



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Holiday Leave

Any student who takes holiday leave during the school term will be determined as ABSENT with leave. Previously such leave was considered as EXEMPT and the holiday wasn't included in the students leave days on their reports and records. Holiday leave will be included in the absent days recorded on every student's Semester Report.

All parents are reminded that it is legislated law that all students between the ages of 6-16 are required to attend school everyday. All absences must be explained by their parent/guardian/carer.

When travelling overseas, please request an "Application for Extended Leave Form—Travel" from the front office which will also require a copy of the travel itinerary document.

2017 END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

SUPPORT UNIT FUN DAY: Wednesday, 13 December 2017

Classes K/6 Blue, K/6 Green, K/6 Orange and K/6Red will visit Tic Tocs play centre in Prestons. Leaving school at 10.00am and return to school by 1.30pm travelling by seat belted coach. Students should wear full school uniform including enclosed shoes and a school hat. No spending money is required. The cost is \$15.00 per student. Payment has now closed for this fun day.

YEAR 2 FUN DAY: Wednesday, 13 December 2017

Students in Year 2 will travel to Dumaresq St Cinemas, Campbelltown to view the movie "Ferdinand" rated (PG) possibly. Students will depart school at 9.15am and travel back to school by bus at 2.00pm. Students must wear full school uniform and should bring a packed picnic lunch (which they will eat at Koshigaya Park before the movie). Students will be given popcorn and a drink (water) at the cinema. The cost of the day is \$26.00. Payment has now closed for this fun day.

YEAR 4 FUN DAY: Thursday, 14 December 2017

Year 4 will attend Aquatopia Water Park, Prairewood Leisure Centre leaving school at 8.30am and return to school by 3.00pm travelling by bus. Students should wear full school uniform with their swimwear underneath including enclosed shoes and a school hat. Students will need to bring a change of clothes, towel, sunscreen and hat. All students should bring a packed lunch and recess from home including snacks and adequate drinks. No spending money is required. The cost is \$22.00 per student. Payment has now closed for this fun day.

YEAR 6 FUN DAY: Wednesday, 13 December 2017

Students in Year 6 will travel to Western Sydney Parklands and Hoyts Cinemas to view the movie "Wonder" rated (PG). Students will depart school at 9.00am and travel back to school by bus at 2.15pm. Students must wear full school uniform including a school hat. You will need to pack lunch and recess as per usual. Students will be given popcorn and a drink (water or juice) at the cinema. Payment has now closed for this Fun Day.









