Growing Our Future

Messages from Mrs Shaw

What a busy couple of weeks!

We have had a visit from Anke Maria from "Frogwatch" teaching us about frogs and preparing us for the tadpoles we are going to rear next term. We played host to a Threatened Species Day with Damon and Lorraine Oliver from the Office of Environment and Heritage. They took us for a walk around the bush block and Dalton’s streets to look and listen for birds. They also launched the Superb Parrot survey tool.

Ellie and Ned are currently at Bribbaree attending the robotics camp. We have enjoyed sharing the videos of their robot, Kevin.

Brynn, Rory, Patrick and Tana are representing us at the Premier’s Spelling Bee in Bowral.

We attended the SPACExpo in Goulburn yesterday, where we experienced hockey, cricket, netball, soccer, "fizzics" and meditation.

Next week is the Lion’s Club public speaking competition.

The end of term assembly will be held on Wednesday, 16 September at 2 pm.

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**Kindy Start Begins**

We are very excited to announce that *Kindy Start* has been extended from previous years. This year's Orientation and *Kindy Start* will commence in Term 4 on Tuesdays with the Orientation Session in Week 2, 13 October from 10:00-11:10am with parents and children welcome to stay for the recess period. Week 3 will begin the actual *Kindy Start* Program which will run over an additional five sessions. Session lengths will gradually increase until the final session when the children will experience a full day.

The program will give our incoming Kindergarten children an opportunity to become accustomed to the Infant's classroom and an excellent start to their primary years.

*Kindy Start* booklets detailing the program will be distributed to families of our 2016 Kindergarten students at the Orientation Session with a personal letter going out this week.

The attached flyer, which will also be on display at the Gunning Early Learning Centre, has full dates and times - RW

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**A Message From The Department**

Sometimes parents are unaware as to what is a legitimate reason for a child’s whole day or partial absence.

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School Policies

Schools are required to review policies over time with the Anti-Bullying policy scheduled for this year. As a result, Dalton Public School’s Anti-Bullying Plan has been revised in accordance with Departmental guidelines.

The proposed plan was raised at last week’s P&C meeting with it set down for discussion at the next meeting in Term 4. So that all families can review this draft plan a copy has been attached to the newsletter. We would encourage all families to attend the next meeting or to contact the school to express your opinion.—Robyn Watson

Family Info Update and Term 4 Calendar

It’s time we updated the details held at school for us to contact you when necessary. During the year families sometimes change mobile phone numbers without notifying the school. Please complete the form, even if there are no changes, so that we can check our records.

Term 4 is around the corner, so we are sending home a preliminary calendar for you.

Goodbye Kevin

It is with much sadness that we say farewell to Kevin, our long serving tennis coach. Kevin has been teaching tennis at Dalton for many years. He is to take up a new coaching position at Ulladulla. We will miss him, but welcome our new coach, Steve Irwin.

We will hold a farewell morning tea for Kevin next Wednesday at 10.30. Parents are most welcome to join us. Please bring a plate.

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Fitness is part of the classroom teaching each day.

Our Photo Gallery

“Frogwatch” activities with Anke Maria

Threatened Species Day 2015