Principal’s Message
Week 8 is going to be a busy week for everyone here at Dalton Public.

I know that everyone is preparing for the School Fair and judging by the amount of items that are arriving for the white elephant stall it will be a busy one. Please don’t hesitate to ask for help or assistance from the school. The students are more than keen to help out and it’s a great opportunity for them to see and be part of a working community effort.

At our next P&C meeting I would like to discuss getting our clubs back up and running. Making the clubs a sustainable effort that doesn’t over burden our parents would appear to be our biggest challenge. It would be great if we could build the clubs into a matching curriculum area so we aren’t rushed trying to do it all at lunchtime.

Unfortunately, I will also be away for part of this week. On Tuesday I will be meeting with the Burrinjuck Learning Community; Gunning, Wee Jasper & Bowning schools at Gunning to discuss future school directions / plans. Wednesday I am meeting with my mentoring Principal; I am hoping to do this after school to minimise disruption to students learning. Thursday I will be meeting with the School Director in Goulburn and Mrs Shaw will be on class as per usual.

Alison Finlayson

Dapto Swimming
Congratulations go to Alyrah Cole for her effort at Dapto on Tuesday. Alyrah swam in the 10 years 50m freestyle event, coming a very respectable 4th place in her heat with a fantastic time of 52.3 seconds.

Hunter and Henry’s Soccer Team

Hunter has been playing soccer for four years and Henry for two years with their soccer team. They practice on Fridays in Gunning and play their games in Goulburn on Saturdays. Hunter and Henry enjoy playing with their team because they always win. The team members don’t go to the same schools but they are all friends.

Book Club
Issue 2 of Book Club is attached to this newsletter. Please place orders by 17th March.

Upcoming Events

GRIP Leadership Friday 1st April
Our year 5 and 6 students will be heading off to Goulburn to attend the annual Student Leadership Conference. Years 5 and 6 Dalton students will be attending the conference together from now on so that they have the opportunity to grow their leadership capacity over two years rather than three terms. A permission slip and program are attached to this newsletter for those students.

Attendance

**Celebrate Attendance**
Hints and Tips No 1: Responsibilities

Parent/s or caregivers are required – by law – to provide a written or verbal explanation to the Principal within seven days of any absence as to why their child was not at school.

It is important that the school receives a written or verbal explanation because:

1. It is a parent’s legal obligation to explain their child’s absence within seven days
2. It is a requirement that the school investigate all unexplained absences
3. It avoids the school and the School Attendance Officer from making unnecessary investigations
4. It is the way the school knows that your child was legitimately absent and not truanting from school

If you have any difficulties in providing a written explanation for your child’s absence, please contact your school principal.

Playgroup

**PLAYGROUP!**

Families/carers of children from birth to school age are
Great news re: Juniors at Yass Show Poets Breakfast.

The Yass Show now has a sponsor for the Junior Prizes: Yass Little Learners.

We are hoping the extra prize money will add an incentive to encourage kids to come along and have a go. At the show there will also be the opportunity for children to participate in a performance, which will be great fun.
There’ll be two prizes of $50 each:

1. Best Presentation of a Poem (Junior) and
2. Encouragement award for presentation of a Junior’s own original poem.

Juniors are school aged or below.

Groups acting out poems - eg Bush Christening by Banjo Paterson - are encouraged to come along.

We've got a fantastic morning of laughs, action and more planned! It's all happening on Sunday April 10 at the Yass Show 8.30-10.30am in the Shearing Pavilion - near the Lions Catering Van. Follow the smell of the bacon and eggs to find it!

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