



THE GEMFILE

Newsletter of
Dalgety Public School

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Term 1, Week 2
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Principals Message

It's great to be back at Dalgety PS after 2 years leave. Cycling 25,000kms around Australia & climbing to the highest summit in each Australian state/territory during the last 14 months has been a huge achievement for my partner Bruce (who has MS) and myself. I feel truly grateful to have had the opportunity.

It's been brilliant seeing how far the students I previously taught have progressed in my absence. It's great to see so many new faces and I look forward to catching up with everyone in the near future.



A huge welcome to our new students & their parents: Harry Povey (Kinder), Eve (Yr1) & Nell (Yr3) Owen. Welcome back to Anni (Yr 5). We have 2 new staff members as well: Niki Chatten will be the second teacher working 3 or 4 days a week. Kerri Douglas will be working as the School Learning Support Officer (SLSO) helping in the classroom during literacy & math's lessons and teaching the 1-1 Multilit reading assistance program starting in a few weeks' time.

Students are currently working in one K-6 class and learning the new routines and expectations. Three days a week Nikki and I will team-teach with many small group teaching sessions focusing on specific Maths & Literacy skills based on students' needs. The small group teaching sessions maybe taught in the main classroom or library or 2nd classroom depending on the topic & equipment needs. Each day starts with 30 minutes of quiet reading with staff listening to most of the students read text at their specific reading ability.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child or the school please feel free to contact me. The mornings are usually busy preparing for classes so unless it is urgent, the best time to catch me is after 3pm Mon-Fri or most Wednesdays I work in the office. Otherwise leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Attached is a list of Positive Expectations that students have brainstormed and decided that demonstrating these behaviours will help make Dalgety PS a positive, safe learning place for everyone. If you can assist us to reinforce these behaviours that would be fantastic! We are looking forward to a brilliant year in 2016 with teachers, support staff and parents working together to help every child produce their best effort and work in all areas of the curriculum. In anticipation, thanks for your assistance and support as students can only achieve success if we all positively work together.

Marg Hayes



Dates to Remember

Week 2 Thurs 4th Feb Fri 5th	Tennis commenced - Please note: Tennis is every Thursday for Term 1 Swimming Carnival Yr 3-6 Cooma Pool
Week 3 Mon 8th Weds 10th Fri 12th	School Library - Please note: School Library is every Monday Mobile Library Bookclub order due
Week 4 Thurs 18th Fri 19th	School Photos (students to wear their full school uniform) – 9am District Swim Carnival
Week 5 Mon 22nd Weds 24th	No School Library today Mobile Library

Homework

Students who read 5 nights a week and complete other designated homework (usually spelling/wordlists) will be rewarded each Monday with a choice out of the “treasure box”. If children miss a week night they are welcome to catch up and read 2 nights over the weekend. Kinder-Year 3 children need to read aloud to an adult, Year 5 children are welcome to read silently and then explain to parents what their book is about. Kinder-Yr 2 parents could you please complete your child’s Home Reading Log each night. Year 3-6 students can complete their own reading log, if parents can initial on a daily basis. If anyone has small soft toys/books your child has finished with we would love them for our “treasure box”. Thank you.

For home reading, Year 3-6 children can select their own chapter reading books from the library. They need to bring the current book they’re reading to school daily. Kinder-Year 2 students will choose a levelled book from the classroom reading boxes which they need to change each day when they arrive at school before the bell goes. As children’s reading progresses, the books will get more detailed with more difficult words. Children learn to read by looking at the pictures and remembering what they’ve read previously so it’s beneficial if they read the book several times and pointing at the words is good to encourage in the early stages of reading. Younger children are welcome to take home more than 1 book if they wish. The best way for your child to improve their reading is to: READ, READ & READ some more at a level appropriate to them.

Homework Spelling will start next week for Year 3-6 students. Year 2 students will start later on the term. Each student will bring home an individualized list of words in an exercise book to learn to spell. Practice using the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method each night Monday through Thursday. Words will be tested on Friday for Year 3-6. In a few weeks’ time many students will receive individualised word lists to read & practice on a nightly basis. If they can read them aloud to you and if they know the word instantly then tick the word. If they hesitate then please dot the word. I will regularly test children and once they can confidently read the word they will be given new words.

Fruit

Could parents please pack fruit or vegetables for your child to eat at recess as we eat this before other food? Thanks.

Tennis lessons started today with Tom from Cooma Champs Tennis. If your child has their own racquet they are welcome to bring it on a Thursday or else they can borrow a school racquet.

Rivers Swimming carnival

The Rivers Swimming Carnival is at Cooma Swimming Pool tomorrow. **Meet Niki at 9am**. Students are expected to follow the attached “Positive Expectations.” Transport arrangements are: Permission notes were sent home yesterday. Thanks to the parents who have volunteered to drive. . School will be normal for Kinder-Yr 2 students and any Yr 3-6 students not participating in the swimming carnival. Parents are welcome to drop younger students at school earlier than usual to allow time to drive to Cooma. Similarly supervision will be provided in the afternoon if the carnival finishes late.

Permission Notes

Attached are a number of notes to be completed by parents. Please return the forms by **Tuesday 9th February**. Thank you.

Dalgety Playgroup

The Dalgety Playgroup meets at Dalgety Public School every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. All families with children 0-schoolage are welcome to attend. It's a great opportunity for children to have a play with other youngsters and for parents to have a friendly chat. Please invite any families in the district with young children. For further information please contact Clare Wallace.

Lunch orders

An updated price list will be going home with students next week, until then students are welcome to order from the current list in the school office.

RIVERS SWIMMING CARNIVAL TRANSPORT – Friday 5th February 2016

Staff member / Parent Driver	Student	Drivers contact number
Myolene Mesley	Zara, Anni (to Cooma only)	
Jo Miners	Tara, Jack	
Trynie Owen	Nell	
Leah Chapman	Ayla, Jenna, Anni pm only	Leah – 6456 5360 / 0402 309 596
Grant Ross	Kale	
Niki Chatten	Josh S, Tom Mac, Josh Mac,	Niki – 0458 931 521