



## THE GEMFILE

Newsletter of  
**Dalgety Public School**

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**Term 1, Week 7**  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

### Principals Message

**Bridge Opening:** Next Monday Dalgety PS students have been invited to the official opening of the Dalgety Bridge project. It has been requested that students wear jeans & a blue school top with logo. The celebrations start at 9.45am and will involve walking across the bridge. We have been invited to stay for morning tea afterwards. Parents are invited to come along too.

**Cathy Dawes** our extremely capable School Administration Manager (SAM) is so good that she has been the successful applicant for the full-time SAM position at Berridale PS. We will truly miss her contribution to our school but wish her the best in her new position. Cathy will begin full-time at Berridale at the start of Term 2. The department has yet to inform me of the procedure for finding Cathy's replacement.

Congratulations to the significant number of students who won prizes at the Dalgety Show. The winning stories will be read at Assembly on Thursday at 2.40pm. The prizes will be presented then too.

**Please note:** NAPLAN 2016 will be taking place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. (Term 2, Week 3).

### **The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey – Students in Years 4-6**

This term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

The survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016**. The FAQs and copies of the consent form are available from the website above.

**Homework:** Students in years 2-6 now have nightly math's homework also. Students in K-1 have word cards and word lists. Please ensure your child/ren complete their homework each night, parents are asked to sign their child's work. **Completed homework needs to come to school each day.** Thank you.

**Containers:** There a number of small plastic containers and lids on the bench in the staffroom, please take the time and look to see if any may belong to you.

Marg Hayes  
Principal

Dates to Remember	
<b>Week 8</b> Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> March Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	Dalgety Bridge Opening Bookclub due
<b>Week 9</b> Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup>  Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library DISCO at Berridale OOSHC – <b>Cowboys &amp; Cowgirls</b> Good Friday-Public Holiday
<b>Week 10</b> Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Monday-Public Holiday P&C meeting District Cross-country at Nimmitabel PS- students 8 years & older
<b>Week 11</b> Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Monaro Small Schools Network Fun Day @ Jerangle Public School Last Day of Term 1
<b>TERM 2</b> <b>Week 1</b> Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> April Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Weds 27 <sup>th</sup>	ANZAC Day – Public Holiday Staff Development Day Students return

**SCHOOL LIBRARY** each Monday  
**TENNIS** each Thursday – Term 1  
**Soccer dates: 15<sup>th</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> March & 29<sup>th</sup> March**

## TWILIGHT DISCO

**Berridale Out of School Hours Care** (opposite Berridale Public School)

**WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016**

5.30pm to 7.30pm

\$5.00 for hot dog and popper

Treats will also available to buy.

**ALL** students from Dalgety Public school are invited to come along and join in the fun.

**THEME: Country-Cowboys & Cowgirls**