



# DALTON DISPATCH

## 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018



Next newsletter –8<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### Principal's Message

#### Swimming

I was so pleased to hear that the Dalton Devils, aka our own small schools relay team, won the relay event again at the district swimming carnival. Well done to Baxton, Grace, Hunter and Albert who will be going to Dapto with the Yass PSSA team. The permission notes and information were given to the students on the day. At this stage the Dapto event will be held on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Wee Jasper Camp

The camp permission note and itinerary will be sent home next Monday. Please make the time to read the information pack carefully as the camp involves a wide range of activities.

#### Chimney Stabilisation

As much as we all appreciate the work being undertaken at the school, the timing couldn't be worse! The fencing will be reinstated, there will be a large generator onsite with cables running into the back of the admin building to run the phone line and server. Kerry's office will be moved into the old classroom during this time, vacating it for playgroup. This work has been estimated to take 5 weeks from mid-March, which is being optimistic given the amount of structural steel that needs to go into the roof cavity to pin the front of the building back to the main section on top of the chimney works.

#### Small Schools Support

We've been very lucky to have Carolyn Harrison undertake the full-time teaching in the classroom for the short term while I am out supporting other small schools like ours develop their own improvement plans. Given the short time frame for small schools to demonstrate improvement in literacy and numeracy it was vital that the department locate and put qualified staff in place immediately while they formally identify and provide necessary training for the support position permanently. This situation is temporary and as soon as the identified staff member can take up the new position I will be returning to Dalton PS.

#### Alison Finlayson

#### Library News

Currently our little school library is undergoing a number of major changes. All of our resources need to be re-barcode, have a stocktake done and the collection thoroughly organised. Library lessons will continue as normal within the classroom working on a research based unit of work.

Children will still be able to borrow and return books. This will only be done on a Thursday morning before school until the chimney stabilisation work commences.

#### Book Fair

Our school will be having our annual book fair at the Dalton School fete on Easter Saturday. Please come and support our little school and buy lots of books. Our school will also have a wish list of books we would like to purchase. Please consider buying and donating a book to our school library. Children will have the opportunity to view the book fair on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March before the fete. The book fair opens on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> for parents to purchase.

#### Carolyn Harrison

## Permission to Publish

Attached to this newsletter is a request for parental permission to publish content that may identify you or your child in school communications. Please read the letter & return the signed note by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, even if you are not giving permission.

## Updating Emergency Contact Information

Please complete the attached form regarding emergency contacts and medical information and return it to school by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018. This information is vital, especially when casual staff work at school.

## School Dental Assessment Program

Enclosed is a letter explaining the oral health assessment at school program. The Dental Therapist from Goulburn will be visiting Dalton school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. Please complete the consent form and return it to school by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, even if you do not wish for your child to participate.

## Upcoming Events

5	Friday 2 March	School Clean Up Day
6	Tuesday 6 March	GRIP Leadership (Yr 5 students)
6	Wed 7 – Fri 9 March	Wee Jasper camp
7	Monday 12 March	Dental assessments @ school
9	Wed 28 – Sat 31 March	Scholastic Book Fair

## CLAIMING THE DATE

17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March – Yass show

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Dalton school fete TBC

## P&C NEWS

### 2018 P&C Committee

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## Public Notices

### YASS SHOW – JUNIOR ENTRIES

The Yass Show will take place on Saturday & Sunday – 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March. There are lots of opportunities for children (Pre-school, Infants, Primary & High School) to participate. Most of the Sections in the Roundhouse have Junior Classes including Art, Cooking, Fruit & Vegetables, Handcrafts, Jams & Preserves & Needlecraft as well as Photography and Lego building. Now would be a great time to start thinking about what sections appeal to you. Any information regarding entry closures etc can be found on the Yass Show Website - [yassshow.org.au](http://yassshow.org.au)  
Hope to see big entries of Junior work at the show.

Phil Cox - Chief Steward Junior Art

Gunning Show Exhibits



Albert, Zack & Mason with their police car



Preston, Emma, Kai & Veronica with their RFS fire tanker



Grace, Hunter, Clarissa & Baxton with their ambulance rescue unit