



DALTON DISPATCH

13th March 2018



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Principal's Message

Introduction

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the Dalton PS community. My name is Gabby Dickson and I am the relieving principal until Alison Finlayson returns. I have been teaching just down the road at Gunning PS for 16 years. I have taught across all grades and I am excited to take on this opportunity teaching our students and working together with all members of this great community.

Regional Swimming Carnival

Tomorrow, our students Baxton, Grace, Hunter and Albert will be travelling to Dapto to swim for the Yass PSSA team in the Regional Swimming Carnival. They are competing in the Small Schools relay event. We wish them the best of luck!

Chimney Stabilisation

As previously mentioned, we are having more building work done to the administration building. Fences and scaffolding have already been erected. The front gate is still accessible and Kerry's office has moved into the old classroom during this time, vacating it for playgroup on Mondays. This work has been estimated to take five weeks from mid-March. Structural steel will be inserted into the roof cavity to pin the front of the building to the main section, on top of the stabilisation of the chimneys.

Wee Jasper Camp

Last week, students took the opportunity to attend a three-day camp at beautiful Wee Jasper. They were joined by Wee Jasper PS and Bongongo PS (near Tumut) students.

The fantastic activities included: setting up their campsites, playing and swimming in Micalong creek, a soccer coaching clinic. There were also cultural, environmental and Aboriginal experiences with two park rangers from National Parks which included finding out what was living in the creek (many insects and small creatures), learning about and sharing Aboriginal music, having their faces painted and throwing boomerangs. Other completed activities involved learning about sun dials, playing maths games, creating textured landscapes, learning about CPR and participating in a rural bushfire safety talk and demonstration. The highlights of the camp included a tour of Carey's Cave, dinner and a fossil talk at the Homestead, and counting/observing Eastern Bent-wing bats with a scientist.

I would like to commend the eight Dalton students on their willingness to attend a three-day camp, their full participation in all activities, their friendliness and good manners with students, staff and parents from the other schools.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who helped with transport and provided camping equipment for the students. I would also like to extend our many thanks to Wee Jasper PS and their excellent community for sharing their beautiful environment and hospitality with us.

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

This Friday the 16th of March, all Dalton PS students will be taking part in class activities to learn about bullying. These activities will include:

- What is bullying
- Staying safe online
- I'm being bullied
- I've been called a bully
- I've seen someone bullied

Gabby Dickson

Library Closed

Our school library will be closed for the next 5 weeks while the chimney stabilisation work is being carried out. We have no access to the admin/library building for the duration of this project.

Book Fair

Our Book Fair has been rescheduled to May 21st – 29th. More details will be given closer to the date.

Premier's Reading Challenge

This year's Challenge has begun and ends on 31st August. K-2 students need to read 30 books - 25 of those must be from the Premier's Reading Challenge list and 5 can be personal choice books. Years 3-6 must read 20 books with 15 of those from the PRC list and 5 personal choice. Please see the Premier's Reading Challenge website for further information or see Carolyn Harrison (Tuesday & Thursday). A reading log is coming home with this newsletter. Once completed, please bring it in for validation by the librarian.

Carolyn Harrison

Upcoming Events

7	Wednesday 14 March	Dapto Regional Swimming Carnival
7	Friday 16 March	National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
9	Fri 30 March – Mon 2 April	Easter long weekend
9	Saturday 31 March	Dalton PS Fete
11	Monday 9 April	Burrinjuck Small Schools Cross Country
11	Friday 13 April	Last day of Term 1

Claiming the Date

17th & 18th March – Saturday – Yass Show

31st March – Saturday - Dalton School fete 9am

9th April – Monday - Burrinjuck Small Schools Cross Country – Gunning Golf Course

P&C NEWS

Planning is underway for this year's school fete, which is on Sat 31 March 9am-12pm. We have had to change the venue this year to the Uniting Church Hall due to renovations currently underway on school grounds. If you can help on the day or in the lead up to the fete please call Louise on 0411 104 175 so a roster can be organised. We ask that all parents please provide a donation for the cakes/baked goods/fresh produce stall on the day. We are also looking for donations of trash and treasure and books to sell; however, we ask that families please take home what isn't sold as we do not have the capacity to store unsold items at the church hall.

Finally, there will be an Easter Parade at the fete. There will be prizes offered for the best decorated hat/outfit and we hope to see lots of amazing creations!!

Public Notices

YASS SHOW – JUNIOR ENTRIES

The Yass Show will take place on Saturday and Sunday – 17th & 18th March. There are lots of opportunities for children (Preschool, 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. Any information regarding entries etc can be found on the Yass Show Website: yassshow.org.au Hope to see big entries of Junior work at the show.

Phil Cox - Chief Steward Junior Art



Winter 2018 competition / NetSetGo
Registrations extended until
9.00pm on Sunday 4/3/18
Go to www.yassna.nsw.netball.com.au
For more information, contact
Sue Jephcott on 0414 999 845

Photo Gallery



Wee Jasper
Camp







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Fossil talk
at Homestead





Carey's Cave





Night Activities



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