

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

12TH
FEBRUARY 2026

KAYA!

Welcome back to what we know will be another fantastic year of learning, growth and connection. I hope you were able to enjoy some special time with family and friends over the Christmas break and that everyone is feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead. It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces back at school. Thank you for your continued support as we begin the year together.

Congratulations to Our P&C and Foreshore Committee - Dardanup Community Award 2025

We are incredibly proud to share that our P&C/ Foreshore Festival Committee (FFC) has been recognised at the Shire of Dardanup Australia Day celebrations, receiving the 2025 Dardanup Community Award. This award acknowledges outstanding contribution and active citizenship within our community recognising those whose dedication, innovation and commitment continue to strengthen the spirit of unity and connection across the Shire. Our P&C/FFC exemplifies these qualities. Through their tireless work, generous volunteering, and unwavering support of our students, staff and families, they play a vital role in enriching opportunities for our school and fostering a strong sense of community. This recognition is a testament to the countless hours of behind-the-scenes planning, organising, fundraising and community-building that our P&C/FFC contributes throughout the year. We are deeply grateful for their leadership, collaboration and commitment to making our school the very best it can be. Please join me in congratulating our P&C/FFC on this well-deserved honour. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated and passionate team supporting our school community.




**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**
2026 Health Hub Eaton Foreshore Festival
Sunday 8th of March
Our school's biggest fundraiser of the year is coming up – and we'd love your help!

below to sign up now!



Staff Changes

As we begin the 2026 school year, we are delighted to welcome several new staff members to our school community. Each brings valuable experience, enthusiasm and a strong commitment to student learning and wellbeing. Please join me in making them feel welcome as they settle into their roles and become part of our team. We welcome Mr Phil Holt, Mrs Jodie Davies, Mrs Johana Sandoval, Miss Lili Swannick, Miss Indy Goodlad, Corrine Conner and welcome back Mrs Leila Van Dijk.

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Restructure of Classes

Due to an increase in enrolments in our Junior Primary classrooms over the holidays, we were required to quickly restructure seven classes at the beginning of the year.

While we always do our best to plan carefully, this is the risk we take when sharing class placements at the end of the school year, knowing that unexpected enrolments can occur. Unfortunately, this sometimes means adjustments need to be made with little notice. I would like to sincerely thank our students and families for the understanding and flexibility shown during this transition. We recognise that changes such as these can create uncertainty and, at times, stress for everyone involved. Please be assured that every decision is made with careful consideration of the many factors at play, with the aim of achieving the best possible outcomes for all students. Your ongoing trust and support are truly appreciated.

Road Safety

Student safety is always a priority. Please take some time to speak with your child about road safety whether they ride a bike or scooter, or walk to and from school. Throughout the year we receive reports of near misses and unsafe behaviours, and these conversations at home make a real difference.

I also ask that all drivers remain vigilant and slow down when travelling near the school, particularly during drop-off and pick-up times. Sadly, there has already been a report this year of a student being hit by a car at school pick-up in the South West. We absolutely do not want this to happen in our community. Your care and attention help keep all of our children safe.

We also need to report that our lovely Lollypop lady down on Millard St has retired and currently there is no one to replace her. If you are interested in helping to keep our kids safe and have some free time or know someone who has, we encourage you to look at the website below for information.

www.education.wa.edu.au/-/help-needed-to-get-kids-to-school-safely

Swimming Lessons

We were pleased to successfully move swimming lessons from Day 1 to Weeks 4 and 5 to allow for a smoother start to the school year. Swimming lessons are a compulsory part of the school curriculum and an extremely important life skill. Learning to swim particularly in open water is critical in Western Australia. There have already been reports of drownings in open water this summer. It is vital that children learn how to read currents, recognise potential dangers and develop the skills and confidence to stay safe in the water. Please encourage your child to attend these sessions, as each lesson builds essential knowledge and capability

2026 Dates - Mark your Calendars Term 1

Swimming Lessons Yrs3-6 Week 4/5

Sunday the 8th March Foreshore Festival

Swimming Carnival Yrs 3-6 Friday 27th March

NAPLAN testing Yr3/5 Week 6/7/8

Assembly (E2 and F3) 25th March

Warm regards,
Claire Nicol
Principal