FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hi everybody, welcome back for second semester and a particularly warm welcome to our 20 new students and their families. While we have lost some families, who have moved on, it is really good to see the positive renewal of our community with new families. I will be inviting our school board parent representatives to contact our new families as part of our welcoming strategy. Meanwhile all the new students have been energetically welcomed by their new class friends.

News 1
Due to Cabinet changes, late last term that meant a change in the Education Minister to Peter Collier from Elizabeth Constable, the scheduled official opening of our State funded new buildings has been postponed. We will be advised of a new date soon.

Meanwhile as previously advised we will have a small local ceremony during our normal Mead Street Assembly this Friday August 3, to officially open our new Federally funded buildings at Mead Street. I have asked the chair of the School Board, Pip Murdock, to officiate.

News 2
Congratulations Courtney Babich on gaining selection for the State under 12 Netball Team. We welcome back Courtney from her State Netball Carnival in Adelaide with the news that WA came second in their pool and sixth overall, and Courtney had a great time. Courtney is a great ambassador for our school and community. We wish her well in her future netball career.

News 3
Our school would like to say a big thank you to our recent long term practice teachers, Kate Pember, Dane Annandale, Sarah Marlow, Danielle Hodge and Krystal Rondo. These young professionals value added to our school and while each has moved on, we thank them and wish them well with their future careers.

As a school we take a very affirmative position supporting pre service teachers as they are our future teachers.

News 4
Bentley Street—One of our events that we can’t let sneak under the radar was the Year 6 Students’ evening devoted to the presentation of “Famous and Infamous Australians”. The Art Room was the venue and it was packed with enthusiastic students and really engaged and interested parents. Congratulations to all our students for their real engagement with the project and to all involved. Congratulations on the learning.
Bentley Street News

The Playground Equipment and Fitness Circuit is in!
We are very grateful to the P&C, Neville Fry, Dave Wyllie, Casey Dale, the PE Department and of course Earthmac who have all contributed to getting the equipment in place.

The Fitness Circuit is up and running and has become a major focus for the PE curriculum for all year levels now and in the future.

The Playground equipment has one more job to complete it (edging around the perimeter) and should be open to all students late next week.

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help with a busy bee but due to weather restrictions, we chose to act over the school holidays when the weather was fine and did not need your treasured offer. I will be personally writing thank you letters to you all.

This is a wonderful project that I know our students are already enjoying and will be here for many years to come for future students.

Fantastic!

WAMSE Testing
In week 3 our Year 5’s, 7’s and 9’s will be undergoing WAMSE Testing (West Australian Monitoring Standards in Education) in the areas of Science and Society and Environment.
This is an annual process that all Year 5’s, 7’s and 9’s do throughout all of Western Australia.

Yr 5’s Transition
We are starting the Transition of our Year 5’s to the Bentley Street site, earlier this year due to feedback from last year’s students and parents. The year 5’s will start their transition on Wednesday August 22 for half a day with many more visits planned over Terms 3 and 4.

As the dates get closer a note will be sent home to all parents to outline the program for both students and parents. Of one thing I am sure, the Year 5’s will enjoy having fun on the new playground equipment.

What’s happening this Term
A wonderful term of assemblies (Tuesday August 15 at 9.00am being our first one), Band Camp, Learning Area incursions on top of our core business of curriculum delivery.

As normal, I continue to stress that if you want clarification about any events or learning area activities, we are only a phone call away and I am more than happy to chat with you any time.

Liz Burkett
Deputy Principal

Donnybrook Amateur Basketball Association
REGISTRATION DAYSUMMER BASKETBALL
Donnybrook Rec Centre
Tuesday September 4, 2012. 4:00 - 6:00pm Years 1 - 12
50% fees payable on Registration Day
Any queries please call Rick Anderson on 9731 1621
Art News
Expressive monochromatic portrait of the crow by Rachel Berry Year 10.

Rachel's work was selected because Rachel only joined the art class recently and had no previous painting experience. With a keen attitude and a willingness to learn Rachel has produced an outstanding first painting. We look forward to seeing Rachel develop further.

The Year 9's Noneycup Creek Cleanup
The year 9 Geography class from Donnybrook District High School is cleaning up the Noneycup Creek. We have been researching the area by taking pictures and studying the damage that the rubbish has done. We will conduct research on the animals and trees that surround the creek.

We are designing an environmental project that we believe will be a fun way of learning and we would all like to do.
Cleaning up the Noneycup creek will teach us how rubbish is damaging the environment. It can also help us know what animals live in the area and what trees make good homes to keep the creek healthy.
Keep an eye out for our display of what we find in the creek, around the school.
By Josh Percival-Evison Year 9

Interschool Cross Country
Donnybrook competed at the annual Bunbury Public Schools Sports Association Cross Country on Tuesday, 19 June. Students from years 4, 5, 6 and 7 took part in this event, with a total of 26 schools being involved. Donnybrook finished in 6th place (out of 8) in Tuart Division and 7th place overall. Our Year 4 students won their division, while the Year 5 students were placed 3rd. This was an absolutely fantastic achievement!

Special mention needs to be given to:
Claire Delbridge - 2nd place
Yr 4 Girls and Chloe Wallace - 3rd place
Congratulations girls!

Library News—Mead Street
We require some volunteers in the Mead Street Library to either shelve books / create displays, prepare books for accessioning, book covering etc.
It does not need to be a regular time or day, sometimes even half and hour will assist me in getting books back on the shelf.
Please contact Ann Fry on 9731 1557 if you can help in any way. Thank you

Young Writers Day Yr 7/8
On June 14, a small group of kids from Donnybrook went to visit Bunbury Grammar for the Young Writers program. The author, J.C Burke, was fabulous. We did many activities. One of those activities included “Show me, don’t tell me. “Show me don’t tell” me is an activity where you have to replace the letters in a certain text to make it more descriptive. I enjoyed it a lot. I was very interested in her style of writing. Her writing was stimulated by images. J.C Burke has written many successful books including The Red Cardigan, The Story of Tom Brennan, Nine Letters Long (the sequel to the Red Cardigan), Starfish Sisters, Ocean Pearl and The Flight of E. Hammond. Every time I go, it gets more and more interesting and I learn heaps more from each author that comes.
Morgan Bailey Yr 8

On June 14, 2012 I went to the Bunbury Grammar School for the children's Literacy day. The Author was J.C Burke. I had never heard of her but her books sounded very good. She was a great help and I liked the way she let us read her planning books. It was interesting seeing the way an author planned things. I enjoyed the activities she set us, they were good and sometimes funny. All in all I had a very enjoyable day and can't wait till next term.
Erin Ocallaghan Yr 7
**IMPORTANT DATES:**
- Friday August 3 - Mead Street Assembly
- Mon-Fri August 6-10 - WAMSE Science and S&E Test Week
- Thursday August 9 - Immunisation Year 7
- Thursday August 9 - P&C Meeting
- Tuesday August 14 - Bentley Street Assembly
- Tuesday August 14 - Cross Country Championships Years 5 - 7

*Every Wednesday Early Closure: Mead Street - 2.35 - Bentley Street 2.45*

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**ESPECIALLY TO PARENTS!!**

The school has recently subscribed to a service specifically dedicated to “Helping schools support parents”.

Our subscription enables us to use materials on a wide range of parenting issues. The way we intend to use the service, at least initially, is to publish the papers online at www.donnybrook.wa.edu.au on our website accompanied by some information on the published article specific to our context.

These papers called “Insights” are sourced from Michael Grose a leading parenting educator. They are each about 500 words and address issues that impact parents across Australia.

The two “Insights” that will be on our website tomorrow are entitled:

- **“Facing up to Facebook”** - This article canvases how parents need to be familiar with Facebook and like technologies in order to support their children. Target audience is parents of early adolescent children.

- **“It’s not okay to be away…… nor, to be late to school”** - This article explores a raft of issues around absences and lateness that impact learning. Target audience is all parents.

Please take advantage of this material as it is designed to help you.

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If you have good news stories that reflect on the achievements of your children, that you are willing to share in a public way, we would be interested to hear from you.

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**Year 10 Metaphor Poetry**

**Dark Blue**
The dark blue boldly waves around on the Australian flag, proudly representing our country.
It is the darkening colour of my veins, trying to reoxygenate my body.
The darkening colour of the bruise, that appears on my cheek after a violent brawl.
Dark blue is the school uniform, as kids fill the school daily.
The colour of my cold lips, as the winter air circles me.
The colour of the deep ocean, as a dark winter storm looms.
It is the colour of Carlton, warming before a game.
The unknown of dark blue!

**White**
White is the flag to surrender,
Innocent soldiers from the horror of war.
The blankness of the empty paper,
That sits blankly on the desk in front of you.
The colour of the stunning wedding dress,
As the bride walks gracefully down the aisle.
The taste of white chocolate,
As it slides down the back of your throat.
The pureness of milk, as it sits in the glass.
White tips of the waves,
As they are pushed towards shore.
The whiteness of the moon,
As it brightly fills the night sky.
The pure white glow in your eyes,
After a good night’s sleep.

Both by Kyarna Trigwell