From the Principal
It’s a pleasure to be back at work and see the positive learning across the school. I think we are very lucky in our community with our kids, our staff and the engagement of our parents. I make this point because feedback from teachers and kids from other schools indicate our sort of positive climate isn’t in every school. My view is that while not everything is perfect we need to have a good hard look at what is right and not just look at what needs to be improved.

In operational terms, the school has settled well. Our numbers have grown and we expect that trend to continue over the next two years. Interestingly a high proportion of our new students to secondary come from the private sector, and they have given really positive feedback about our learning programs and staff.

We have introduced a new program in Year 6 & 7 aimed at building capacity in student health and wellbeing and academic performance. This capacity building is about resilience, and we have deliberately targeted Year 6 & 7 as in mental and social health terms this age group are vulnerable as they enter the adolescent world. The programme is called Blue Earth (www.bluearth.org), and it runs for two years with the lessons of 1 hour every second Tuesday. The instructor is Mrs Lois Doherty and part of her job over the two years is to train our staff.

I draw the community’s attention to the following forthcoming Calendar issues.

**Easter:** Good Friday - March 29 - School Closed
   Easter Monday - April 1 - School Closed
   Easter Tuesday - April 2 - School Closed

**Term 1:** Last Day - Friday April 19
   School Development Day - Monday May 6
   School Development Day 4 - Tuesday May 7

Note: As we advised last year we have elected to take the extra day for staff development on Tuesday May 7.

School Resumes for students on **Wednesday May 8.**

Finally, on **Thursday evening at 7.30** in the Community Library our P&C is having its AGM. We have some people interested in leading the P&C and at looking at changing how it operates to address modern parental needs. Come along and be part of the future. Look forward to supporting our P&C this year and hope to see you there.

Let’s have a great 2013! **Peter Fitzgerald**

**Principal**

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We do a lot of exciting stuff in Pre-Primary.

Even Mr Brown comes down to join us and gets his hands dirty!

**Secondary Assistance**
If you have a student enrolled in Years 8, 9 or 10 you maybe eligible to claim Secondary Assistance Allowance.

To be eligible you must hold one of the following cards:
- Centrelink Family Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans’ Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

The Allowance consists of two components:
- $115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian or the school.
- $235 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the school.

Application forms must be completed by **Monday, April 15 2013.**

For more information or to collect a form please contact the front office on 97311060.

Abstudy Supplement Allowance forms are also available from the office for students in Years 8 - 10.
IMPORTANT DATES:
Every Wednesday Early Closure: Mead Street 2.35 - Bentley Street 2.45

Harmony Day Yrs 6-10 - Tuesday, 19 March
Japanese Drumming Yrs 6-10 - Tuesday, 19 March
Interm Swimming PP, Yrs 1, 6 & 7 - Monday 18 - Thursday 28 March
Triathlon SWHS Yr 7-10 - Tuesday 26 March
Secondary Assembly 9.00am - Tuesday 26 March
SW Primary I/School Swim Carnival - Thursday 28 March
Easter Holiday school closed - Friday 29 March - Tuesday April 2

KIDSPORT FUNDING A SUCCESS
Our winter junior sporting clubs are gearing up for another season, and families are encouraged to enrol children to play one of the many sports on offer.

KidSport assists eligible families to receive up to $200 annually for each of their children aged between 5 – 18 years, to subsidise fees to join a sport and recreation club.

Eligible families include those with health care cards or pension concession card, or those referred by other community groups, such as schools, juvenile justice teams, government agencies and health practitioners. These groups are known as referral agents.

The process for accessing KidSport is simple!
Parents/guardians can simply pick up an application form from their local sports club, the Shire Office or visit www.donnybrook-balingup.wa.gov.au/Community/KidSport to download an application form and submit it to the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup.

For further information, please contact Deb Vanallen, Community Recreation Development Officer, via email debv@donnybrook.wa.gov.au or on 9780 4234.

KIDSPORT FUNDING A SUCCESS

P&C News
- P&C AGM will be held this Thursday March 14 at the Community Library 7.30pm all welcome.
- The P&C will be holding a wood raffle Thursday 14 and Friday 15 March, we urgently need more helpers to sell tickets. If you can help please phone 9731 0376.
- The P&C are having a stall at the Apple Festival and are asking everyone to donate an Easter Egg for our raffle. The eggs can be left at IGA. Many thanks for your support.

Streetwise Skateboarding Workshops
Skateboarding workshops will be held at the Apple Festival on Saturday 30 and Sunday March 31. The workshops will be held from 12.30 to 2.30pm on the Netball courts at Egan Park. Boards and helmets provided.

Bentley Street News
The Prefect Peer Support camp was a great success for the students who attended in Pemberton. A big thank you to Ms McLoughlin and Mr Robertson who led the students and even though they looked a bit tired on Friday afternoon after 3 days of camp, they were both impressed with all the students and the outcomes they achieved.

2013 Student Representatives are:
Head Girl - Laura Ryan and Head Boy - Jackson Chalker
Year 10 - Elisha Gray and Isaac Freeman
Year 9 - Emily Fernley and Louis Hernan
Year 8 - Anna Foster and Mitchell Dhu
Year 7 - Rachel Fernley and Tim Mountford
Year 6 - Ellie Baker-Anscomb and Aussie Tinker

Parent Nights
Thank you to all the parents who attended the Year 6 & 7 parent night on February 12. I am sure you agreed, the scones cooked by your students tasted wonderful and our teachers are providing the best learning and pastoral care.

Thank you also to the parents of Year 8-10 who attended the parent information night on Tuesday March 12. Please help us by monitoring your students progress by having a look each week at your students diary.

Don’t forget to come along to our next Assembly on March 26 at 9.00am to celebrate the wonderful achievements our students have made. The events are now a very high tech performance and is managed expertly by now a very high tech performance and is managed expertly by our Student Representatives.
**Primary Interschool Swimming Carnival**
The Bunbury Public Schools Sports Association will hold this year’s Primary Interschool Swimming Carnival on Thursday, March 28 at the South West Aquatic Centre. Students from years 4, 5 and 6 will represent the school. Good luck to all competitors.

**Faction Swimming Carnival Year 6 - 10**
What a hard fought day of swimming competition for our Year 6-10 students at our recent Faction Swimming Carnival held at Bridgetown. The leader-board fluctuated all day with only a few points separating each faction but it was the final body board relays that saw Gold take the lead from Red and crowned the 2013 Faction Swimming Champions. The final scores were:

- **Gold 238; Red 200; Green 196; Blue 189**

It was great swimming all day with all students performing to the very best of their ability, and challenging themselves to go in every event for faction points. The many personal best performances recorded during our PE swimming program gave many students the confidence to have-a-go and challenge them selves to be the best they can be. It was great CAN DO attitude! Congratulations to all students and thank you to the many parents who came along and supported each student to achieve their best.

Our 2013 Swimming Champions and Runner up Champions will be announced at a school assembly on March 19 at approx 2.30pm.

**Japanese Taiko Drumming**
The Japanese Drumming group will be performing on Tuesday March 19 at Bentley Street undercover area from 1.30pm to 2.30pm. Students from Year 6 - 10 are invited to attend.
The cost is $5.00.

Cultural Infusion’ has been enhancing the classroom experience for 10 years, reaching over 4,500 schools and 1.5 million students around Australia. Their programs underpin the Australian National Curriculum, with the ultimate goal of nurturing an appreciation for diversity and a sense of global citizenship in the classroom.

**Japanese Taiko Drumming** has talented musicians who have several years of experience in delivering school programs and deliver an exciting and educational Japanese incursion. Taiko is a drumming style of Japanese origin, and whilst Taiko drums have been used in Japan for over 1400 years, the style of Taiko which is best known today is mostly known as beginning in the 1950’s.

**Mead Street News**

**Swimming**
Swimming has got off to a fine start with everyone getting to and from the pool as efficiently as ever. It is great to see the lengths the children are going through to perfect their strokes (pun intended).

**The next nine day block:**
- **March 18 to March 28**
  - 9:00 to 9:45 - PP1, Year 6JM
  - 9:50 to 10.30 - PP2, Year 6JH
  - 10:55 to 11:35 - PP1, Year 1MH & Year 7KP
  - 11:40 to 12:20 - Year 1TG & Year 7JD.

**Playground Issues**
We have had a few issues with children being mean to others in the playground and we are dealing with these on a case by case basis, more often than not it is a case of misunderstanding and issues are cleared up by the duty teacher. Parents can help in this regard by asking your children to consider the feelings of others, to develop empathy, think about walking in the other’s shoes. Children are naturally self-centred and guiding them through positive thinking about others and learning how to solve differences amicably helps them to develop socially. We have two teachers on duty every recess and lunch time and there are office staff available to attend to cuts and bruises.

**Parking**
Some people are parking their vehicles on the verge adjacent to the Kindy car park. This is interfering with access to Kindy parking spot so we are asking that everyone parks on the gravel on the East side of Mead Street or in the Corner Carpark next to the Kindy. Unfortunately we are still waiting for Education Department commitment to appropriate parking on Mead Street so we need to continue being patient and careful.

**Hats**
Thanks to parents for the support given regarding the wearing of wide-brim hats. The Cancer Council recommends the wearing of wide brim hats in preference to caps as they offer far better protection of the ears and neck. The majority of students are now wearing wide brim hats.

**Around the school**
I have been pleased with the work I’m seeing taking place in the classrooms around the Mead Street campus and impressed by the way our children engage in such a variety of learning activities. Thank you to those parents who have taken up time to visit and help in classrooms and to those who have attended class and teacher meetings. Together we can make a positive contribution to every child’s growth and development. Junior Primary teachers have attended some great Professional Learning on Literacy in the Early Years and others have updated their skills in teaching phonics and sight vocabulary. All Primary Teachers are working with the Australian Curriculum and we are further developing our knowledge base around the requirements of Mathematics. It is hard to believe that we are half way through Term 1 already!

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**Jeff Brown**
Associate Principal
WIN $5000 CASH
AS THE GRAND FINAL TIPPER
OR A WEEKLY PRIZE OF $70

BY JOINING OUR FULLY WEB-BASED TIPPING COMPETITION
(Easier point and click tipping, faster results, updated AFL data for tippers to access)

*A limited number of manual books are available upon request, contact the competition organiser below*

DONNYBROOK DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL P&C
2013 FOOTBALL TIPPING COMPETITION

As in past years, this competition represents the major fundraising activity for the DDHS P&C Association and will provide essential funds for our school.
The success of this competition would not be possible without our dedicated tippers and we welcome past and new tippers to the competition this year.

Register today on-line at
http://www.footytipping.net.au/ddhspandc/

You will be contacted by organizers about the payment process once your on-line registration has been received<<

$70 to register … that’s just a little more than $3 per week!

✔️ Sign-up Reward - Sign up a new tipper to the 2013 competition and go into the draw to have your registration REFUNDED. New tippers will be surveyed upon the confirmation of their registration.

Competition Registration Closes
Friday, 22nd March 2013 at 3.30pm WST

For further information contact Wendy Cain 0429600530
Email ddhspandcfootytipping@gmail.com

Mead Street—the following students are new to our school, they have been allocated to their Factions.

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