**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**A little reflection on the ‘going and coming’.**
Welcome to this reflection on what has gone on this Semester, at least some of the recent events and issues.

Congratulations to our students who competed with great credit, in the Primary Interschool Cross Country and the recent Year 7 and 8 Netball Carnival. I have to say that our students really do participate and compete with the right spirit.

Our P & C, deserves every commendation as it positions itself to deal with the change under the leadership of Gwendoline Nidd and Siobhan Baxter. The change is characterized by, a fall off in support for meetings and like issues, as modern parents cope with the myriad demands of their busy lives. The P & C continues to support our school through running the business of the canteen, uniform shop and booklists. Many thanks to the volunteers who lead in those areas and to the P & C committee with their challenges in running “e-meetings”. I urge parents who want to be part of the P & C to contact either Gwendoline or Siobhan.

Best wishes on a great Long Service Leave break for Garry Davis our Secondary Deputy, who well and truly deserves to ‘smell the wild flowers’ around Mount Magnet. His place will be taken by Tamara Feltham during Term 3, congratulations Tamara.

This week is “report week”, and I am pleased to say that most of our students are doing really well. Our Year 10’s, had two full days of examinations last week, and while the exam is only one assessment, we have found that the examination experience itself is great preparation for Senior Schooling. All year groups reports will go home on Friday, Year 10’s (who are on work experience) will have their reports posted on Friday.

**So what is coming?**
Our school is a learning organization and while most of our energy is focused upon teaching and learning, we set aside what time and energy we can to improve the school. Our change of focus in this area for Semester 2 is to really improve our digital footprint “out there” and all aspects of communication. It is our intent, to make our website a really “current” and “organic” part of school operations. We intend to refresh the site weekly with class and student stories containing both text and pictures. We will update all information, add policy and like documents as well as have lots of day to day things readily accessible i.e. Canteen menus, Calendar, Homework and assignment material (Bentley Street), Newsletter and “hot” stories, as well as parental forms, etc.

This commitment is real and we will get there, but I ask you to grow with us and while the Newsletter will also be in e-from, I will use the Newsletter to highlight website changes.

Remember to visit our website often! [www.donnybrook.wa.edu.au](http://www.donnybrook.wa.edu.au)

Peter Fitzgerald
Principal

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**PEER SUPPORT**

Our final Peer Support session for this year was held last week when all the leaders and Year Six students visited the Apple Fun Park for a celebratory play on the equipment. The Peer Support Program has been running for fourteen years and has become an integral part of our school’s focus on creating a caring and supportive environment.

Peer Support offers senior students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills in a way which benefits them and the school. Our younger students benefit from working with older students to make the transition into a new school environment more comfortable and less threatening.

The leaders this year have been wonderful in their commitment to meeting during lunchtimes to plan their sessions and to give up their class time to be involved in this program.

Congratulations to all of our leaders Muhsen Khazemi, Alex Mounsey, Georgia Tassone, Abbey Dale, Shaun Towers, Louis Hernan, Josh Percival-Evision, Zane Gamble, Tayler Scott and Sharni Mifflin. You have all done a wonderful job in improving the sense of community within our school.
OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

In Science our Year 7 class have been focusing on our Solar System and how its movements affect our everyday life. Our visit to Sci-Tech during camp enabled us to reinforce the concepts learnt in class and discover some wild weather occurring in our universe.

Students have researched the size, shape, and colours of each planet and created accurate scaled down posters to present their findings. Working in pairs, students are also creating stop motion animations which allows them to exhibit to others their understanding of day/night, seasons and years using IT.

Students have found this topic interesting and can now understand why our solar system plays an important part in their life.

HISTORY

This term in history our year 7 class has been learning about Ancient Egypt. We have focussed on how the Egyptians built the pyramids and their country without modern day technology and how what they did thousands of years ago has helped our modern world. The Egyptians were the first civilization to use irrigation channels to water their crops and the first group of people to use quarrying, surveying and construction to build those amazing pyramids. It has been really interesting to learn about a different culture with an amazing history.

By Ella Atherton

Fremantle Literature Workshop

On Thursday 27 June, we went to the Fremantle Literature Workshop at Bunbury Senior High School. Lots of other schools came along as well. We were all looking forward to learning more about English and Writing. We knew that it would be a good experience for us to learn more.

The workshops were based on how to write the correct structure of a story. The author, Kristy Murray, explained to us that our story needs to have originality. She also said that using your own experience in a story will make it sound more real. We had to do various writing exercises so we could learn to put in describing words. Most importantly the author said you will be a better writer if you read more. We all came back from the workshop with a better understanding of how to make our writing as good as it could be.

All of us had an awesome time and we want to thank Mrs Horton, Mr Duncan and Mrs Pember for giving us this opportunity.

By Ashley Williams, Ella Atherton and Rachel Fernley

DONNYBROOK DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN, PRE-PRIMARY,
YEAR ONE (1) AND YEAR EIGHT (8) ENROLMENTS FOR 2014

There is a place for your child:
- at Kindergarten if they were born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010
- at Pre-Primary if they were born between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009.

Contact the school on 97311557 for enrolment details for Kindy, Pre-Primary & Year 1
Or 97311060 for Year 8 enrolments.
**Art News**

**Artist of the Week: Odette Nieuwoudt Year 9**

Year 9 2D Art students are putting the finishing touches on their Cubist Inspired Artworks using a theme of their choice. Odette’s work was selected for its simplicity yet attention to detail. Excellent use of limited colours, interesting fractures, with some interesting collage combined with an outstanding work ethic produced a great artwork.

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**Recycling**

Recycling is good for the environment. It saves a lot of homes for animals and other living things. It can help you too! Here are some reasons why recycling is good for everyone.

My first thing to address is recycling cardboard and paper means fewer trees to be cut down. The more trees mean more oxygen and if we cut them all down we would have no air to breathe. As an end result we wouldn’t end up as healthy human beings. Also we need trees to filter the carbon dioxide that we produce. Too much carbon can mean a hot, condensed atmosphere. There would be no where to escape. Plus the trees provide shade for us in the summer. Imagine being burnt to a crisp because there will be no trees in the whole wide world. Trees also provide homes for animals. A tree could have many uses when it is alive. We have already got lots of paper and by recycling means fewer trees will be cut down.

Pollution plays a big part in environmental issues. By recycling, less pollution is made. Recycling still causes a little pollution, but no where near as much as making it new. The factories create pollution by heating plastics or pulp to form new shapes to use. But recycling old things of the same calibre means that less processing has to be done. By making it new, the factories create poisonous gases and they release them into the atmosphere. These gases destroy the atmosphere and then it creates a hole. The sun’s rays seep through the hole and zap! We all get fried and shrivelled up. Recycling can help stop this.

My last reason is there is money to make by recycling. With 5 cents per can, you can make a small fortune by collecting other people’s bottles. Plus you can take old cardboard material to the recycling depot and by doing this; you can raise money to community resources. Imagine that!

So in conclusion, what do you think about recycling? Those reasons are just three of many, many, many reasons to show recycling is good for everyone. **So PLEASE RECYCLE!!!!!!**

*By Henry Delbridge Year 6 JM*

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**Year 6 Excursion**

On Thursday June 20 both Year six classes visited the Waste Management Facility in Donnybrook. The purpose of our visit was to see first hand how and what is recycled in our Shire which links into our Sustainability study in Science.

Mr Ian Roberts from the Lions Club of Donnybrook showed us the hopper where cardboard is compressed and told us how the money made from this venture is spent in our community. Emma Thomas from the Shire spoke to us about the 3 R’s which are Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Mr Nigel Tuia the manager of this facility took us on a tour and showed us the shop where you can buy unwanted goods, the refrigerators that all need to be de-gassed, the metal section, green waste and finally the landfill where whatever can’t be reduced, reused or recycled ends up. There is also a new area called e-waste which comprises of computers, televisions, scanners, etc.

We would like to thank Mr Bob Smith, Mrs Lana Tinker and Mrs Sharlene Murphy for helping out with our excursion. Also, a very big thank you to Mr Tuia, Emma Thomas and Mr Roberts for taking the time to speak to us.

The excursion was very interesting and we learnt a lot about how we can help reduce our impact on the environment through recycling.

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We should recycle to stop pollution and for our own safety. Below tells you why.

Firstly, it gives people a job. More people can earn money and fill jobs that help people and the environment. There are lots of jobs to do with recycling whether you are inside sorting or outside collecting. It all helps the environment.

Secondly, it reduces the amount of pollution and greenhouse gasses. Pollution and greenhouse gasses can thin or make a hole in the ozone layer which protects us from the sun. Without the ozone layer more sun would be let in and we would be burnt easier which increases the amount of people getting skin cancer which increases the percentage of people dying from it.

Lastly, Recycling stops us from cutting down more trees than we need to. Trees filter the carbon dioxide we breathe out and produce and release oxygen. If we clear trees for roads and houses we should replant them somewhere else. We should grow plantations to cut down instead of destroying animals’ houses in the bush.

This is why we should recycle and reuse. It can save us money and it is not difficult. It helps the environment and everyone else to recycle!

*By - Kage Geyer Year 6*
### IMPORTANT DATES:

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

Last Day Term 2 - Friday July 5  Assembly Mead Street
Reports handed out to Years 1- 9
Reports posted out to Year 10

TERM 3 COMMENCES FOR STUDENTS - TUESDAY 23 JULY

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#### Senior Campus Faction Cross Country Results

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