PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

We have had a great start to Term 3 with both our students and staff refreshed after the break. I look forward to a really positive learning term.

New Initiative:
Parents of students from Years 6 to 10 will shortly receive a letter from the school outlining a proposal to give all Senior Campus Students a “SmartRider Card” which will also be linked to our operation as a library card.
We see this as a real help to both students and their parents as in this modern world it is recognized as an ID Card, and evidences students for concessions for public transport, airlines, movies etc where there are ID requirements. I strongly urge all parents to take up the offer.

At Bentley Street Site our Mission Statement is:

Develop our students, over time, as creative independent learners who are co-operative and expressive individuals with a positive self-image, who strive to maximize their full potential through the challenge of the curriculum and interaction with their peers.

With this long term aim to develop and nurture Respectful Students we have re-visited our core values and have come up with 5 Core Expectations that we have pursued to embed in Term 2 2013 and beyond.

Bentley Street EXPECTATIONS 2013

Mrs Duncan in consultation with staff and students early Term 2 2013 has created the following Expectations which all students at Bentley Street are actively engaged in developing:

BE PERSISTENT
BE RESPECTFUL
BE ORGANIZED
BE POSITIVE
STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE

These expectations are now fresh in all students and staff’s minds. Our aim is to ensure that all students commit to these expectations as far as possible. There has been a great level of success in achieving these aims over Term 2 2013. Our overall aim is to have students not only know the 5 core expectations, but to also actively follow them as far as possible while at school and later on take these valuable attributes into their lives beyond school to maximize their full potential.

To ensure that we also have a positive recognition support network behind these core expectations we have also streamlined our Awards system to fit in and solidly support the key EXPECTATIONS.

The positive Rewards System now consists of:

♦ CHOOSE RESPECT ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS that are handed out at each assembly. This ties in strongly with
♦ BE RESPECTFUL, BE POSITIVE. Choose Respect remains a key programme in the school, as well as key programme in the Donnybrook Shire.
♦ PARENTS AND CITIZENS AWARD of EXCELLENCE: these are issued to re-enforce the STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE AND PERSISTENCE. These certificates are for pursuit of higher level academic outcomes.
♦ FACTION POINTS are given to any student who displays any of the 5 core expectations. These Faction points also go towards the FACTION Group which further develops the level of competition as a faction.
♦ LETTERS OF COMMENDATION. Any student who completes work of a high standard receives a letter of commendation in the mail. Students who receive any award also receive this as further confirmation of their work or behaviour in accord with the core expectations.

The refreshing of these social and academic competencies ensures that we keep raising the standard and ensuring that all students, staff and parents know and act on the common EXPECTATIONS that ensure, a positive self-image and help promote all students to maximize their academic and social potential.
Bali Bottles Fund Raising

Left to right Tom Anderson, Aiden Hutchinson, Kai Winter, Scott Tuia, Tom Graham, Matilda Worsfold, Mason Cooper, Ryan Babich, Tyler King, Absent: Liam Freeman

Many thanks to everyone who participated in our fundraising for Bali this term. All of our classrooms had bottles into which donations large or small could be made. Spare change adds up and we even had students who donated their birthday and pocket money.

A special mention must go to a group of year 4 students who decided to go even further and arranged a sausage sizzle outside IGA on the first Saturday of the holidays. The students did much of the organising themselves with a little help from some supportive parents. Thank you to Nigel Tuia and Ben Anderson who manned the BBQ and to other parents who were there to show their support. The students raised a mammoth total of $605.60 which combined with our $967.80 from the bottles totalled $1573.40.

This money will be used to refurbish the Health Clinic in Penuktukan. There is no doctor in the village but there is a nurse clinic with a midwife. When Emily Lockhart (CEO of the charity “The Gift” whom we are supporting) met with leaders of the village in January, they asked if the Health Clinic could be upgraded.

At present, there is no running water, so the nurses cannot wash their hands between patients. They want to supply clean running water to the clinic, install wash stations with soap-on-tap and hand towels. Currently the walls are covered with rising damp and the paint is peeling off. Many of the floor tiles are cracked and broken. They want to re-tile the floor and tile half way up the walls as this will make it easier to clean and disinfect. They also want to repaint the rest of the walls. The quote for this is around $1100 so we will also be able to buy extra Aquim, hand towels, liquid soap etc to last a fair while.

This will make a huge difference to the quality of their meagre medical service and hopefully reduce the amount of infection.

I will be taking the money to Bali in the next school holidays and will take photos of the current condition of the medical centre. The update will then begin and Emily, who will be visiting in January, will take photos of the completed centre which I will show to our students. This again, will reinforce with the children, what their efforts are providing for the community of Penuktukan.

Again, thank you to the parents for your valuable support. Donations of new school clothes and football jumpers have also been gratefully received. Your children are learning about generosity, caring, compassion, gratefulness and empathy. They are learning that giving makes them feel good too.

In a world so often portrayed as violent and uncaring, our kids are shining lights.

Debbie Cann

Propel Youth Arts and State Library's travelling Sketchbook Exhibition

We are hosting the Propel Youth Arts and State Library’s travelling sketchbook exhibition from the 16th August to the 9th September.

The background to the sketchbooks is:

The sketchbooks have been created by young people in Western Australia through the Propel Youth Arts WA, Grow Your Own Sketchbook project for National Youth Week. Young people aged 12-25 have received a small sketchbook which they have filled with illustrations, collage, artwork poems, songs and words.

Many of the sketchbooks have been produced by young people in Western Australian regional areas; Newman, Northam, Derby, Geraldton, Corrigin, Esperance and from metro areas including Thornlie, Canning Vale, Ballajura and Fremantle. This guide contains the information required to host the sketchbooks at your library.

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Esme Kidd
Ask any child what their favourite hobby, sport or game is and why, and the answer will most likely be “Because its fun”. With that in mind, the challenge is to make Physical Education, participation and fitness, fun for everyone so that a lifetime habit of fitness and physical activity is encouraged. That’s the goal of the Bentley Street Physical Education program and that’s the challenge.

Our ‘Fitness Fortnight’ happening right now at Bentley Street will have our young people testing their cardio-respiratory endurance with a BEEP TEST; their flexibility with a SIT AND REACH TEST; and their abdominal core strength with a CURL (sit up) cadence test.

The goal in each of these tests is to do our personal best. Our motto for the fitness fortnight is ‘Doing your best is more important than being the best’.

We will be individually looking at our results and setting personal goals for our next round of fitness in ten 10) weeks time.

These fitness tests are a challenge but a challenge our young people can and have met. With their peers supporting their efforts, and students displaying resilience and positive persistence and determination we have taken responsibility for our health and well being and we have had fun!

Aussie Tinker – Year 6 “The Beep test was fun running with others but is was hard. I did my best and I’m pretty happy”

Laura Ryan Year 10 – “It was interesting to see the people who you think are fit being overtaken by people who you think are not fit. The whole test was fun”.

Isaac Freeman Year 10 – “I’m hell looking forward to the next round of tests. I’m going to do heaps better”

Caleb Milne – Year 6 “It was fun and hard to get up to high levels. I loved it and would like to get a higher score next time”

Hazel Beard – Year 6 “Can we do it again next week? I really want to beat my score”

Jackson Chalker – Year 10 – “I’m super keen for the next testing in 10 weeks time. Its going to be hectic.”

Let the fun and fitness continue!
IMPORTANT DATES:

- 2 August - Mead Street Assembly - Year 2
- 5 - 9 August - WAMSE TESTING - Years 5, 7, & 9
- 12 - 16 August - PEAC TESTING - Year 4
- 13 August - Bentley Street Assembly
- 13 August - Taiko Drums and Flutes of Japan Incursion - Years 1 to 5
- 25 August - World Vision Talk - Bentley Street
- 16 August - Mead Street Assembly - Years 4 & 5
- 20 August - Road Trauma Prevention Day - Year 10

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

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**Donnybrook District High School Band**

Music Support Group meetings are held in the Music Room at Bentley St on the second Tuesday of every month. The next will be on Tuesday August 13th. 3.15 - 4.15pm. All welcome!!

A reminder that band is held every Tuesday of the term (unless otherwise notified). Thanks to the half of the band that did make the first rehearsal of the term and on time (in most cases!!)

A huge thank you to Jo Armstrong (ex Churchlands SHS Top Instrumental student and Curtin University John Curtin Undergraduate Scholar - Pharmacy) who came to demonstrate the violin to Class Music students, in her holiday time, simply to help out. It was great to hear a violin live and to be able to see the specific violin techniques performed, rather than by chart and recording only. Jo also spent time with a year 8 class and both year 9 classes talking about goal setting, organisation and study skills. She received some great feedback and all students are to be congratulated on the focus shown during all presentations. Jo hopes that she has provided some information for thought and of some value.

It is a rare opportunity to be invited to perform at the Eisteddfod Gala Concert. This is a prestigious event in the musical calendar of the South West and showcases the best of the Eisteddfod for the year.

The Combined Donnybrook and Collie Concert Band was honoured to be invited back this year to perform "Party Rock Anthem". (Great conducting Miss Whelan!! Thanks also to Mr Jenkins for his fabulous help with percussion. Special thanks to Michelle Fernley for her help backstage).

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A great deal of effort, at short notice, was put into attending both the Technical Rehearsal and the performance, by students and parents. This effort resulted in a very formal and professional performance and was a real highlight for all involved. Donnybrook and Collie, as well as the School of Instrumental Music were well and truly showcased in the most positive of ways and the students involved did our school and town proud. Well done and congratulations to all involved!!

Wendy Armstrong

**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-Evison, Zane Gamble, Tayler Scott and Sharni Mifflin. You have all done a wonderful job in improving the sense of community within our school.

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**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.