As we start Term 4 Week 2, it would seem that at last spring has arrived, just in time for our Mead Street Athletics Carnival. This will be followed in a couple of days by the Bentley Street Carnival, followed by the Inter School Primary in Bunbury. Good luck to all the participants and let’s enjoy the carnival activity.

For the information of our community, we are currently engaged in our School Review as part of being an Independent Public School. We have two reviewers, both experienced educators, NOT part of the Education Department, who are here to evaluate our self assessment process, across all school operations. Yesterday the Board Chair, Pip Murdock and our leadership team were interviewed, and the reviewers return on November 11 and 12 at which time they will be across the whole school, talking with teachers, other staff, students and parents. If parents would like to be part of the process, please contact either Jeff Brown at Mead Street or Liz Burkett at Bentley Street and we will set up a schedule.

Breaking News!
Donnybrook DHS has just been advised of our selection to continue as a Teacher Development School (TDS) in Mathematics, for 2014 and 2015. This recognises our exemplary practice in delivering contemporary mathematics pedagogy and successful delivery of teacher professional development for other schools in the District and State. We are one of only 11 Primary and High Schools selected across the state.

Congratulations to Denise Gibbs and the other teachers involved.

IMPORTANT DATES:

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Every Wednesday Early Closure: Mead Street 2.35pm - Bentley Street 2.45pm
On Tuesday November 12 Donnybrook DHS Bentley Street, will be holding their Sounds at Sunset Concert and Art Exhibition, and they are set to be great events. We had many parents, families and community members attend last year and look forward to the same again. Please be aware that students should not be sent to these events on their own. ALL students need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian and fully supervised for the duration of each event. The playground will be closed for the evening. We endeavour to highlight the fabulous work of our students and wish to offer them the very best atmosphere for displaying their work and your support in this will be greatly appreciated.

Proudly presented by the students at Donnybrook District High School “Kids on Canvas” Art Exhibition
In conjunction with “The Sounds of Sunset” Concert

• Art Exhibition
  12 - 15 November 1pm close
• Art Exhibition viewing
  Tuesday 12 November 5pm—8pm
• “Sounds of Sunset” Concert
  Tuesday 12 November 6.30pm

Principal’s Report cont’d

PARKING AT MEAD STREET
As you know we have progressed this through the School Board to be listed for funding a properly engineered traffic and parking management solution. At this time, while we are “on the list”, it would appear that no funding has been released for any school. This may be part of the current budgetary contraction. HOWEVER, the Department has agreed to a temporary “make safer” strategy and will fund a bollard or kerbing type barrier to protect pedestrian traffic on the footpath.

I look forward to an exciting term, populated with lots of challenging, learning activity.
Last holidays, the money raised by our students was taken to the town of Penuktukan in Northern Bali and given to the two staff at the medical centre. With this money, the centre will have the leaking roof fixed, walls painted and tiled and running water connected with two hand basins. The total cost for this was $700 which meant there was still $1000 remaining. Decisions are still being made, but it is hoped the money will fund a refrigerator in which vaccines can be stored and an increase in power supply. The students have seen photos of the current condition of the centre which was quite an eye opener for them. It bears little resemblance to the quality of medical services provided for us. The job will be finished in December and photos will be taken to show the upgrade. The nurse who runs the centre was deeply moved by the generosity of our community and thanked us sincerely for our help. Thank you to those community members and parents, who have supported not only the people of Penuktukan, but encouraged our kids to become more compassionate and caring people.

**Operation Christmas Child**

I have been absolutely delighted with the response from our School Community in packing the Christmas boxes. This year I have received approximately 70 boxes which is a fantastic effort from everyone. These boxes are sent to Asian countries for children that have never received a present, ever in their lives. I know they will love what they receive and sincerely thank everyone who has taken part.

Jeanette Hutchison

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**VacSwim**

Enrolments are now open. Swimming pools and beaches are part of our Western Australian lifestyle. It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim’s December/January school holiday swimming programs are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. For information and to enrol, visit det.wa.edu.au/swimming. For further information, telephone VacSwim in 9345 4007 or email vacswim@education.wa.edu.au.

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**Snack Shop Session**

Come and share ideas, sample some great tasting healthy snacks and take home some new recipes.

We will talk about:

- What is the traffic light system of rating food and drinks.
- Sharing tips on how to provide healthy lunch box items.
- Healthy lunch box snack ideas that kids will love.
- Easy after school snacks that kids can make.

Presented by Amanda Ferguson & Megan Neeson from the WA School Canteen Association

Cost: FREE
Venue: Donnybrook District High School Junior Campus, Mead Street
Date: Tuesday 19 November 2013
Time: 9.00 -10.20am
RSVP: Mead Street Office: 9731 1557
**African Salaka Drumming**

On Wednesday 25 September the three men “WOWED” us with their musical talent! First they sang for us and played these big drums but we all had a small drum under every seat! They all came from Ghana in West Africa with a rich tradition of MUSIC! Thank you for the organisation Mrs Armstrong. I really liked it! They were fantastic!

Rachel

In Class Music, we have been learning about the Salaka African Music group and when they finally came to our school on the 25 September 2013. We were able to sing along to some of their songs because we already knew them. They were very impressive. Sammy, Amos and Asikio interacted with the audience very well and my favourite part was when everyone got to play their little drum underneath our seats.

Henry

Please visit our web site: [www.donnybrook.wa.edu.au](http://www.donnybrook.wa.edu.au) to view more photos and student recounts, and to see the article on the music students, South West Instrumental Workshop held in Bunbury on Monday 23 September 2013.

**Immunisation - information for parents**

Immunisation programs in our community are designed to keep everyone well and safe, especially those people who are most at risk, such as babies.

Parents or legal guardians who do not immunise their child should note the following:

In the case of a Measles or Pertussis (Whooping cough) outbreak, Western Australian schools are required by the Department of Health, to exclude students who have not received the appropriate vaccinations.

Please make sure your school-aged child is fully immunised and that you have provided a copy of the ACIR immunisation record to the school.

Did you know that as parents you can ring the National registry or go to the web site to check out your child’s immunisation status. All you need is your Medicare number. Phone 1800 653 809 or access the web site: [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au) or email: [acir@humanservices.gov.au](mailto:acir@humanservices.gov.au)

**Sunscreen**

With the hotter days upon us, it is a good idea to remind your children to slap on sunscreen when they are playing or working outside; at home and at school.

All children should carry their own personal sunscreen with them.

At Sporting events the school will suppllysunscren on the day.

**If Your Child is Sick**

Reminder to parents to please keep sick children at home.

Although we promote “it’s not OK to stay away” this applies to children who are well. Repeated absence from school will have a negative impact on a child’s education.

Sick children spread colds, flu and stomach upsets to others, some of whom may have more sensitive immune systems. Please consider others and keep your sick child at home.

Rest will also hasten recovery.

We appreciate your cooperation.