Welcome to Term 1

Hi everybody and welcome back to what we see as an exciting and challenging school year. A special welcome to all new families joining our school.

On the staff front there have been few changes with most staff continuing in similar roles. The changes are as follows:

- Mr Joseph Figliuolo replaces Mr Richard Clapp as our secondary Science teacher. This is a 12 month transfer by agreement.
- Mrs Oonagh Smith replaces Siobhan Milos in Year 2.
- Mr Jeff Brown is taking Long Service Leave until May.

This has necessitated changes as follows:

Mr Garry Davis replaces Jeff Brown as Associate Principal at Mead Street, and Mrs Tamara Feltham replaces Mr Garry Davis at Bentley Street. Mrs Feltham’s teaching load will be taken by Mrs Chantelle Woods.

There are also two new partnerships between teachers at Mead Street with Mrs Roz Scott partnering Mrs Elke Edwards in Year 3/4 and Mrs Penny Hearman partnering Mrs Liz Elkington in Year 2.

We look forward to our strong team working together.

As I mentioned last year, the major change that we have effected for 2014 and beyond is to locate Year 6 students at Mead Street. There has been a lot of work put in by staff over the holidays to manage the physical change and I sincerely thank them and acknowledge their efforts.

Our work in managing this change now is about meeting the new needs of the Year 6’s in the Mead Street setting and that is being well thought through by staff. Our Year 6 offering continues to include exposure to the Art, Home Economics and Design and Technology programs at Bentley Street on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The school will fund the transport arrangements.

For the full explanation and rationale around our changed site profiles, this is published on our school website: www.donnybrook.wa.edu.au

In talking to change, the underpinning driver is about improving our service in alignment with the expectations of our community in this modern age.

I advise of the following change projects.

1. **Updating our student and family database:**

   Here we are motivated firstly by safety and then by the need to communicate effectively. Commencing in Week 3 with all Bentley Street students we will send home with the students, our current data sheet for notification and updating. We will do this through our form structure and encourage students to take responsibility in getting the forms back with a little form competition.

   Following the completion at Bentley Street we will do the same thing through the classrooms at Mead Street.

   When the data base is updated, we will use the data to introduce more effective communications e.g. SMS service around attendance and school events; we will also move where we can into more web based communications e.g. newsletters and other information to either whole school or particular groups.

   We would appreciate parents really getting behind this project in a timely way. To do the better service we MUST have our data base right!!

2. **Library Services:**

   We have two major projects around change in how the Library positions to services our students and school.

   SmartRider—This is a Bentley Street initiative and involves our students Year 7-10 purchasing a SmartRider card with photo ID. For a teenager, having the SmartRider is the “SMART” thing to do, as it gives access to concession travel on TRANSWA and TRANSPERTH services, as well as operating as their library card at school and at the Community Library—It also enables access to the State Library e-resources. Most students obtained SmartRider cards last year, but the remainder need to apply for their’s as soon as possible. Letters will be sent home to these students.

   This year Esme Kidd our School Community Librarian will be doing some Library work with staff and students at Mead Street. A new initiative for the school AND built in is a push to get all students to be members of our PUBLIC LIBRARY.

   **WHY this push?**

   Being a public library member gives the member access to both E-resources and the extensive WA State Library inventory of services. All our students through their public library membership card will have access to (from anywhere) the full public library set of resources. Our staff and our students will be trained to use these resources to enhance their learning.

   This is a powerful initiative, parents will be asked to sign off and permission their child to get a card.

   The target group initially are 1-6 students at Mead Street. Bentley Street students are members through SmartRider. A letter will be coming home about this seeking parent permission.

   Peter Fitzgerald
   Principal
Change to FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our Faction Swimming Carnival will happen at the Bridgetown Pool on Thursday 6 March.

- The Change this year is to support the primary section of the school, who in recent years have not had a swimming carnival, by including a group of Year 4, 5 and 6 students as part of the carnival.
- This will enhance the “Whole of School Identity” of the carnival; will include those students in Years 4, 5 & 6 from whom our Interschool Primary Team will be selected; give these students practice at their events prior to the Interschool 2 weeks later.
- We see this as benefiting the competitors and consistent with our need to have more cross-site interaction.

MUSIC
A big welcome back to new and ongoing music students! Mead Street students were back into lessons from Day 1 and Bentley Street will be up and running for week 2. It is the responsibility of all students to check the Music Room door to check all lesson and rehearsal times.

A bus has been arranged to return Year 6 Band members to Mead Street at 8.30am on Tuesdays after rehearsal. It is Festival and Band Camp year so it should be and exciting year!

An Electric Guitar has been left in the Music Room and no one has claimed it. If it is your please bring exact details to Mrs Armstrong. She is at Bentley Street Mondays until 1pm and Tuesdays until 2.30pm.

Percussion
There is a possibility of a position in the percussion class for students in Year 7 or 8. It is an exciting course, and we work to a high standard and Class Music and band involvement (when ready) is an expectation. To begin classes a parent/guardian needs to make contact with: Wendy.Armstrong@education.wa.edu.au as soon as possible and before the end of week 2.

Behaviour Management Plan Mead Street 2014
This program is for persistent and continuing misbehaviour in the playground and/or the intimidation of other students in the playground or in class.

Support for these students
- Strategic targeting of their learning levels to make sure they are having success in school.
- Using technology applications to keep interest in learning.
- Regular updates at staff meetings to inform all staff as to how these students are managing and problem solving other effective solutions.
- Counselling once a week to teach the skills of conflict resolution and encourage progress.
- Support to implement the learning program where possible.
- All staff will know the challenges facing these students and be able to offer encouragement and reaffirm the rights of all students.

The “Time – Out” Continuum (If behaviour persists)
- 1 day out of play (bench outside office)
- 3 days out of play
- 1 week out of play
- Separate play area, for time determined by staff at staff meeting.
- Separate recess and lunch times, for time determined by staff at staff meeting.

Secondary Assistance
If you have a student enrolled in Years 8, 9 or 10 you maybe eligible to claim the Secondary Education 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 Friday, 11 April 2014.

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.

DONNYBROOK JUNIOR FOOTBALL
REGISTRATION DAY
WHEN: Saturday 15 February 2014
WHERE: Donnybrook Football club
TIME: 3-6pm
Merchandise: available for purchase or order.

KIDSPORT grants available to eligible Participants (David Wedderburn will be there, happy to assist)
EFTPOS facilities welcome.

CLUB CONTACTS
Auskick - Nigel M: 0419 379099
E: nigel@hastiewaste.com.au
Juniors – Rob M: 0429 166 270
E: rob@dktec.com.au
Seniors – Rosie M: 0410 337 674
E: rosie.l.icc@hotmail.com

Violin Lessons
If you child is interested in learning to play the violin, please contact Wayne Clifford (taught for 8 years) on 0448 745 344. $30.00 for ½ hour lessons.

2014 TERM CALENDAR

SEMESTER 1
Term 1 Monday 3 February - Friday 11 April
Break Saturday 12 April - Sunday 27 April
Term 2 Monday 28 April - Friday 4 July
Break Saturday 5 July - Sunday 20 July

SEMESTER 2
Term 3 Monday 21 July - Friday 26 September
Break Saturday 27 September- Sunday 12 Oct
Term 4 Monday 13 October - Thursday 18 December
**IMPORTANT DATES:**

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