



# DONNYBROOK DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

PRINCIPAL – James Milne

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of your child's workload for Term 2.

## WRITING:

We will be taking part in the **Cows Create Careers** program early in the term, so a first assessment piece for Writing will be a formal letter. The next piece will be a persuasive letter relating to the novel, **Black Dog Gang**. They will also be completing a narrative to be marked using the NAPLAN marking criteria. Hopefully, some students will want to have their pieces entered into a short story competition. After completing some poetry on soldiers at war, I hope some students will also enter their pieces in a poetry competition. We will revise Procedure writing so that students can write their own ready to deliver a speech to their peers or video at home for assessment.

## READING:

All students will be again reading their own choice of novel this term, then completing a written and oral Book Review (Paper Bag Report) to present to a group of students. I will continue to read more of **Black Dog Gang** so that they are able to complete the Persuasive Letter for assessment. We will read selected short stories and complete an analysis of their structure and techniques used by authors before students complete their own short stories.

## SPEAKING & LISTENING:

All students are assessed on their participation within class, but will also be assessed on an oral Book Review and a Procedure this term. Some students have not completed their Biography of a grandparent or elder, so must present this in the first two weeks of term if they wish to gain a Pass grade.

## VIEWING:

We didn't manage to view 'The Colony' last term due to so many holidays and other commitments, so that will be a major focus at the start of term.

**All students are encouraged to fill out homework and assignment work as instructed.** Parents should know that the homework is fairly consistent in English: Home reading of at least 20 minutes per night, Spelling/Vocabulary and Grammar work, and completion of research or assignment work, mostly to proofread and edit a draft in order to create a polished final copy. It is important for students to gain fluency in skills which have been taught explicitly within class time, and homework revision enables me to see whether students have gained concepts and internalized the skills needed for them to make progress. I am available each morning from about 8am before school commences to assist students. The library is also available for students to utilise computers before school, at lunch time and after school. There should be no reason for late submission of homework or assessment pieces. Students will be given revision sheets before the tests given in week 6 (Exam Week). All students have been informed that they can access the computer program Wordflyers for homework skill revision.

If you have any queries or need to let me know information about your child, feel free to contact me by email at [Anthea.Horton@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Anthea.Horton@education.wa.edu.au)

Kind regards,

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