Bentley Street Report

Thank you to all the parents who have visited the school at various parent meetings over the last week. We also look forward to meeting the Year 8-10 parents next week Wednesday 5 March at 7pm.

The education of your child is a joint partnership between parents and the school. The number of parents who have come to the Mead or Bentley Street campus over the last three weeks to talk or work with us, has been wonderful.

This year it is a very exciting to have a true, District High School Swimming Carnival on Thursday 6 March at Bridgetown. The carnival will be for selected year 4, 5 and 6’s with all of the Year 7, 8 9 and 10 students. Parents are more than welcome to come and support your students faction and their efforts. Points are awarded for ‘having a go’ as well as 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th in each race. “Participation is the Reward”

Interm Swimming

commences on the Tuesday after this long weekend. You should have or will receive a letter advising you of what week your students will be swimming so please support them by checking they have the appropriate clothing etc.

Liz Burket
Deputy Principal

Mead Street Report

Mead Street have had a very solid start to the term. All classes visited have been working with enthusiasm and co-operation.

I am standing in for Mr Brown until week 2 of Term 2 and have enjoyed the relative change from Bentley Street. Mead Street have a very collegiate staff who have made me very welcome. As well, the very positive students and the many positive parents and carers I have met have made it a joy to work here.

We have had Mr Little’s class working with weather observations. They are reporting these to GWN every Wednesday.

In Term Swimming starts on Tuesday 4 March and runs for 4 weeks. There are two, two week blocks.

Thanks to Mr Armstrong for his wonderful Week 2 Assembly. Mr Little has his Year 5 Assembly this Friday.

There have been many parent/carer meetings for various classes. I have visited the majority and have been very impressed with the level of parent support, as well as the enthusiasm shown in helping to support teachers with their learning programs.

I have very much enjoyed visiting the classrooms and seeing how the school ticks along so well.

Mrs Debbie Cann continues to drive the fortnightly focus which was RESPONSIBILITY. And as of this week we are now focussing on MANNERS. This is a great program that reinforces key elements that contribute to great citizenship.

Mrs Esme Kidd the Bentley Street Librarian has been promoting to all the great benefits of reading across the Mead Street site. She has spoken to the whole staff and explained her brilliant techniques in assisting students to live for and love their reading. She has begun reading at morning tea on Mondays and Tuesdays. Further, she has also promoted ALL students and parents to join the Donnybrook Community Library. Students who do so can then access free online books that are accessible with the Community Library card. As well, students can access Britannica on line.

We are having a drive to incorporate more Bentley Street and Mead Street activities to promote a whole school feeling. Bentley Street students will come up to Mead Street on Friday 21 March and be dismissed from Mead Street. Also, approximately 20 Year 4’s to 6’s will swim with Bentley Street at the Swimming Carnival at Bridgetown Swimming Pool on Thursday 6 March. Further, the Year 6’s travel down to Bentley Street on Tuesdays and Thursdays to engage with the high quality Art, Home Economics and Design and Technology Programmes. All the students have settled in so well and love what Bentley Street has to offer.

Mrs Hutchison, Ms Pember and Mrs Edwards have all settled in very well to the Mead Street environment. The Year 3/4’s, 5/6’s and 6’s are humming along.

I am very impressed with the overall positive tone in the playground. All students get on well and play with enthusiasm, with very little need for teachers to intervene.

Parking. Road Safety.

We have a very strong push to get 40 new angle-parking bays as well as well-constructed traffic calming devices put in place at Mead Street. We have had very strong parent representation from Jill Tuia driving and developing wider community and school support to get this project up and running. Two teachers are now on duty just in the Mead Street zone monitoring the traffic of young students going out to the cars after school. As well, the Speed Radar monitor, thanks to Road Wise, is now out there most of the day. Parents please close monitor speed and safety in this zone.

Maths Expertise: as a Teacher Development School, with the strong leadership of Mrs Denise Gibbs, Mead Street have just had three workshops where our teachers and local school teachers have attended strategy sessions to ensure best practice in Maths continues to build at Mead Street and in the Bunbury Region.

Parent Survey: in the next newsletter we will advertise a Survey Monkey link for Parents and Carers to complete an on-line survey to find parent/carer opinions on our school community. We look forward to you giving us feedback on our curriculum and how our school operates overall.

Mr Garry Davis
Deputy Mead Street
Secondary Assistance

If you have a student enrolled in Years 8, 9 or 10 you may be 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 9731 1060.

Abstudy Supplement Allowance forms are also available.

P&C News

Well a new year has started and the Donnybrook High School P&C is back to business as usual. Through talking to our fellow parents, we have discovered that many of you don’t really know what your P&C does. Well, remember that new play and exercise equipment that we had installed at our Junior and Senior Campus? Your P&C in conjunction with some community members raised money and provided that to the school. The shade over the play equipment at the Kindy, the camera for our new Library/Bus cards, the Blazers for our Student Representatives, Class Grammar Guides at The Senior Campus and this year Reading Eggs at the Junior Campus and much more.

Our fantastic canteen and award winning Aleks is run by our P&C as well as the Uniform Shop and the Booklists. All this done by parents and teachers for our families.

This year we are focused on getting much needed shade for the Senior Campus seating areas and new seating areas for the Junior Campus. We have already agreed to provide some shade for the Senior Campus, but much more is needed. This is a massive undertaking, but we feel our kids deserve to have places to sit and be comfortable. We are hoping to raise about $20,000 for our kids and would love to hear from anyone who has any ideas, old or new, to help us raise this money to provide these much needed facilities for our children. This is a fantastic opportunity to really have an impact on your own child’s school experience, so if you want to be involved contact one of our members, the school or come to our AGM in March, date to be confirmed.

Living With Young People

Information Evening
Wednesday 19 March
6.00 - 7.00pm
Seniors Room, Donnybrook Resource Centre
RSVP: Donnybrook District High School 9731 1060
Tea, Coffee and light snack Provided

Canteen News

Hope everyone had a great holiday and Welcome back.

I’d like to thank all the volunteers for their help throughout last year and the start of this year. We greatly appreciate it, without volunteers our Canteen wouldn’t survive.

We are always looking for more VOLUNTEERS. Please contact me on 9731 1457. Even if it is for 1 hour or more every bit helps.

REMINDERS

- Please make sure when ordering lunches you place your CHILDS NAME & ROOM NUMBER on the Lunch order.
- If you’ve ordered ice-cream with your lunch order, please collect ice-cream from Canteen. Thank you.
- WE ARE NOW OPEN AT MEAD STREET ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AT RECESS.

Yummy new recess item—pikelets, jelly cups and lots more.

SCHOOL BOARD

The Board congratulates Staff and Admin on a very positive IPS review.

We welcome Neil Pemberton-Ovens our newest member.

Mead Street Parking: Board has given Government until the end of March to make good with funding or we will move into a media phase. Our sub-committee is working to have a campaign ready if we need it. In the meantime please be patient and CAREFUL, the situation is dangerous and every child is precious. If you are concerned or frustrated, write to the Minister and help force action.

Remember Board members are only a phone call away.

Board Chair
Pip Murdock
Mobile: 0429 322 162

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Every Wednesday Early Closure: Mead Street 2:35 - Bentley Street 2:45
**KIDSPORT FUNDING A SUCCESS**

Our winter junior sporting clubs are gearing up for another season, and families are encouraged to enrol children to play one of the many sports on offer in our local area.

KidSport assists eligible families to receive up to $200 annually for each of their children aged between 5 – 18 years, to subsidise fees to join a sport and recreation clubs.

Eligible families include those with health care cards or pension concession cards, or those referred by other community groups, such as schools, juvenile justice teams, government agencies and health practitioners.

The process for accessing KidSport is simple! Parents/guardians can simply pick up an application form from their local sports club, the Shire Office or visit [www.donnybrook-balingup.wa.gov.au](http://www.donnybrook-balingup.wa.gov.au)/Community/KidSport to download an application form and submit it to the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup.

For further information, please contact Deb Vanallen, Community Recreation Development Officer, via email debv@donnybrook.wa.gov.au or on 9780 4234.

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**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 vaccination.

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

**Year 8 Immunisation**

In 2014 all Year 8 boys and girls will be offered the opportunity to be vaccinated against pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, diphtheria, human papillomavirus (HPV) and varicella (Chicken pox).

The community nurse will vaccinate in Term 1 Thursday 27 March.

Forms have gone out so please read the forms carefully before signing and return them to the school as soon as possible.

Any student not vaccinated at school for any reason can be vaccinated at their GP surgery.

If you need any further information please call Ros Rabjones Wellington Community Health Immunisation coordinator 9735 1450.

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**Decorated Bicycle Competition—Donnybrook Apple Festival**

Come on children get your bicycle decorated and come to the Donnybrook Apple Festival at Egan park and enter into the competition.

You could even win a prize. See you on Easter Saturday 19 April and join in the fun.

Children under 15 free entry but you must be accompanied by an adult.
DONNYBROOK DISTRICT HIGH
SCHOOL P&C
FOOTBALL TIPPING
COMPETITION
is back in 2014 with our
on-line tipping
system and
$5000 prize money.
Still only $70 to play with a chance to collect
your fee back if you are the weekly
winning tipper.
Get on board and enjoy the fun and rivalry
this great fund raiser generates. .......
Oh, and spread the word amongst family
and friends too.
Join up today on-line at
http://www.footytipping.net.au/
ddhspandc
and payment details/competition rules will
be emailed to you.
Registration closes:
Friday, 14 March, 2014 at 4pm.
Wendy Cain ph 0429600530
ddhspandcfootytipping@gmail.com
The 2014 DDHS P&C Footy Tipping Competition
Coordinator Donnybrook District High School P&C
Association.......................Learn, Share, Participate

Eaton Dardanup Football Club
2014 Soccer Registrations
Come and be part of the newly merged Eaton
Dardanup Football Club!
Registrations for Junior and Senior Soccer Teams
accepted.
Eaton Recreation Centre,
Thursday 6 March 4pm to 7pm
Dardanup Recreation Ground,
Saturday 9 March 12.00 noon to 3.00pm.
Under 6 to Senior’s (19 or older).
For further information contact Leanne on
0419 250 748 or Franco on 9728 0205
email fangeloni22@gmail.com

Boyanup Junior Hockey
Hello all Past and Present players, the Boyanup
Junior hockey is having its registration day on
Bunbury Hockey Stadium,
Sunday March 16
4.00pm to 5.30pm
Bring your sticks and have a hit with the seniors that
will be on hand to help with any questions you may
have. There will be a $10 registration fee to pay on
the day.
Hope to see you all there.
Secretary Ruve Kerr
Secretary 0427 283027

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CAPEL
17th March, 2-5pm

PEMBERTON
23rd March, 10am-1pm

MARGARET RIVER
21st March, 2-5pm

BRIDGEGTOWN
24th March, 2pm-5pm

AUGUSTA
22nd March, 10am-1pm

COLLIE
26th March, 2pm-5pm

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*Venues
advised on
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