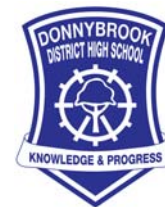


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## From the Principal

As a caring school community we need to acknowledge that part of our school's energy goes into maintaining a supportive and caring environment for all our people. This becomes important as staff position to support colleagues who face significant challenges in their lives, and this does impact on how we function as a school.

Currently we have 3 cleaning and gardening staff dealing with medical issues requiring hospitalization. We have a teaching staff member coming to terms with the loss of her husband and another dealing with a husband with a longer term chronic health condition. A school is an organisation that is about people and we position in a collegial way to support them as they deal with their challenges.

As I write, I have also been advised that Mr Joseph Figliuolo, has been advised to take medical leave of an extended nature to address an ongoing health issue. We have been able to replace the Science expertise in the person of Ms Corinne Milton who commenced Monday 26 May. We wish all these staff well as they deal with their issues.

On all other fronts we are going pretty well as a school. I urge the community to visit our website and to look at the 2013

School Review and the 2013 School Report which both reflect really well on our enterprise.

We look forward to the challenges before us and I must remind everybody that we have an extended long weekend coming up due to taking a School Development Day on Tuesday June 3. Students resume on Wednesday June 4.

PJ Fitzgerald—Principal

## Thank you Guardians

*We are now using messaging on line for recording our lesson attendance. Parent/ Guardians will receive a text message if your child is marked unexplained in the morning. Could you please respond to this message, so we can keep our records up-to-date.*

*It is important for you to notify the school of absences as this is a requirement of the Department of Education.*

*Hopefully the SMS system will help simplify the process for us all.*

*Any queries please contact the Bentley Street office on 9731 1060.*

## EV LGA visit 2014

On Wednesday 21 of May the year 10 Electric Vehicle Competition group travelled to the Leschenault Glass and Aluminium factory in Bunbury to watch the new car bodies being produced on a computer controlled flat bed router. Georgia Tassone and Zane Gamble designed the shapes for our two new cars on our school CAD drawing program which was emailed to LGA and downloaded to their computer control system. This is the third year that LGA has helped us in this way and we are very appreciative of their support.

This year we are building two new cars and refurbishing three existing cars. Students are required to design and build a car that can travel as far as possible in one hour on a maximum battery capacity of 432 watts. The race this year will be held at the Wundowie Go-Kart track towards the end of October. A lot of work remains to be done between now and then.

We thank Julie and Rob Tassone, Nigel and Jill Tuia, Donnybrook Lions, Donnybrook Farm Services, Leschenault Glass & Aluminium, Marindi Fabrication and Garry and Sue from Donnybrook Auto Pro for their generous donations. We would also be welcoming of other donors.



*Georgia Tassone, Georgia Christian and Danielle Mauger with LGA's Michael Nash show off their freshly produced car body development.*

## Art News



### Year 9 2013

In term 4, 2013 Year 9 students completed a painting project called "A Figure in a Landscape".

Students were taught painting, blending skills and composition skills.

Sharni Mifflin's work was selected because of her subject choice, composition and blending skills.

## MEAD STREET FACTION CROSS COUNTRY THURSDAY, 12 JUNE, 2014

Year Level	Event/Course	Starting Time
1	Junior Course	9.15am
2	Junior Course	9.30am
3	Senior Course	9.45am
<b>Presentations</b>		<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Recess</b>		<b>10.20 to 10.40am</b>
4	Senior Course	10.50am
5	Short- Senior Course	11.10am
6	Short - Senior Course	11.30am
5/6	Long - Senior Course	11.50am
<b>Presentations</b>		<b>12.15</b>
<b>Lunch</b>		<b>12.30 to 1.15pm</b>

Parents and other family members are welcome to come and watch their children run in this year's Cross Country.



## NAPLAN AND OLNA!

While our school marches into winter, our continuing focus is on making certain all our students are fully engaged in their learning.

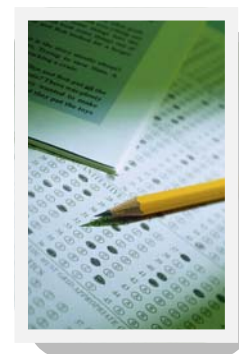
The most significant recent 'milestone' of learning was our NAPLAN experience. Our community needs to understand that while NAPLAN is a mandated event, it really is just another event!

With all events we prepare as best we can the students engaged in the event across Year 3,5,7 & 9. The event is now "over" and we will deal with the Naplan results when they are ready in September. These results contribute to our understanding of student learning, alongside our own classroom based data. Additionally parents receive their child's results in September in the form of a report sources from ACARA the national testing authority.

While NAPLAN used just to be about testing School improvement, last year we saw a significant change with Year 9 tested outcome being linked to individual attainment of what can be best described as "standard of adult literacy and numeracy competence". What this is related to for all WA students in achieving Level 8 in Mathematics, Writing and Reading in the Year 9 Naplan. This is now a requirement for achieving WACE i.e. a "Western Australian Certificate of education" in Year 12.

Students who sit the Year 9 Naplan who do not achieve the Level 8 standard in Mathematics, Writing and Reading, and this applies to about 30% of all students, are given opportunities to sit OLNA tests (online Literacy & Numeracy assessments) in Year 10, 11 and 12 until they meet the standard. To get the WACE they must meet the standard in all 3 areas. As students (pass OLNA to meet the standard) they are exempt from future testing.

Our current Year 10's sat the OLNA in areas where they hadn't met the standard, in March this year and those results will be made available next week. Those who haven't met the standard will have their next chance in September.



## IMPORTANT DATES

Monday	2 June	WA Day - School Closed Holiday
Tuesday	3 June	School Development Day - student holiday
Friday	6 June	Mead Street Assembly
Wednesday - Friday	11 - 13 June	SRC Camp Dwellingup
Thursday	12 June	Faction Cross Country Years 1 - 6
Tuesday	17 June	Bentley Street Assembly
Thursday	19 June	P & C meeting - 7.30 Community Library.
Wednesday	25 June	Inter School Cross Country - Years 4 - 7
Wednesday	2 July	Ear Bus Mead Street (date changed from 28 May)
Thursday	24 July	Engaging Adolescence Workshop
Thursday	31 July	Engaging Adolescence Workshop

Every Wednesday Early Closure: Mead Street 2:35 - Bentley Street 2:45



## Bentley Street Deputies Report

**2 Cows Arrive at Bentley Street:** For the last week and for the next two weeks we have had two calves come to stay at the school. They have a specially built enclosure where they are housed, thanks to Dave Wyllie the Gardiner. They are part of a project to get students involved in understanding the industry and gain an understanding of animal husbandry.

Students are down there very first thing in the morning looking after Carlos, the one with attitude, and Douglas, a little calmer, except feeding time. They are having fun, as well as learning the world of work that goes behind looking after animals full time. Teachers have been incorporating the cows into the learning program as well as stepping in and looking after them on the weekend.

**Year 9 Class Change Update:** We have rearranged the Year 9's as of mid-last week in an effort to minimize behaviour and improve academic outcomes. I have visited both classes since, as has Mrs Feltham, and found them to be both working effectively. Students from within the classes, as well as staff, have said that the transition has been smooth overall. We wish to reiterate that any students disturbing the learning of others will have immediate sanctions imposed. So far very few have needed reminding. The learning program for them is going well. Thanks to all for your co-operation in the change.

**Ian Lillico Boys in Education Term 3:** In term 3, September 5 & 6 we are having Ian Lillico visit and update us on best practice on Boys in Education. Ian is a world renowned speaker and motivator on getting the best out of Boys in Education. On September 5 we will also have a Parent / Career Evening from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. On September 6 Ian will address the whole staff for a full day Professional Development on best practice in this key area. We are excited at the prospect of hearing from this renowned leader to develop best performance with Boys in Education.

**Staff Development Day Tuesday:** We will be having a pupil free day next Tuesday. Staff are working on updating their Australian Curriculum knowledge in Maths, Science, English and History, as well as developing further knowledge of resources available in the Australian Curriculum General Capabilities such as Ethics, Computing, Literacy and Numeracy which applies to all other learning areas. Teachers will also be working on professional development and updating of the behaviour management system as well as setting up the timetable for Semester 2.

**Bentley St School Assembly new Date 24 June:** We are holding the next assembly on Tuesday 24 June which is a week after the advertised date on the Term Calendar. We have moved to this date to avoid a clash with Year 10 Exam Week, the week before. We will also be having the Year 6's at this assembly so that the whole band can practice, as a unit, for the Eisteddfod.

**True Grit:** Students have volunteered to help out with The True Grit Challenge which happens this Saturday and Sunday (31 May & 1 June) from 8am to 3pm. The students who nominated are to assist with handing out water bottles and checking in competitors as they run the challenging new course out at 1901 Ryalls Rd, Newlands.

**Garry Davis and Tamara Feltham**

## P&C News—Parent Workshops

On Wednesday May 21, the P&C held their second Parent Information Evening for the year. Natalie Robertson from Parenting WA came in to present a workshop on Protective Behaviours. This was a workshop aimed at parents and carers of all children to provide them with simple practical teaching activities designed to increase their child's/children's personal safety. We all received a workbook and a 'Helping Hand Book' as a guide to teach our children protective behaviours. Natalie covered ways to teach our children to protect themselves from physical, cyber and emotional bullying, child abuse and neglect as well as ways parents can identify when something is wrong.

Natalie was very impressed with the knowledge that our parents already had from the fantastic program that our children participate in at Mead Street. Things such as setting up your 5 finger network are so important, but also need to be re-visited as the child gets older and their networks may change. Don't forget your teenage child needs this just as much!

**Our next workshop, Engaging Adolescents,** will be a follow on from our Living With Young People information session. It is a two session workshop July 24 & 31 from 6.30pm - 9.00pm at the Seminar Room in the Community Library Centre. We will be sending a flyer home soon, so keep an eye out for it as places are limited. This workshop is aimed at equipping parents and carers with knowledge, skills and tips to assist everyone through the teenage years. It aims to strengthen bonds and find new ways to resolve problems. This is a more interactive evening than the Living with Young People Information Session, so for those parents who wanted something more in-depth, this is for you. Some areas to be covered are:

- Building relationships with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them
- Skills for tough conversations for handling those problems you just can't ignore
- A three-option model and flow chart for decision-making

If you wish to book in for this workshop, please call Bentley St on 9731 1060 to register.

## Music Support Group News



The winners of the raffle were:

1. Jan Roney - Load of wood
2. Erika Sauter - Apple trees

Thank you to Mary-Anne and Derrick Thompson - Boreham Valley Nursery for donating the Apple trees and Charlie Moore - Firewood Sales, Donnybrook for donating the load of wood. Thank you to Wendy and David Cain for organising the wood, having it at the raffle and delivering it in the rainy weather.

- No band on Tuesday 3 June - School Development Day.
- Bentley St. Music Room. Second Tues 3.15pm every month
- Next Music Support Group Meeting - Tuesday June 10 . Week 7 Term Two.



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