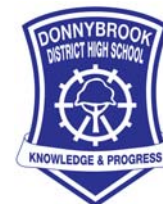


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Parent Evening with Ian Lillico of **Boys Forward Institute** A renowned expert on Boys in Education

Thursday 4 September
7.00pm to 9.00pm

At the Donnybrook Community Library Senior's Room
Corner Emerald and Bentley Street

The Donnybrook Parents and Citizens is proud to sponsor an evening with Ian Lillico. We cordially invite any interested parent or carer from the Donnybrook Region to attend the evening. Ian has many highly positive ideas on how to understand boys, and how to best support them in the crucial years. His enthusiasm and knowledge for boys will give you great insights to help your son's future!



Testimonial: "To hear Ian Lillico speak was so refreshing. His down to earth, practical and sensitive approach to such an important subject is long overdue.

The functionality of society and community is tied up with having well balanced boys. Ian gives to parents solutions on how to relate and interact with our boys. This understanding helps build quality relationships during those formative years.

Please RSVP to Mr Davis at garry.davis@education.wa.edu.au, or ring 9731 1557 by Tuesday 2 September.

Light Refreshments will be provided.

Garry Davis Deputy Junior Campus

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday	29 August	Junior Campus Assembly 5/6KP
Thursday	4 September	Ian Lillico Parent Evening
Friday	5 September	School Development Day - STUDENT FREE
Monday to Thursday	8 to 11 Sept	Year 7 Camp
Tuesday	9 September	Senior Campus Assembly
Friday	12 September	Junior Campus Assembly
Wednesday	24 September	Lightning Carnival Hay Park Year 7 & 8

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



Congratulations to our Interschool chess team who successfully participated in an interschool fixture against Bunbury Catholic College last Friday. The victory has earned them the right to represent the South West in the State championships to be held in Perth during October. Our team consisted of 12 students from years 7-10 with each of them having the opportunity to play 7 games during the day. All of the boys managed to win at least 1 game but special mention should be made of Ryan Burns who won all of his games, Tyrone O'Doherty who was also undefeated winning 5 and stalemating in 2 and Year 7 student Brodie Cook who competing against Year 9 & 10 students won 4 and stalemated in 1 game. A team will be selected from the 12 that played in Bunbury to represent us in Perth and we wish them all the best in that tournament.

Mead Street—Deputy News

Mr Davis Returns: It is great to return to the Junior Campus for a second stint this year. I have travelled across all classrooms since my return and have seen many wonderful learning projects going on. In all classes I see students who have settled straight down to solid literacy and numeracy tasks. As well, I have seen a number of students who have come to the office with excellent work. They all read to me very well in the office and all had completed excellent work. Mr Brown is the relieving Principal based mainly at the Senior Campus until a new Principal is appointed.

Ian Lillico Boys in Education Expert Parent /Carer Evening: Next week on Thursday 4 September from 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the Senior's Room at the Community Library we have a Parents and Carers evening with Ian Lillico. He is here to speak about how we can get the best out of boys in education. He will talk about understanding them better and helping boys to enrich their lives. He will give parents and carer's solutions on how to relate and interact with their boys. This will help build quality relationships during these important early years. The Donnybrook Parents and Citizens group have kindly sponsored Ian Lillico's visit. Any parent, carer wishing to attend please let Mr Davis know for catering purposes. Light refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing as many parents, carers as possible at this exciting event.

Faction Athletics Carnival: the Athletics Carnival is coming up soon starting on Friday 19 September with the Yr6 800m race Tuesday September 23 with jumps and throws Year 1-3 and Year 5/6 High Jump Wednesday 24 September Yr 4—6 Jumps and Throws and finishing on Thursday the 25 with the Year 1-6 Running and Games. The full schedule is on the Term Calendar.

Changes To Junior Campus Parking Area:

The Shire of Donnybrook Balingup is about to begin work on the new Junior Campus Car Park Project. Starting from Thursday 25 September until mid-October (from the Marmion Street intersection to the Steere Street intersection) this will be closed to all traffic from 9.00am until 2.30pm every day. Therefore, as there will be no drop off space in Mead Street during the works, parents need to use the Marmion Street empty block, or the top of Steere Street to drop off students during the road works. The bus for Kindy will need to drop off students at the Marmion Street bus stop, if Kindy access off Mead Street is not available, and teachers supervise them from there and back to the Marmion Street bus stop at the end of the day.

Glen Swift Storyteller: students in Year 5/6 visited the Senior Campus Library to listen to Mr Glen Swift. He gave some enthralling stories which mesmerised his audience. Students loved it as much as the teachers in attendance. Thanks to the Library for organising the event.

Manea Visit: Year 5's, with Mr Little and Mrs Pember visited Manea Senior College on Tuesday to help inform students about their career pathways for Year 11 and 12. This tour allows students to start thinking about their aspirations, and helps take the fear out of going to Manea as a destination.

Circus Visit: Jo Bolton took the Year 5's and 6's through their paces last Thursday and Friday. Mrs Hutchison again organised this valuable incursion. All students took up the challenge and enjoyed the two days of circus action: tight rope walking, juggling, stilts, spinning plates had all students engaged and challenged.

Garry Davis Deputy Principal

Band Camp

Camp was a great experience both musically and independently. The workshop at Edith Cowan University was fantastic. Mr Pointon and Dr Lowe were great helpers. They gave us so many great tips and made our piece sound so much better. When we arrived at the Camp we had dinner, unpacked and went to bed. The food was always lovely and there was always lots of it. We practised and practised and practised some more, but it was worth it because we delivered a great performance. Ice skating was great. We all had fun. The bus was flash and relaxing but the best part was performing. (At the WA Schools' Band Festival we gained the award of "Excellent".) It was an awesome result.

By Elise Cain



'Being Seen, Being Safe'

Both Kindy classes are supporting the great joint community initiative of the fluoro green safety vests that were distributed to school children earlier this term.

'Being Seen, Being Safe' is a message that we are supporting and promoting. We want our Kindy children to arrive at Kindy and leave Kindy everyday being as safe as they possibly can be.



The Kindy 1 class was the first class to have 100% use of the vests, so we wanted to show off how smart we look while being safe at the same time!

On a pleasing note the children have been maintaining their wearing of their vests everyday and put the challenge out to other classes to do the same.

We have had tremendous support from Parents to promote the safety message and thank them sincerely for their efforts also.

Thank you from the Kindy Staff



Attendance

Every month we are required to undertake an audit of student attendance and I was disappointed to see that we have had only 71% of students with over 90% attendance over this year.

Research tells us that students who have a less than 90% attendance rate are at educational risk. Below 80% attendance is of higher risk and below 60% is severe risk. That is; At risk of not reaching achievement levels that enable success in life.

Missing lessons can result in missing key concepts for future learning. Frequent absenteeism sets up negative patterns of behaviour that make it difficult for a person to engage in a fruitful and meaningful working life. I am sure that nobody wants to put their children at risk of failure or to compromise their potential.

It is OK to stay away with sickness because rest helps cure and stops the spread of illness. (Remember that if your child is absent through illness please let the school know by phone or by note. We can then mark these as explained and authorised absences.)

Family events are sometimes unavoidable and special holidays, while still considered unauthorised absences, can sometimes benefit family ties and broader learning if planned well.

It is not generally acceptable, however, to stay away for birthdays, shopping trips or hair appointments and such. So remember; without good reason-

It's not O.K. to stay away!



Year 7 Students exploring Fauvism.



**SHIRE OF DONNYBROOK-BALINGUP
NOTICE OF WORKS—TEMPORARY CLOSURE
MEAD STREET DONNYBROOK
25 SEPTEMBER TO MID OCTOBER 2014**

Please be advised that work is scheduled for the Mead Street Car Park project being managed by the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup for the Education Department.

Preliminary work is scheduled to commence on Thursday 25 September 2014 in the week prior to the school holidays. As much work as possible will be done during the school holiday period in October 2014.

Mead Street (from Marmion Street intersection to Steere Street intersection) will be closed to all traffic from 9.00am until 2.30pm during school open times and for all of the holiday period.

Please take care. Traffic management signs will be in place. School contact number: 08 97 311 557 Shire contact number: 08 9780 4200

**J R ATTWOOD
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Donnybrook/Balingup**

Donnybrook DHS P&C Footy Competition

With just one round remaining of the AFL fixtures for 2014, Shane Stewart (a former resident of Donnybrook) is 2 points clear on the Tipper's Leader Board. He will certainly be selecting his winning teams with careful consideration this week as will Thomas Anderson (a Year 5 student of our school), and Peter Atkinson (who has joined our competition all the way from Darwin), who sit in 2 and 3 place respectively.

Previous round winners:

- Round 12 Sharni Mifflin
13 Steve Benzie/Stephen Deschamp
14 Juanita Tucker
15 Laurie O'Neil
16 Elise Cain
17 Tiger Kirkpatrick/Christine Kelly
18 Juanita Tucker/Robyn Guidici
19 Wayne Martindale
20 Shane Stewart
21 Kerry Radford
22 Dylan Kirkpatrick



Student Behaviour

It has been interesting to read the recent media debate on the relationship between student behaviour and parenting. While there are many responsible parents who have children who are naughty at times (it is only natural for children to test the boundaries), many schools are noticing that most of the discipline problems at school stem from children never experiencing relevant boundaries and rules in their home lives. The best parenting models provide boundaries for children that expand as the children develop and grow. It is alright to say "no" to a child and not give them everything they want. It is alright to remove privileges for unacceptable behaviour.

Being a parent is rarely easy, but the responsibility to other parents, to other children and to society as a whole is a real one. Thoughtful parenting goes a long way to fulfilling this responsibility.

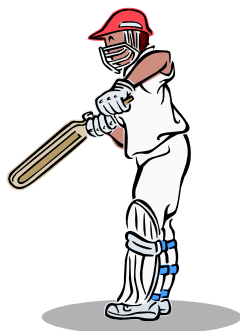
Many of the behaviour problems we experience at school evolve from Instagram, Facebook and other social media, where children share their often ill-considered feelings and thoughts and these impact on the emotions of others. I'd like to suggest that parents monitor their child's use of such social media and help us to teach them about social responsibility and being a global citizen.

Shared Responsibility

Please remember that if you have any concerns about your child's educational progress or welfare that the first point of call is your child's teacher. Teachers are always happy to discuss how we can work together for the benefit of your child.

**This Saturday is Donnybrook Junior
Cricket Registration day.**

From 10am at the Donnybrook Football Club
All ages welcome!
and bring your friends!
Any questions call:
Stirling Parker 0427 865 936.
or Daniel Towers on 0428 254 899.
If you can't make it Saturday,
please let us know your details to
enable registration.



Congratulations to all the secondary students who competed in the Winter Carnival last Tuesday. A great day was had by all. A huge thank you to our umpires: Casey Ballantyne, Elise Cain, Trent Stone and Georgie Baker-Anscomb

