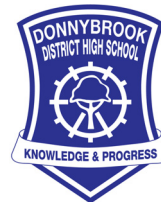


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From the Principal

As you can see from the term calendar, this looks like it will be a busy term. We look forward to The annual Sounds of Sunset evening, the Art Exhibition and the various sporting events, all of which showcase the talented and diligent students we have at Donnybrook DHS. We are also graduating our Year 10's, who go off to other schools to complete their high school education in Year 11 and 12. For the first time ever we graduate two primary classes (Year 6 and 7). The Year 7's officially become Secondary Students from 2015. While many High Schools have to come to terms with integrating Year 7's into their curriculum, here at Donnybrook we have a history of successful transition from Primary to High School, having modelled a few different modes over the years to suit particular cohorts.

A reminder: Please update records with the school, if your details change. Having current medical details, phone numbers and addresses makes it possible for us to meet duty of care requirements for your children. Remember if you have any concerns about your child's progress at school to make an appointment to see the relevant classroom teacher. **Jeff Brown Principal**

SOLAR CARS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

This weekend 7 of our year 9 students are travelling to Karratha to participate in the Solar Cars State Championships Event. This event is heavily sponsored by Woodside Petroleum in Karratha and the school has been lucky enough to secure some sponsorship from **Sunwise Electrics and Monadelphous Engineering** at the local level. Our Design and Technology teacher in Mr Len Strother is the driving force behind this event, and the students have designed and created their Solar Cars from scratch following the rules and guidelines set out by the event organisers. Students involved in this event are:- Tahnee Misios, Bianca Pinzone, Tiana Harris, Tiffany Blackman, Anna Foster, Monique Moulton and Nathan Hunt.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors **Sunwise Electrics and Monadelphous Engineering** for their generous support and wish Mr Strother and the students every success.

Thank you also to those parents who have supported this venture, and especially to Loretta Harris who offered to travel with the group to assist with supervision. Special thanks to Mr Strother for all his hard work in getting this event happening.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday	29 October	Faction Athletics Field Events Yrs 7-10
Friday	31 October	Faction Athletics Carnival Yrs 7-10
Tuesday	4 November	Sounds of Sunset Concert
Tuesday	4-7 November	Opening Art Exhibition
Friday	7 November	Mead Street Assembly Yr 1
Tuesday	11 November	I/S Athletics Throws & Jumps
Friday	14 November	I/S Athletics Yrs 4-7 Running & Games
Mon-Fri	24-28 November	Year 10 Exams



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

Bentley Street Report—Deputy Mr Davis

I have now returned to Bentley Street Campus having spent the last 7 weeks at Mead Street where I certainly enjoyed the chance as stand in Deputy. Mead St is a wonderful example of a collaborative school where all clusters work to get the best for all students. As well, meeting and seeing all the primary students at work is a pleasure. I will miss them. Special thanks to Mrs Denise Duncan for stepping in and doing a great job while I was away.

On my return to Bentley Street it has been a very solid start to the Term. Student work ethic and behaviour has been of a high order resulting in strong and steady learning across all areas.

Art Festival and Sounds at Sunset Concert Tuesday

4 November: at the moment there is feverish activity to get the Art Festival up and running again for another year.

Mrs Robertson, Mrs Reynolds and the students are doing the finishing touches. As well, Mrs Armstrong, the parent helpers and the student musicians are practising their high level skills for the night. This is less than two weeks away.

Solar Boat Challenge Victoria Park: this Friday, 24 October seven of our Year 7 students are heading to Millen Primary School in Victoria Park to compete in this Year's Solar Boat Challenge. The students have learnt many skills in getting this far to compete with the best. Good luck to all.

Solar Car Challenge Karratha: also leaving this Friday, 24 October are 7 of our Year 9 students who are flying to Karratha on a huge adventure with their latest wizardry with model solar cars. After extensive design, make, test and appraise the

best of Donnybrook flies north to take up the challenge of being the best in the state. We wish all those going a top journey. A very special thankyou goes to Mr Len Strother for getting all the hard work done to plan, design and organize the excursions in such a short time frame. A special thanks to Woodside who sponsored the Accommodation in Karratha, as well as Sunwise, who kindly sponsored the challenge by contributing \$2500. Monadelphous Engineering have also sponsored this event. A huge thank you to all.

Good Standing: during the last Term Mrs Duncan and Mr Edwards were instrumental in getting Good Standing up and running at Donnybrook District High School. This project aims to develop a strongly positive ethos at the Bentley Street Campus. Twice a term students who maintain positive points are able to go on solid excursions or incursions as a strong reward for doing the right thing. All students have taken on this top level initiative and now strive to keep their good standing. Keep up the fantastic efforts.

Athletics' Carnival Wednesday 29 October Jumps and Throws, Friday 31 Carnival Day: Mrs Duncan and her valued assistants are in the throes of preparing the Athletics' Carnival next week. We invite all parents and carers to come along for the day to enjoy the competition and participation.

P&C Quiz Night: Congratulations to the P&C for the great Quiz Night held last Saturday at the Donnybrook Football Club. Well done for all the preparation behind the scenes to assist our students for the long term. Thank you for the huge support from the Donnybrook community, it was a sensational night.

Parents/ Guardians/ Grandparents

You are invited to complete the Donnybrook DHS online parent survey.

Please go to; <http://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/TGXaGbWV/LogIn> and use code; LgFmhDdh
Survey closes 8 November.

If you do not have internet connection please come to the office at Mead Street or Bentley Street to get a printed version. Thank you.

World Vision 40Hour Famine

The 40 Hour Famine is one of Australia's biggest youth events raising community awareness and much-needed funds to help fight global hunger. Each year inspires a new generation of young people to help communities around the world to lift themselves out of poverty.

This year twenty one people from Donnybrook District High School gave up to bring hunger down in Rwanda. Some of the things that people gave up were food, technology, talking and furniture. We raised the wonderful total of **\$2579.87** which is a fantastic effort.

A huge congratulations and thank-you!

Jeanette Hutchison

Band Workshop

On 22/9/14 the South West Instrumental band workshop day was held at Newton Moore High School with 354 students attending. Donnybrook music students from year 5 – 7 attended, we were welcomed with an amazing performance from our teachers which had us mesmerized. The teachers organised each instrumental group to different areas of the school to practise and workout each piece.

Then it was time for all the groups to come together and play as a band. We then performed for the parents and sounded absolutely amazing. It was a fun day and I really enjoyed the end performance.

By Claire Delbridge



LCD Monitors—Free

The school has an excess of LCD monitors in good condition and will give them away on a first come first served basis. Please contact the Bentley St office and leave your name if you require one.

