EV Challenge 2014

What a big year for the Electric Vehicle challenge class. 2013 was our most successful year to date so, this year’s group had big shoes to fill. Their job was made easier thanks to our generous sponsors and business partners.


Business Partners: Leschenault Glass and Aluminium, Marindi Fabrications and Donnybrook Autopro.

The generosity of our supporters this year enabled us to build 2 brand new cars, upgrade our batteries and re-furbish 3 existing cars! Four cars made it to race day in the back of John Plati’s 6 wheeler tautliner truck. (We definitely had the most impressive car transporter there and made a grand entrance!)

All four cars competed in A division (years 8-10). Donnybrook finished 1st, 2nd and 3rd with the “Mighty Midgets”, the all girls team of Georgia Tassone, Georgia Christian and Danielle Mauger taking out 1st place in a thrilling finish where they came from the middle of the field in a tactically perfect drive that saw them still going strongly as other competitors slowed due to exhausted batteries.

The “Farm Boys” team of Zane Gamble, Jason Murdoch and Jarrad Plati then re-jigged their car with a 576w lithium battery which enabled them to compete in the open event against adult privateers, tertiary institutions and a team of ex students from Synergy Muja. It has been a long held dream of Mr Doherty’s to one day win this division and the boys did not let him down! In another tactically perfect driving performance Donnybrook came from behind and clinched the win with only seconds to spare. Mr Doherty was a happy man.

In addition to our on track success Donnybrook also won Best Presented Car, Best Engineered Car and Best Performing Junior School.

A big thank you to our supportive parent group and retired teacher Dave Bleakley who travelled the 600 k round trip to the Wundowie Go Kart Club (the new home of EV Challenge) to cheer on our teams. A great day was had by all!
From the Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff, parents and community for welcoming me into Donnybrook. I feel very fortunate to be given the opportunity to lead Donnybrook District High School and am genuinely looking forward to working with all of you to ensure the school meets the expectations that are placed upon it.

There are no doubting schools and their communities are facing significant challenges. There is an Education Reform Agenda that includes the new Student Centred Funding Model with one line budgets, greater autonomy and increased accountability, Year 7 Transition to Secondary as well as Attendance and Mental Health. These do pose challenges; however there is no greater challenge than making certain each student is successful. I recognise it is my responsibility to get this job done and lead improvement throughout K-10, but importantly I would like to share this responsibility with the students, staff, parents, community and importantly the School Board. Together we can make a difference.

My focus will very much centre on teaching and learning and creating the conditions in which high quality teaching takes place. Schools need to continually reflect, refine and refocus to make certain students reach their potential. For me a large part of this process involves taking the time to listen to and discuss your ideas and queries, so I encourage you to take the opportunity to meet with me at any point in time.

I would especially like to thank Jeff Brown, Lee Fitzgerald and the Administration team for their efforts throughout Terms 3 and 4. They have done a superb job of supporting the school community through the transition period from Peter’s retirement to my appointment. I was anticipating starting at the beginning of Term 4, however this was unfortunately delayed through circumstances beyond our control. I am appreciative that I am here now with some 5 or so weeks to go before the end of the school year and I look to forward to ensuring the year ends smoothly and plans surrounding 2015 are finalised and disseminated to the school community as soon as possible.

For those of you who aren’t aware, for the past 4 years I was Principal at Pemberton District High School. Prior to that, I lead both Northcliffe and Kulin District High Schools, following Administration roles in Mandurah.

Before I started my career as an Administrator I taught Primary and Phys Ed. On a personal note at this point in time my family will remain in Pemberton to minimise disruption to my children’s schooling and to that of the class my wife Kylie teaches. I hope that gives you all a little insight into who I am and what I am about and I look forward to meeting you all either at school or within the community.

Congratulations to all the students who performed at the Sounds of Sunset concert. The performances highlighted their dedication and passion towards Music.

Congratulations also to the students who had work on display in the Art Exhibition. The work demonstrated a real talent and appreciation of ‘The Arts’ and overall it is of an exceptional standard.

A number of Year 10 students recently competed in an Electric Vehicle Challenge. The EV Challenge was a huge success with the students winning numerous categories and building on the success of 2013. This was an outstanding effort and a credit to the students who were committed to the course.

Congratulations to the Year 4-7 students who competed in the Interschool Athletics Carnival on the Tuesday and Friday of last week. From all reports they competed with determination and more importantly wonderful sportsmanship.

My sincere thanks to all the staff and parents involved in these events. The list is huge and your work is certainly appreciated. It is wonderful to see these opportunities provided to the students of Donnybrook DHS.

Louis Hernan - Head Boy Jamie Milne - Principal
Georgia Tassone - Head Girl

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THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
SOUNDS OF SUNSET CONCERT
On Tuesday 4 November, the annual "Sounds at Sunset" concert took place at the Senior Campus. This year the theme was "A Night at the Movies" and, from all accounts, it was a resounding success. With solo items and ensembles from students from years 5 to 10, the audience heard numerous small items including themes from "Harry Potter" and "Polar Express". The Mead Street Choir and Bentley Street choir performed to great applause, especially when all combined for "Happy" from "Despicable Me" (with band doing the human percussion!).

The senior band played items such as "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" and "Rainbow Connection" and the whole band, complete with year 5s, performed "Star Wars" and Pirate's of the Carribean".

All movie items were teamed with a fantastic slide show put together by Year 10 student Tyrone O'Doherty.

The evening's finale included students from the Combined Collie SHS and Donnybrook DHS Concert Bands to showcase the pieces that were played for the WA Schools' Band Festival, earning an "Excellent" award.

A HUGE thank you to all who supported the event, parents, Music Support Group, donors, staff, photographer, FANTASTIC Mr Armstrong M.C ing...the students.....SO many people. Now......what will they do next year? Don't miss it!!

STATE SOLAR CARS CHALLENGE DONNYBROOK DHS WINNERS
On the weekend of 25-26 October, 7 of our students, along with teacher Mr Len Strother and parent Loretta Weston travelled to Karratha to compete in this event.
Not only did our Solar Cars perform well, one of our teams comprising of Tiffany Blackman, Monique Moulton and Bianca Pinzone took out the State Championships over all the other schools competing.
This is a great achievement for these students, and now they are going to Sydney for the weekend of 29 - 30 November to compete in the National finals of the Solar Cars Challenge. This is a fantastic opportunity for these girls to compete against the best in the nation.
The cost and logistics of getting these students to Sydney for this weekend is complicated, however the school is committed to helping these students be part of the National finals. To support this venture, we would appreciate any donation your company can afford to assist these girls in achieving their goal.
Thanks to Mr and Mrs Blackman who are generously giving their time to chaperone these girls on the Sydney trip. Also thanks to Mr Blackman’s brother who has kindly offered them accommodation.
FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL—BENTLEY STREET

What a great week of athletic field and track completion we had at Bentley Street Campus.

Heaps of colour, great participation and lots of fun and laughter as we ran, jumped and threw our way to hopefully faction success.

Many records were broken and with each faction striving for excellence it was GREEN that took out the 2014 Champion Athletics Shield. Well done to everyone!

For more results see our school website.

OVERALL RESULTS

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MOST VALUED FACTION ATHLETICS MEMBERS

Bonnie Cook
Tyrone O’Callaghan

PEAC

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Well done to those students!

RELIEF CLEANERS NEEDED

If you are looking for some occasional part-time work to supplement your income, we are in regular need of Relief Cleaners. To be eligible for this position, you must have a Working With Children card and under-go the Department of Education’s screening process.

All paperwork is available at the Senior Campus office. Please contact Lee Fitzgerald, Business Manager for more information.

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