School Board Notice of Election

I give notice that we have two vacancies for Parent membership positions on our School Board, and now call for nominations for this position.

Nominations will close on 18 December, 2014 at 4.00pm and should either be in writing to:-

   Mr Jamie Milne  
   Principal, Donnybrook District High School  
   10 Bentley Street  
   Donnybrook WA 6239

Or preferably by email to:-

   james.milne@education.wa.edu.au

To be eligible to nominate, a person needs to be a parent of one of our students or a person who is responsible for one of our students. The nomination process is “self-nominating”.

For those persons eligible who wish to find out more please feel free to contact the Principal, James Milne on 9731 1060 or the Board Chairperson, Pip Murdock on 9732 2162.

The two vacancies are as follows:-

   Full Term 2015 to 2017 school years.

This vacancy is created by Pip Murdock and Helen Gamble’s tenures expiring. We thank Helen for her commitment and contribution to the Board and Pip for her leadership, knowledge and commitment as Board Chair.

I urge interested persons to nominate. Given that there is a requirement for elections, the Principal will arrange for candidates statement to be circulated together with voting forms to all persons eligible to vote, such that the process is concluded in a timely manner.

Jamie Milne  
Principal
Principal’s Report

As you are no doubt aware, there is now just one week until the end of the school year. Staff are busy finalising arrangements for a number of much anticipated events that include Year 6, 7 and 10 Graduations, Primary and Secondary Presentation Assemblies and end of year activities, which are sure to be an exciting conclusion to a wonderful school year.

As one school year draws to a close, planning for the following year is given increasing consideration and I am pleased to be able to present our class structure and teaching appointments for 2015.

2015 School Structure and Staffing

Principal  Jamie Milne
Associate Principal (Primary)  Jeff Brown
Deputy Principal (Secondary)  Garry Davis
Kindergarten 1 (15)  Sara Williams (Tuesday, Wednesday PM, Friday)
Kindergarten 2 (15)  Wendy Cain (Monday, Wednesday AM, Thursday)
Pre-Primary 1 (23)  Pam Ucich (Monday -Friday) and Michelle Fernley (Friday)
Pre-Primary 2 (22)  Christina Jones (Monday-Wednesday) and Julie Atherton (Wednesday-Friday)
Year 1A (19)  Oonagh Smith
Year 1B (19)  Trish Gibbs
Year 2A (22)  Liz Elkington (Monday-Wednesday) and Penny Hearman (Thursday/Friday)
Year 2B (22)  Sara Davies
Year 3A (24)  Leonie Pearce
Year 3B (23)  Denise Gibbs (Monday/Tuesday) and Elke Edwards (Wednesday-Friday)
Year 4A (24)  Mike Armstrong
Year 4B (24)  Sarah Hales
Year 5 (30)  Geoff Little
Year 5/6 (13&17)  Marg Howlett
Year 6 (32)  Jeanette Hutchison (Monday -Thursday) and John Roberts (Friday)
Physical Education  Rob Horton
Health  Deb Cann (Tuesday -Thursday)
Information Technology  John Roberts
Year 7 (27)  Academic
Year 7/8 (8&18)  Academic
Year 8 (27)  Academic
Year 9 (28)  Academic
Year 9/10 (11&8)  Vocational
Year 10 (31)  Academic
English  Anthea Horton and Jonelle McLoughlin (9/10)
Mathematics  Nigel Edwards and Jonelle McLoughlin (9/10)
Science  James Duncan
Humanities  Neil Robertson and Jonelle McLoughlin (9/10)
Health  Denise Duncan
Physical Education  Denise Duncan, Nigel Edwards, Neil Robertson and Jonelle McLoughlin (9/10)
Arts  Leanne Robertson
Technology and Enterprise  Jonelle McLoughlin, Len Strother and Rob Doherty
Information Technology  Dave Hutchison
GROW  Mixed
Class Music  David Parkinson
School of Instrumental Music  Wendy Armstrong, Danielle Parkinson and David Parkinson
Learning Support Coordinator  Tamara Feltham
Teacher Librarian  Esme Kidd
TDS Coordinator  Denise Gibbs (Wednesday/Thursday)

NB: Minor changes may occur in the event that personal circumstances with staff change over the holiday period.
Developing an appropriate structure has been the focus of the Administration team for the best part of Term 4. As we work with a new funding model that underpins how schools are resourced, this proved to be a particularly challenging task. Like all Public Schools throughout Western Australia, Donnybrook DHS has been required to think differently and implement a number of changes to guarantee we remain within our allocated funding level, and still provide a high quality education.

The school will focus on academic rigour throughout Primary and Secondary to ensure we are providing a solid education for each year group. Importantly we will continue to be able to offer the necessary breadth of curriculum to make certain we are putting in place appropriate educational programs and opportunities for all students. I am confident that the structure outlined and the planning that is taking place for 2015 will deliver on meeting the high expectations that the school community has of Donnybrook DHS. From the many conversations I have held with various stakeholders since my arrival, I have become very aware of the expectations upon the school. I am genuinely looking forward to the new school year, and believe the changes will provide the school with the impetus to reflect, refine and refocus to make certain students reach their potential, which is exactly what we are aiming for.

Whilst my role will be to work across Primary and Secondary, I will be supported by Jeff Brown and Garry Davis, who will both have non-teaching roles. As a team we will work with staff to enhance learning throughout K-10. James Duncan will take up the position of Secondary Science teacher, continuing the work that he has done in this learning area with the Year 7’s and 8’s in 2014. Jonelle McLaughlin will play a key role in supporting the needs and aspirations of our Year 9/10 vocational students. Sarah Hales has been appointed to fill a Year 4 vacancy. Oonagh Smith has been reappointed for another 12 months and moving to Year 1, these appointments will complement the movement of staff throughout the Primary school. Tamara Feltham will work with students and staff from the Junior and Senior Campuses in a Learning Support role. This will entail supporting the needs of all students, but initially the focus will be on high and low achieving students and special needs students. This role will strengthen links between the two sites along with outside agencies and will also assist in the implementation of whole school plans and initiatives and importantly continuity of learning throughout the school. We welcome back a number of Permanent staff who have been on leave, whilst at the same time we do say farewell and thanks to a group of teachers who have done a superb job filling vacancies this year.

Many thanks to Sally Young, Deb Bowden, Katrina Taaffe, Lena King, Claire Smith and Wendy Mountford for their work at the Junior Campus. Thank you also to Corinne Milton, Tanya Marshall, Lyn Fry, Chantelle Wood, Jemma Whelan, Stacey Smart and Paul McKenzie for their work at the Senior Campus. Your commitment to the students was most appreciated.

Sue Jessop, Roz Scott and Kate Suckling will be taking leave in 2015 and we wish them the very best for next year.

Richard Clapp has been appointed to Australind SHS and we trust he will appreciate this opportunity.

I sincerely hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and get the opportunity to take a well-earned break and catch up with family and friends.

All staff will be back at work on Thursday 29 January. Students are due back on Monday 2 February.

2015 Packages
A number of important documents were sent home earlier this week. These include a copy of the 2015 Contributions and Charges and the 2015 Personal Items List. An updated School Handbook has been compiled and included in the pack for your reference.

Semester 2 Reports
Semester 2 reports will be distributed to students in Week 10. Please take the time to discuss the report with your child and if necessary arrange a time to discuss your child’s progress with the teachers in Term 1 2015.

Defence Reserves Support Council Award Winner
Congratulations to Susan Field, Secondary Science Laboratory Assistant, who was recently recognised for her work with the Australian Defence Force. Susan was a deserving recipient of a Reserve Service Excellence Award following her work within the Army Knowledge Group. Susan played a key role in writing, validating and reviewing key doctrine publications in the Army. This is a terrific honour for Susan that is a direct result of her genuine commitment to the role.

School Chaplaincy Program
I am pleased to announce that Donnybrook District High School will continue to benefit from the School Chaplaincy Program in 2015/16. Whilst many public schools will lose this service, Donnybrook’s application was successful and I thank Garry Davis for his work in securing a School Chaplain. Len Van Aarde has done a wonderful job with the students and we are looking forward to this continuing next year.

Jamie Milne
Principal
SHIRE OF DONNYBROOK-BALINGUP
NOTICE OF WORKS -
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
JUNIOR CAMPUS DONNYBROOK
CAR PARK PROJECT

Further to previous notice, please be advised that contractors will commence works on the Mead Street Car Park project, being managed by the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup for the Education Department, on Monday, 5 January 2015 (school holiday period). Mead Street from Marmion Street intersection to Steere Street intersection will be closed to all traffic for the duration of the project, which we estimate will take approximately four weeks, and re-opened in time for the commencement of the 2015 school start date.

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Shire contact number: 97 804 200

J R ATTWOOD
Chief Executive Officer
SHIRE OF DONNYBROOK - BALINGUP
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P & C UPDATE
Canteen
Thank you to our small group of volunteers, without these dedicated people it would make it harder for us to operate.
Thank you to the Packing Shed for fruit donations, Donnybrook Family Bakery the supply of bread rolls for the Food & Wine Festival. BP Donnybrook for the use of the car wash and bags of ice.

2015
The canteen will no longer be open on Monday’s.
Online ordering will be available first term, thanks to Kylie, Heidi and Aleks for all your work.
If you have a spare half an hour to volunteer for next year, please call Aleks on 0407 776 022.

THE DONNYBROOK THEATRE TROUPE
The Donnybrook Theatre Troupe is happy to be able to bring international artists to Donnybrook to entertain our children. As our Troupe has not got enough man power to do this ourselves at the moment, then we will look at other alternatives. At our request this is a comedy for kids and guaranteed to keep them entertained the whole time. If so then we will look at bringing in Pantomimes etc. Please make your booking early as it is first in gets a seat! You can also use eftpos at the newsagents for those people out of town.

Sandra Scaffidi
The Donnybrook Theatre Troupe

YEAR 8 SCHOOL BASED IMMUNISATION PROGRAM 2015
Parents and school staff are aware of the Department of Health Year 7 School Immunisation Program, which ceased in 2012. This program has now transitioned to High School for Year 8 students.

In 2015 parents of students in Year 8 can have their child vaccinated against:

- pertussis (whooping cough)
- tetanus
- diphtheria
- human papillomavirus (HPV) and
- varicella (chicken pox).

All Year 8 students will be given a consent form at school to take home for their parent/guardian to complete. The forms are distributed early in Term 1 and the completed forms must be returned to the school as soon as possible.

If your child is in Year 8 in 2015, please look out for the form in the first 2 weeks of Term 1

For any queries please phone the local Regional Immunisation Coordinator - 97812355
PARENTS AND STUDENTS

I am pleased to announce that the Summer Reading Club is taking place at Donnybrook Community Library throughout the summer holidays.

Last year the Summer Reading Club was a huge success!
- 35,756 children participated across Australia and
- An estimated 234,468 books were read.

Now in its fourth year as a national program, it is hoped with the help of our school, this year’s participation in the Summer Reading Club could be even bigger and better!

The theme for the 2014 Australia Summer Reading is Adventure.

Registration is FREE! When participants register at our library they will receive a Summer Reading Club pack. Alternatively they can also register through the Summer Reading Club website at: www.summerreadingclub.org.au

National prizes are also up for grabs for those who participate in the online writing activities. For more information on this year’s Summer Reading Club, please contact: Donnybrook Community Library on 9731 032, or email donnybrookrc@education.wa.edu.au

YOURTUTOR

Your children are exceptional and have the potential to achieve success in life, whatever they want. Edith Cowan University wants to ensure every child has the chance to think about, and achieve, university study to reach that dream.

That’s why the University is providing yourtutor access for Years 7 -10 at Donnybrook District High School.

Your child will receive his/her new personal access card in Term 1.

What is the yourtutor school service?

yourtutor is live, one-to-one, on-demand online help during study.

This means, the moment your child has a study question – English, Essay Writing, Math’s, Science, and more – there is a real-life, expert Australian tutor online, ready to help, 3pm – 10pm Sunday through Friday.

We know it can be stressful for parents to try to help with all their child’s homework, especially during senior school. With yourtutor, we hope there is some additional support to all households.

What does this mean for your family?

Less stress during ‘homework time’ in your household. The chance for every child to build up confidence, interest, and performance in subject areas. No extra travel or appointments needed, students simply use the service from a computer or device, from school, from home, or anywhere else with an internet connection. Extremely ethical guidance, a ‘no answers’ policy, students are trained to think for themselves

Awareness of university study options after Year 12

More about yourtutor

yourtutor is a trusted name across Australia, used by schools and governments for over a decade. The online tutors are Australian teachers or university experts, located across the country. The online staff must go through all necessary checks and a long application process, to make sure only the best are allowed in the network.

There is also a 90 second student training video inside the school’s Parent and Student Learning Management System.

In 2015

The school is proud to be partnering with ECU in this way.

We encourage parents and students to take a look at the training video and take advantage of yourtutor and Edith Cowan University’s support.

Esme Kidd
Teacher/Community Librarian

JUNIOR CAMPUS LIBRARY NEWS

First up, a huge thank you to the Donnybrook Masonic Lodge - they kindly donated $100 each to BOTH school libraries! How wonderful is that. They do this every year, and we put an acknowledgement sticker in each book we buy through their donation, but I would like to publicly thank them. Such a difference it makes, it enables us to top up our collection with fresh new resources. We like to buy non-fiction usually, and this year I hope to top up the countries section of the Junior Campus Library as Mr Little’s class is researching this subject. It’s a huge subject and we can’t stock every country but I will try and get books on countries I am asked about.

So far this term we (Mrs Kidd and I) have purchased 121 new books for the Junior Campus, mostly novels. We find the children in Years 5 & 6 are voracious readers and are always eager for new titles. We have a suggestion box in the library and it always has notes in it! You are all most welcome to come up to Junior Campus library any time on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday and check out what we have purchased. Come and see what your children are reading, and what new delights they have in store. Of course, with every new book comes a little bit of processing and if you have an hour or so to spare to help cover the new books I would be very appreciative! I’ll even put the kettle on...

See you at the library!

Barbara Kay
DEPUTY REPORT

New Principal: Senior Campus has had a very smooth transition of Principal from the long-serving Mr Fitzgerald as we welcomed Mr Jamie Milne this Term. Mr Milne has stepped in and has linked solidly across both campuses. We have enjoyed his vibrant start to his new school. Mr Milne has mixed well with all students and he plays a mean game of 4 square!

Good Standing: Special thanks to all students who have maintained good standing. This program ensures that students who do the right thing are rewarded in the correct manner. All students who maintained Good Standing will enjoy the beach, fishing or movies and ten pin bowling Friday, 12 February.

Man Up Program: This program has created a number of wonderful work related opportunities for those students who took up the challenge. When next coming past the school have a look at the different work skills projects that have left a great impression: the shade shelter; the wire netting in the undercover area, the bollards running from the creek to the gas tank; the stone retaining wall; the concrete pad for the proposed bike rack are all reminders of the planning, Maths, English and co-ordination displayed by all students who took part. Well done to Mr Paul McKenzie who drove the project.

Farewell Ms Jemma Whelan: As a valued member of our Music Team Ms Jemma Whelan, our woodwind teacher, sadly leaves us this year. Jemma has often worked in the background, sitting in the band during Sounds At Sunset, leading the way as conductor and maestro with the combined Collie and Donnybrook Band, and teaching the coveted woodwind skills to both Junior Campus and Bentley Street students over the last 3 years. We all would like to acknowledge the huge amount of time and talent that Jemma has given and contributed to our wonderful Music Department. We wish her well in the future. We also say farewell to our percussion music leader in Stacey Smart. We wish Stacey all the best for 2015.

Farewell to our Wonderful Year 10’s: It has been an absolute privilege to have taught and guided you all at Donnybrook District High School. You are all, each and every one of you, great students, great characters, who have matured and left an amazing impression on us all. We bid you farewell to a bright, confident and prosperous future.

Zane Gamble, Ivarne Bowman, Kane Atherton, Josh Farr, Dion Parker, Ryan Burns, Jason Murdock, Tyrone O’Doherty, Lois Hernan, Damien May (left) Jack Knott
Mr Dave Hutchison, Abbey Murray, Katelyn Barker, Cory Atherton, Jack Jordan, Connor Baxter, Morgan Bailey, Jacob McGruddy, Hamza Ghalam, Joshua Elphick, Molly Hawkins, Zhenayd Jolliffe-Davey, Amber Manckettlow, Mr Len Strother
Mr Peter Fitzgerald, James Atherton, Mitchell Foon, Cooper Crump, Oliver Jones, Brody Cook, Jarrad Plati, Bryn Cain, Jess Burgess, Gabe McAvaney, Abbas Kazimi, Todd Elliott, Mrs Denise Duncan
Danielle Mauger, Natalia Pinzzone, Demi Mounsey, Casey Proctor, Holly Hutchinson, Paris Buckley, Sharri Mifflin, Tegan Jones, Beth Campopiano, Georgie Christian, Cimone Gray, Georgia Tesson
Missing: Mitchell Knowland