Principal’s Report

As you are aware we have just passed the half way mark of Term 3 and I am pleased to inform you that planning for 2016 is well and truly underway. Due to my appointment late last year I wasn’t afforded the luxury of planning well in advance, however this year is completely different with ample time being available to make certain specific areas of need are addressed. I also have a more thorough understanding of our requirements, which will ultimately influence our decision making.

Parents and Carers of students in Years K-6 were recently provided with an opportunity to respond to a survey that focussed on ‘specialist’ programs for the Junior Campus. My sincere thanks to those parents and carers who have taken the chance to express their thoughts around what the school currently offers and what they would like the school to consider offering in the future. All surveys are required to be returned by Friday 28 August 2015 to allow time for collation, discussion and forward planning.

Last week Parents and Carers of students in Years 6-9 were sent a letter outlining planned changes to programs at the Senior Campus. We are genuinely excited to be positioning ourselves to deliver four distinct programs to our Year 9/10 students. These are:

- Certificate 1 in Agrifood Operations;
- Certificate 1 in Engineering;
- Certificate 1 in Hospitality and Business; and
- Academic Extension in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

These programs are designed to support the Year 9/10 students to enter an appropriate and meaningful pathway beyond Donnybrook District High School. They have the potential to engage students in work that is of interest and relevance to them and importantly dovetail superbly with the Certificate 2 courses and programs on offer at the schools our students feed into.

To support my planning, I would appreciate it if you would inform me if your child will not be attending Donnybrook District High School next year. Please email me details of your child’s movements as a matter of urgency as I would really appreciate ‘firm’ numbers to plan around. My email address is james.milne@education.wa.edu.au

Positive Behaviour Support

Improving student academic and behaviour outcomes is facilitated when all students have access to the most effective and accurately implemented instructional and behavioural practices and interventions possible. Positive Behaviour Support provides an operational framework for achieving these outcomes and the staff of Donnybrook District High School recently endorsed adopting this approach at both the Junior and Senior Campus. It is a decision making framework that guides selection, integration and implementation of the best evidence based practices for improving academic and behaviour outcomes for all students.

Some of the outcomes of Positive Behaviour Support are:

- students know what is expected of them and make positive behaviour choices,
- staff and students have more time to focus on relationships and classroom instruction,
- an instructional approach to discipline,
- responses to behaviour that are based on data and focused on problem solving, and
- improved academic performance

I am genuinely pleased to see both Primary and Secondary staff come together to adopt this program and am confident that within time it will have a massive impact at Donnybrook District High School. School Board have also put their support behind this program and will be taking an active interest in its implementation.

Term 4

The Administration Team is currently in the process of organising and scheduling a number of important events for Term 4.

There will be an opportunity for 2016 Kindergarten students to attend school with their Parents and Carers.

I also intend scheduling a chance for Kindergarten Parents and Carers to meet with Jeff Brown and myself to answer any queries they may have and also ensure they are familiar with the school and the routines and procedures.

The Year 6 students attending the Senior Campus in 2016 will also be provided with an opportunity to spend two full days at the Senior Campus, working with the core area and option teachers. The first day is scheduled for Wednesday October 28 and the second day is scheduled for Wednesday November 18.
Garry Davis and I will also use this as an opportunity to meet with Year 6 Parents and Carers to support the students’ transition to secondary school.

Farewell
At the end of this term we will say farewell to Miss Jonelle McLoughlin as she takes up an opportunity to venture north and teach in a remote setting. This is a massive decision Jonelle has made, and I applaud her for willingness to step out of her comfort zone and take on the challenges this will bring. On behalf of the school community, I wish Jonelle the very best and trust she will do a superb job implementing teaching and learning in this context, just as she has done at Donnybrook District High School since her appointment. Jonelle’s replacement for Term 4 is currently being finalised.

Skoolbag App
Parents and Carers are encouraged to download the Donnybrook District High School’s Skoolbag App. Instructions on how to download the App are posted on the school website and also included in today's newsletter. Skoolbag will provide the school with a convenient way to communicate with parents and carers as well as allowing parents and carers to respond to our notifications in a timely and easy manner. Parents and carers are asked to notify the school when they have downloaded the App as we are looking to minimise the volume of paper that too often ends up misplaced.

National Testing
In May this year all Australian schools conducted assessments in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy using common national tests. A detailed analysis of the results will be undertaken by both the Administration Team and the classroom teachers. This will be utilised to support planning for improvement at an individual level, classroom level and whole school level.

At this point in time we have only have a snapshot of the results, however it is certainly pleasing to see the school performing at or above the National and WA Averages in a number of the tests. It is also heartening to see an increasing number of students performing in both the top 20% and middle 60%. This is a positive step and affirms the work that is taking place.

Individual Student Reports were sent home this week and parents and carers are urged to take the time to look closely at the report and are encouraged to contact teachers to discuss specific areas of need and how they can assist at home. The partnership between home and school must be strong and close to ensure students are given every opportunity to reach their individual potential.

There is ‘room for improvement’ and we want to work closely with Parents and Carers to address our concerns.

James Milne
Principal

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OLNA Testing
Please be aware that a number of Year 10 students are completing their Online Literacy, Reading or Numeracy tests. These tests are for students who need to attain a certain level or competence in Numeracy or Literacy in order to graduate in Year 12. Students will have a practice test first and then complete the tests starting on Monday 31 August. Students are asked to do their absolute best because if they pass they will not have to re-sit the tests. There are further opportunities to pass this in Year 11 or 12, however we prefer students conquer these tests now.

Road Trauma Prevention Day 2015, Inattention: Your Safety: Your Choice
Students attended this key whole Community Road Trauma Prevention Day on Tuesday 25 August. With the cooperation of all the Donnybrook Emergency Services; Senior Campus organised the day to highlight key safety messages to alert them to drive safely.

This years message focused on driver inattention which causes up to 32% of accidents. The Emergency Services and other local community groups and individuals involved were: Donnybrook Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Donnybrook Police, Donnybrook Hospital, the State Emergency Service, Donnybrook—Balingup Shire sponsorship, St John Ambulance Donnybrook Sub-Centre, Jess Baker, Paraplegic Benefit Fund, Les and Eileen Coombes Bus Hire, Community St John Paramedic - Ken Hart and Donnybrook DHS Parents and Citizens Association.

It was a fantastic day where students viewed strong road safety messages and a well planned and executed vehicle rescue; followed by the “patient” being taken to Donnybrook Hospital where the trauma nurses explained what might happen in a real scenario. The key message was to prevent them (as far as possible) being the victim. Towards Zero!

Bunbury Regional Trade Training Centre Tour
There were 24 Year 10 students given the opportunity of touring the three brand new Trade Training Centres. These magnificent facilities have just come on stream ready for Year 11’s in 2016. Donna Wroth ,Manager Bunbury Regional Trade Training Centre took us on the tour.

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We started at Manea Senior Secondary College where the state-of-the-art dentistry and hospital based rooms were examined. Subjects that students can study at this site include: Community Services; Childcare Stream, Youth Work Stream, Health Stream, Emergency Medical Service First Response, Dental Assistant, Dental Laboratory Assistant and Business Administration are all on offer for Year 11 students.

Our next visit was to Eaton Community College where students examined the facilities that offer the following courses in Building and Construction Pathways; Brick and Block Laying, Carpentry and Joinery, Building and Construction and Painting. Cert II in Electrotechnology is available in Year 11 or 12. A detailed talk on the job opportunities in this field gave students ideas on the many trades linked to electrotechnology.

Our final tour was at Bunbury Catholic College. Students viewed facilities and job opportunities in Building and Construction Plumbing Pathway and Engineering or Education Support. The overall visit gave student a thorough guide on choice for next year. Applications for BRTTC finish on Friday 28 August. Students have been prompted to get in fast as there are limited places. Year 9 students will have the opportunity to take the BRTTC tour in Term 4 Week 2. This will ensure that they know their choices well in advance for 2018. I would like to extend a special thanks to Ms Donna Wroth and guest speakers.

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Jeff Brown
Associate Principal

Book Week at the Kindergarten
The Kindergarten children enjoyed a special visit to the Junior Campus Library this week, to celebrate Book Week 2015. Ms Melinda Ward shared a story titled “Pig the Pug” by Aaron Blabey with both classes. The children were captured by delightful props and a very humorous storyline whilst getting an added message about the value of sharing.
This week Donnybrook DHS are celebrating the Children’s Book Council of Australia’s 70 Anniversary Book Week. On Wednesday, children were invited to dress up as their favourite book character and a whole school gathering was held to share our creations and discuss our favourite books. Albus Dumbledore read “Pig the Pug” by author Aaron Blabey to the whole crowd and we did a grand parade. There were characters from a variety of favourite stories including; the Cat in the Hat, Little Red Riding Hood, Harry Potter, Alice in Wonderland and The Jungle Book. Whilst technology, TV and films are taking up an increasing amount of our leisure time, it was proven today that, scratch just the surface and the eternal love of good books is still with us!

**Photos courtesy of Donnybrook/Bridgetown Mail**

Principal James Milne as the Mad Hatter and Associate Principal Jeff Brown as Albus Dumbledore.


**Important Dates**

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Uniform Shop open every Wednesday from 8:45am to 9:45am in the Community Library, Emerald Street Donnybrook.
As you are aware, the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup is continuing to work with the Department of Sport and Recreation to promote ‘KidSport’. We thank you and your School for supporting the KidSport program to your students and the wider School community.

As in previous years, Kidsport will assist eligible families to receive up to $200 annually for each of their children aged between 5-18, to subsidise fees to join a sport or recreation club. Eligible families include those with health care cards or pension cards, or those referred by other community organisations such as schools, government agencies and health practitioners.

We would love your School to be involved in the program again this year as it gives an opportunity for all kids to be involved in a sport, where otherwise they may not be able to.

Kids and parents/guardians can also obtain an application form from the Shire, from a local Club, the Library, the Recreation Centre and they can be downloaded from the Shire’s website.

The Shire of Donnybrook Balingup looks forward to working with your School on this valuable project.

If you have any queries, or require further information, please contact Deb Vanallen, Community Development Office 9780 4234 or email debv@donnybrook.wa.gov.au.

With only 2 rounds of football tipping to go, the race is on for the $5000 prize. Brad Anderson is on top of the tipping ladder on 137 points, Trevor Deschamp follows on 135, then Abbie Bruce, Paul Hillis, Mark Buzzard and Cindy Mason are on 132.

Previous round winners
Round 21  Esma Atkinson
Round 20  Ron Ellard
Round 19  Len Strother
Round 18  Belinda Walker
Round 17  Gary Quick
Round 16  Jan and Terry Kirkpatrick/Martin Bond
Round 15  Gwendoline Nidd
Round 14  Steve Benzie

Best wishes to our tippers for the final weeks. You still have a chance of winning your $70 registration. To those people vying for first place, you have to decide whether to select with your head or your heart. Good luck!