Principal’s Report

As we begin to wind down for a well-earned two week break and reflect on Term 3, I am confident that we have continued to pay close attention to our School Priorities and are implementing key strategies that are bringing about changes and importantly positive outcomes for the students and the School Community. Our three priority areas are: Excellence in Teaching and Learning; School Community Partnerships; and Learning Environment.

Within the priority of School Community Partnerships we are seeking to ensure that there is positive involvement, connection and collaboration with our school community. The Administration Team, together with the School Board have focussed on numerous strategies that are designed to achieve the targets related to this priority. These have included:

- Introduction of the Skoolbag App to support timely and ongoing communication to parents and carers;
- Surveying Primary parents and carers on Specialist programs to help develop a clear understanding of their expectations for the school;
- Building partnerships with our feeder Primary schools to support their students’ transition to Secondary School;
- Building partnerships with Senior Secondary schools to support our students’ future aspirations and Developing partnerships with businesses within Donnybrook and surrounding areas to support planned programs and initiatives.

We are currently in the process of developing a Kitchen Garden at the Junior Campus. We recognise that students learn best working in a positive and stimulating learning environment and a Kitchen Garden Project has the potential to engage our students and provide a real life context for learning. This Project was recently given a significant boost by the Donnybrook Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank generously donated $5000 to support fast tracking the school’s plans. This will enable the school to establish the planned hydroponic and aquaponic set up. This infrastructure will also be used to support the Secondary Certificate 1 course in Agrifoods that will be implemented with the Year 9/10 students in 2016. Earlier this term I wrote to businesses within the local and wider communities seeking their support for our Kitchen Garden and through the kind donations from businesses within the local and wider communities, we are going to be able to ensure the Project is completed to the highest quality. On behalf of the School Community I would like to express my sincere thanks to:

- T.J. Depiazzi & Sons for a trailer load of jarrah sawdust for the chook pen;
- Donnybrook Farm Service for their $200 voucher;
- Dawson Contracting for their organic soil mixture valued at $550;
- Boyanup Botanical Nursery for providing approx. 150 seasonal vegetable seedlings;
- Licciardello & Sons Orchards, Ideal Plant Nursery and Boreham Valley Nursery for their donations of various fruit tree varieties;
- Donnybrook First National Real Estate for their $200 donation;
- Prime Organics for their organic compost;
- Anonymous donation of a water tank valued at $700 and 6 various citrus trees varieties;
- Donnybrook IGA for their donation;
- Donnybrook Building Services for discounting labour and material costs to build the chook pen;
- Crendon Machinery for their pledge to provide ongoing support as required; and
- Sam Licciardello for organising a tractor, rotary hoe, a driver and for his valuable advice.

This Project certainly ticks all the boxes around establishing strong and meaningful partnerships with the school community and I am looking forward to seeing this continue in 2016 for the betterment of the students of Donnybrook District High School.

Term 4

Esme Kidd returns from Long Service Leave next term and from all reports she has had a wonderful break. My sincere thanks to Lena King and Lyn Fry for their outstanding work in the Donnybrook Community Library during Term 3. Jane Lockhart also returns from Long Service Leave and I trust she will be well rested and ready to continue her work at the Junior Campus Administration. Mandy Anderson has done a superb job filling in for Jane and I congratulate her on her professionalism and commitment to the school.

Elke Edwards will be on Parental Leave from the beginning of Term 4 and we wish both Elke and Nigel the very best for the weeks ahead.
Denise Gibbs is picking up an additional day in the Year 3 class and Deb Bowden has been appointed to fill the remaining two days.

Mike Armstrong is taking Long Service Leave for the duration of Term 4 and on behalf of the School Community I wish him the very best for his well-deserved leave. Mike’s position in the Year 4 class will be filled by Vanessa Hendry.

Geoff Little is on Long Service Leave for the first 4 weeks of Term 4. Callie Cole has been appointed to the Year 5 class in Geoff’s absence.

Deb Cann is also taking Long Service Leave in and will be absent for the majority of Term 4. Filling the Health position is Lena King.

Jonelle McLoughlin heads north to fill the teaching position she has been appointed to in the Kimberley Region. On behalf of the School Community, I thank Jonelle for her commitment to Donnybrook District High School and wish her the very best on this next journey in her life. Jonelle may return to Donnybrook in the future as she remains attached to the school as an incentive to teach in a remote area. Chantelle Wood and Rick Greaves will pick up the majority of Jonelle’s teaching load.

I hope everyone stays safe and well over the holidays and I look forward to seeing all the students back at school on Tuesday 13 October.

Term 4 will be both exciting and busy. Accompanying today’s newsletter is the Term Planner highlighting a number of significant events. Please mark these dates on your calendars.

Voluntary Contributions
Donnybrook District High School relies on parents and carers to contribute towards their child’s schooling through payment of Voluntary Contributions. As part of our financial planning each year we budget to receive voluntary contributions. With these funds, we are able to deliver the programs and supply the resources that ensure the students of our community are provided with an array of opportunities during their schooling at Donnybrook District High School.

This year our collection rate is well below what we had expected to receive and I ask for parents and carers who are in a position to contribute, that they please consider doing this in the very near future. I can assure you your contributions will be used to enhance our overall learning environment.

James Milne  
Principal

Senior Campus News

Farewell Ms Jonelle McLoughlin
We wish our esteemed teacher Ms McLoughlin a very fond farewell as she begins her adventures to Kalumburu. Ms McLoughlin has been a linchpin in many projects across the school. She is a primary teacher extraordinaire, a Society and Environment teacher, as well, she has taken the leadership of the Year 9/10s this year and has had a very positive impact on the class. Added to this Ms McLoughlin has had an extremely active life in support of every after-hours event we have ever had. There she is with a smile, dressed to the nines, enthralling all around her with her energy and drive. First to the social, and last to leave. She spent her high school years here and she returned as a teacher to the school which served her so well. She was able to pay us back threefold for the excellent educational start Donnybrook District High School gave her in the first place. We will all sincerely miss her, all staff and students. May the tropics and the great Australian Outback provide her with a new challenge. We know she will take on the challenge at Kalumburu with enthusiasm and flair.

P.A.R.T.Y: the Prevention of Alcohol and Risk Taking for Youth Program held at Bunbury Hospital on Friday 11 September.
Year 10 students listened to a resident Paramedic, two Emergency Doctors, an Alcohol and Drug Counselor, two Nurses, two people with spinal injuries as well as the Occupational Health Team of Physiotherapists and Speech Pathologists who all spoke passionately about preventing life changing trauma. A tour of the Emergency Bay as well as the Intensive Care Facility revealed the teamwork that goes on in the background of our major emergency hospital.

The Fremantle Literature Centre Visit
Twelve of our Year 7, 8 and 9 students once again attended the Fremantle Literature Centre’s Writing Day. This was an extension of the English program. It was and exciting opportunity for the students who enjoyed the visit. Their comments were ‘inspiring’, ‘amazing’, ‘awesome’. The guest authors gave guidance and freedom to express but expected us to do our very best. Thanks to Mrs Horton for allowing the students an opportunity to thrive as writers.

The Winter Carnival for Year 9/10s
The Winter Carnival was a success. Donnybrook came 4th overall. We competed in soccer and netball. The students enjoyed a top day in the soaking rain. They were up to the challenge. The Year 7/8 Winter Carnival is being held as we go to press.

Pemberton Camp Year 7s-Term 4
Is not too far away. It runs from 23 November to 26 November. Students are travelling to Pemberton. It will be a wonderful opportunity to explore the beauty of the Warren District.
Year 6 Orientation Days

The 2016 Year 7s from the Junior Campus and Kirup Primary School are invited to two full day visits. The first is Week 3, **Wednesday 28 October**, and the second is Week 6, **18 November**. This visit will enable students to attend lessons with English, Science, Maths, Society and Environment specialist teachers. During this experience Year 7 students will get an overview of the specialist classes.

Positive Behaviour Recognition

This week on Thursday and Friday students who have kept their Good Standing are being rewarded with an excursion to Indoor Beach Volleyball in Bunbury. We congratulate all the quiet achievers who continue to work and behave impeccably.

Garry Davis
Deputy Principal

Junior Campus News

This term seems to have flown by rather quickly and when we look back we can see alongside our regular robust daily teaching program we also had Suitcase Circus for Year 5/6, excursions to the Wellington Discovery Centre for Year 1s, a Heritage Walk for Year 2, to the Dolphin Discovery Centre for Year 3s and Dardanup Heritage Park for Year 4s. We had the Winter Sports Carnival in Bunbury where our upper primary students performed admirably. For our musicians there have been weekend band-workshops, Queens Cup entries and the Eisteddfod. There were Science Week and Book Week activities in the middle of the term and the forensic science incursion “A Case of Discovery” last week.

The Year 5 students and student leaders have been heavily involved in the Kitchen Garden development which is coming along nicely with the help of a number of local donations which are greatly appreciated. We mustn’t forget too, a most enjoyable faction sports carnival in which your children displayed great sportsmanship, resilience and dedication to achievement. Thank you to those parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins who helped us on the day and to those who came along to support the children. Thank you also to all the parents who participated in the Primary Options survey, the results of which will help advise us in our whole school planning for the future and to parents around the school who help with daily reading and spelling in a number of classrooms.

A reminder that Term 4 begins for students on Tuesday 13 October. Teachers will be here on the Monday undertaking some professional development and curriculum planning activities. You will notice some staff changes next term as a number of teachers take residual long service leave as instructed by the Education Department. On behalf of all staff I wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Jeff Brown
Associate Principal

Student Banking is coming…….

At the Donnybrook Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank we believe it’s never too early to teach children about the value of money and the benefits of savings. Our Piggy Saver account is perfect for primary school savers and will make saving fun and rewarding for kids.

Staff from the Donnybrook Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank will now be attending the School every fortnight starting Term 4 for Years 1-6 to collect your child’s banking which will enable your child to make regular deposits.

Opening an account is simple, all we need is a Birth Certificate and Medicare Card. We will provide you with a small calendar with our dates. Come and see the staff to open a Piggy Saver and get your child/children started on the saving bandwagon.

Many thanks to Bernadette Brown, Tara McLean, Helen Atwell, Jackie Buchanan and Marty Ladyman from the Donnybrook Branch of the Bendigo Bank for their generous donation of $5000 towards the development of our Whole School Kitchen Gardens.

Staff of the bank presented the cheque to an excited group of students while Mr Milne accepted the kind donation on behalf of the school.

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**My Trip**

In the April school holidays I went to a trial for the State Schoolboys under 12s team. There were six trials held in round one (five in Perth, one in Mandurah) where there were three hundred and twenty three kids altogether, with sixty kids at most trials. At each trial there was one match.

After the first trial they cut the number of kids down to one hundred and twenty. I was part of the one hundred and twenty so I had to go to a second trial in Perth. This time there was a match and a time trial which was two laps of the football oval. I got past the second trial and got into the last eighty to get into the WA state team. I then went to the third fourth and fifth trials which were all matches. A couple of weeks after I found out that I got into the team I broke my collarbone playing for Donnybrook. I was annoyed and sad.

On 27 July I went on a trip to Geelong, Victoria to watch the State team play their final two matches. It was great to be a part of it all, as while I was over there, I was able to do all of the things that the team was doing. I spent most of the time with them. The games I went to watch were Western Australia vs Victoria and Western Australia vs Queensland. WA vs VIC was the first that I went to. It was a semi-final. WA started out well, but Victoria started better. Then from quarter time WA knew it was going to be a thrashing. The final score was WA-6 VIC-96.

A couple of days after the team had another game. This time against Queensland. The odds were better for this game. This game was interesting because Queensland beat WA in the group stage of the carnival by five points. WA started out great two goals within 5 minutes. The quarter time score was WA-20 QLD-0. In the second quarter WA increased the margin kicking 2 more goals. In the end WA won by 37 points. Overall I had a great time and hope to do something like that again.

*By Scott Tuia 6JH*

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This year we once again have the opportunity to be part of Operation Christmas Child which is a project run by Samaritans Purse Australia. This project involves students buying gifts to place in a Samaritans shoe box which is supplied (or you can use and cover your own) to send off to children in countries that are affected by war, natural disaster or victims of extreme poverty. It is a sobering thought to know that these children have never received a gift before in their lives. Students are able to choose a girl or boy to buy their gifts for ranging in ages from 2 to 14 years old. The following website will also give you more information on this project:


If you would like to take part could you please contact Jeanette Hutchison to collect a box and leaflet. Thank you jeanette.hutchison@education.wa.edu.au

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**DDHS P&C FOOTY TIPPING**

A jubilant Paul Hillis (an avid Eagles supporter) with his $5000 after winning the P & C Football Tipping Competition for 2015.

*Congratulations Paul!!!!*

Wendy Cain
Foozy Tipping Coordinator
Donnybrook District High School P&C Association...........Learn, Share, Participate

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Uniform Shop open every Wednesday from 8:45am to 9:45am in the Community Library, Emerald Street Donnybrook.
Nature Play Passports
This week your child will be bringing home a Nature Play WA “Passport to an amazing childhood”. This passport links to a series of ten easy ‘missions’ kids can do over the school holidays, or whenever they have a bit of free time. The missions are free, age-appropriate outdoor activities like, ‘climb a tree’, ‘build a cubby’ or ‘ride your bike’ – the kind of stuff kids love to do.

While the passport missions are designed to be fun, they are also an important tool for boosting your kids’ development. A bit like hiding the veggies, they are a sneaky way to help get them to increase their dose of free-range, imaginative play - the bedrock of a healthy childhood.

By helping to bring unstructured outdoor play back into your children’s lives, you'll be building their cognitive, emotional and physical development and boosting their resilience. For those looking for more missions, an exciting online interface (which is optimised for smart phones and tablets), allows kids to earn virtual points for completing outdoor activities. These points can be used to build avatars and to win great prizes! The online interface includes more than 200 missions, great prizes and more.

So the next time the kids start the “Mum, I’m bored” routine, why not log on to the Nature Play WA website (www.natureplaywa.org.au/passport) and help them register their passport? Each time your child completes a mission, you can place a sticker on the appropriate mission page. In fact, the idea is to collect as many stickers or stamps per page so use them at special events, as class projects or for any time they go outside to play.

Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup www.donnybrook-balingup.wa.gov.au

Donnybrook District High School Year 6JH learns about Australia’s democratic past

Ever wondered what it would be like if our Australia was six separate countries? Or maybe six different colonies? Well, my class 6JH at DDHS have been learning about the history of democracy with Mrs. Kennedy- Piper from the Western Australian Constitutional Centre who was invited to visit our class. Her visit taught the students, including me, all about the federation of Australia and how life was before the constitution. Mrs Kennedy Piper made the students and their desks into six different “colonies” and named them after the states. We learnt about how it all happened and why. And if the federation went wrong, NSW and Victoria could have been at war. We soon learned that Australia had a bigger past than we expected.

By Seth Bursill Yr 6JH

We say Australia is a democratic society but what does this mean?

A democratic society to me is having freedom of speech, style, education and arbitrary arrest. Here are some reasons why:

**Speech**
We have the freedom of speech in Australia meaning we can say whatever we like about our Government. In a non-democratic society if you said something bad about your government you could get put in jail or even executed just because you disagree.

**Style**
Having the freedom of style is having the choice of your features. We're allowed to choose what we want to wear, what shoes you want to wear, what hairstyle you like and if you want piercings or tattoos. In a none democratic society some people have to have the same as everyone else. If you decided to try something new you could get arrested.

**Education**
In Australia we get a free education because the government pays for us to go to school. All we have to do is pay for equipment which is not much compared to other places where children look through windows to try to get an education. Some people in Australia cut school but if you gave poor children that chance they would be so excited.

**Arbitrary Arrest**
Arbitrary arrest means you have to have a good reason to lock someone up. You can’t go down town and have a police man tell you that “I don’t like your shoes you’re going to jail”. You also have the right to a fair trial in court allowing you to give a fair explanation that may help in the process of your sentence.

Personally I think a democratic society is the best society because you have freedom.

By Summer Matthews 6JH
**Faction Athletics Shield**

After the throwing, jumping and 800m events on Tuesday, the progressive point scores were:

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The final points results for the Faction Athletics Shield after two days of competition were:

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**Donnybrook Blue Division—Year 7s**

On the weekend the Donnybrook Year 7 Football team won the Blue Division Grand Final in the South West Junior Football League. Donnybrook 8 10 - 58 points defeated Bunbury 5 3 - 33 points.

Game ball for best on ground voted by the umpires awarded to Zac Trigwell.

**Congratulations to everyone!**