Principal’s Report
As we approach the halfway point of Term 4, I have taken the opportunity to once again look closely at our attendance data for 2015. It is pleasing to report that our overall attendance rate is still higher than last year, although it has decreased since the middle of Term 2. In 2014 only 60% of students attended school regularly and so far this year we have 65% of students at school regularly. To achieve regular attendance students are unable to miss more than five days a term. I ask that parents and carers please look to continue to support the school and minimise the time their child/ren are absent from school. The curriculum for each year group is extensive and teachers will be covering a great deal in the final five weeks of term to ensure the students are well prepared for their next year of schooling.

The Sounds at Sunset Concert and Art Exhibition are scheduled for next week. Please come along and enjoy the musical talent that will be showcased at the concert on Monday 16 November. The concert is being held in the Senior Campus Assembly Area and will commence at 6:30pm. The Art Exhibition is in the Senior Campus Art Room and will be open to the community from 5:00pm Monday 16 November to 12:00pm Thursday 19 November. The exhibition will highlight the work completed by the students and the excellent artistic talent of the students of Donnybrook District High School.

This week we say farewell and thank you to Sharon Harvey. Sharon has worked as an Education Assistant at Donnybrook District High School for a long period of time. Her level of professionalism and dedication to the students and staff will be sorely missed. On behalf of the School Community, I wish Sharon the very best and thank her sincerely for her outstanding work.

2016 Structure and Programs
Planning around Donnybrook District High Schools’ class structures and programs for 2016 is continuing and I am pleased to be able to provide the following information and update at this point in time. The structures and programs are based on our anticipated numbers and the level of funding the school will attract through the Student Centred Funding Model. It is a challenging model to work with and one that demands classes are at or near full capacity.

JUNIOR CAMPUS CLASS STRUCTURE

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Primary teaching placements are being finalised and these will be communicated to parents in the next newsletter that is due to go out towards the end of Week 9. Teachers will also be working on class lists with the aim to make certain classes are balanced based on academic, social, emotional and behavioural needs.

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Music  
Physical Education

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In addition to Information Technology, Music and Physical Education, Secondary teachers will provide opportunities for Middle and Upper Primary students in Art, Technology and Enterprise and Physical Education. Students from Middle and Upper Primary will get access to Secondary specialists and facilities, enhancing what the school is able to offer a large percentage of the Primary students.

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## SENIOR CAMPUS CLASS STRUCTURE

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Year 7-10 Course Information and Selection Handbooks will be distributed to all parents and carers of Secondary students next week. These Handbooks will provide additional information on what will be offered to students in each of the learning areas.

The Administration Team still has a great deal of work to do make certain the changes that have been orchestrated fall into place for the 2016 school year. The changes that are occurring across both the Primary and Secondary campuses have the potential to engage the students and provide for their varying needs. It is genuinely an exciting time for the students of Donnybrook District High School and it is pleasing to hear the students excited about what is being put in place for them.

If you would like to meet with me to discuss any of the above information you are more than welcome to call and arrange a mutually convenient time. Alternatively you may email me at james.milne@education.wa.edu.au.

## Year 7 - 2016

Year 6 parents and carers whose child/ren are continuing their schooling at Donnybrook District High School next year are invited to a meeting on Wednesday 18 November. This is being held in the Donnybrook Community Library Seniors Room and will commence at 3:00pm. This will provide the Administration Team with a chance to outline Year 7, noting particular differences between Primary and Secondary and the expectations that will be placed upon the students. It will also be an opportunity to expand on a number of programs that the students will be involved in as they move through Secondary schooling at the Senior Campus. A tour of the school and its facilities will also be offered to interested parents and carers.

I urge all parents and carers to make the time to attend this meeting, as it is designed to support the children’s transition from Primary to Secondary. Students are also expected to attend, as they need to begin to establish an understanding of what Year 7 and Lower Secondary schooling entails. I look forward to seeing you all at this meeting and working with you to support your child’s needs and aspirations.

## End of Year Presentation Assembly and Picnic

A Presentation Assembly is planned for Year 1-9 students and their parents and carers on Wednesday 16 December. This is an opportunity to celebrate the achievement of all our students throughout 2015 as well as recognise the outstanding achievement of a number of Primary and Secondary students. The Presentation Assembly is being held at the Donnybrook Recreation Centre and is due to commence at 10:00am.
Following the Presentation Assembly, students and their families are invited to a picnic on the oval at the Junior Campus. The picnic is scheduled to get underway at approximately 11:45am and will run through until the end of the school day. A big surprise is being organised for the students and the P&C are looking to offer lunches and snacks that afternoon. The Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students will be joining the school at the picnic and the parents and carers of our youngest students are invited to attend this occasion. Please put this date in your calendar and come along and spend the day with your child/ren and the staff of Donnybrook District High School.

If you are interested in sponsoring an award, please phone the Senior Campus Office on 97311060 to discuss this opportunity. This year each award presented will consist of a certificate and a book voucher to the value of $30-$50. Parents, carers and community members who generously donate towards an award, will be acknowledged on the program, that is unless they wish to remain anonymous. Thank you to the families who have already offered to sponsor an award. There are Academic, Meritorious and Encouragement Awards for Years 4-9, as well as additional awards that recognise virtuous behaviour. Plus all students in Years 1-3 will be receiving a small book in appreciation of their effort throughout the year.

Voluntary Contributions and Charges
Voluntary Contributions and Charges are a crucial income schools rely on receiving from parents and carers to support meeting costs associated with programs throughout the school. Parents and carers with outstanding accounts were recently sent a statement in the mail and I ask that they please settle their accounts within the next couple of weeks.

Deputy Principal’s Report - Senior Campus

Exam Week
Students from Years 7-10 have been challenged throughout this week as they completed exams and tests in most learning areas. Whilst these are exams and tests, scores will contribute to the students’ overall grade. The exams also support students when they move on to their Senior School years.

Zero Tolerance to Bullying
Donnybrook District High School's policy makes it very clear we have a zero tolerance approach to bullying. Every incident, as far as possible, is dealt with as soon as we are made aware. From the report of the incident the Administration Team makes it a point of letting the whole staff know what issues exist. We then monitor to ensure we limit any further issues. Once the Administration Team is aware we ensure that the students impacted are closely monitored from that moment on. Students who continue to bully are strongly targeted, and parents, carers are advised of any repeat behaviours. We do need to be mindful of the impact of Facebook and Social Media as a key tool of bullies. Unfortunately for the school, Facebook bullying at home comes into school grounds. Immediate contact is made with parents or carers to ensure that cyber bullying is stopped immediately. Strong anti-bullying strategies through Health and Computing also assist prevention. The overall message is that we will not tolerate bullying and will do all in our power to prevent any incidents. The Administration Team has an open door to any parent or student who needs support, and if we are aware we will act. We will deal with the problem.

First Aid Year 10s
To prepare the Year 10s for the world beyond Donnybrook District High School students are completing a one day Applied First Aid Course. This gives students a Certificate that awards them points towards their Year 12 WACE, as well as giving them critical skills to saving a life. This course has three pre-tests that are completed on line before being able to sit the course. The cost of the course is $50.00 which is heavily subsidised by the Donnybrook St John Ambulance Sub-Centre. The full one day courses are on Monday 30 November and Thursday 3 December. The First Aid Course will be delivered by Mr Garry Davis and Ms Kathy Irvine who are the local First Aid Trainers for St John Ambulance Donnybrook.

Year 6 Students Enjoying Senior Campus Options
This year we have again taught Year 6 students from the Junior Campus and Kirup Primary School, since Term 3, and we have seen them enjoy the great Design and Technology, Art and Computing facilities and teachers at the Senior Campus. We have been very privileged to have the Kirup students settle in to the Senior Campus so easily. We have been highly impressed at their lovely nature, as well as all students willingness to take on challenges that teachers have designed for them. It has been a pleasure seeing them work so well. Their enthusiasm for learning is top rate and ensures students will be able settle into Secondary School at the Senior Campus, or beyond, in 2016.

Garry Davis
Deputy Principal Senior Campus
**Associate Principal's Report - Junior Campus**

Students have been working well this term consolidating their learning for their year level and preparing for transition to 2016. I have been particularly impressed by the writing coming out of the Year 4 classes and we share some of those with you in this newsletter. In addition we also share some of the work the upper primary students have been doing across the curriculum. The school kitchen garden has been producing well and parents attending fortnightly assemblies have taken the opportunity to acquire an assortment of fresh vegetables. I am looking forward to the annual Sounds at Sunset concert on Monday evening and don’t forget the interschool sports also during next week.

I want to take this opportunity to remind parents that cases of Whooping Cough have been confirmed in the community and advise everyone to take all necessary precautions, especially those with small babies. It is also recommended that if your child has developed a coughing illness in the last few weeks, or starts to cough over the coming weeks, s/he should see a doctor as soon as possible. If a person is diagnosed with whooping cough they will usually be prescribed antibiotic treatment. Five full days of appropriate treatment needs to be completed before they can return to school. Anyone being tested for whooping cough should stay away from school or their workplace until their doctor advises it is safe to return. Whooping cough is a debilitating disease for young children who are not immunised and can be fatal especially for babies under 6 months of age. Vaccination is the most important way of reducing pertussis risk in our community but even fully vaccinated children and adults can still get the disease, although this is usually a milder illness. It is important to double check that your child is fully up to date with his or her immunisations against whooping cough (pertussis). Free whooping cough vaccinations are recommended for 6 week old, 4 and 6 month old babies, 3.5 year old children and Year 8 students in Secondary School.

As always, we request that children with coughs, colds and other transferable illnesses do not return to school until they have been treated and symptoms have cleared.

*Jeff Brown  
Associate Principal*
**Seniors’ Week Musical Showcase**

On Monday 9 November, 28 students and Mrs Wendy Armstrong, Mr David Parkinson, Mrs Danielle Parkinson, Mrs Lana Donaldson, Mrs Tracy Bursill and Ms Cassandra Stapp went down to the Donnybrook Amphitheatre to perform for the Seniors’ Week Musical Showcase. The students worked very hard to develop a program and Jarrah Tinker led the way with his bagpipes. During a morning tea break the students chatted to the seniors of the community and even visited those seated next to the stage on the Tuia Lodge bus. All were delighted with the performance and proud of the musical youth in Donnybrook and of their local school.

Many parents and carers came along to support the students and we thank them for their support. A special thanks to those who did all the carrying and transporting of equipment to and from the venue. It is a big ask and without you we simply cannot hold these events.

On return to the Senior Campus, all students enjoyed a lovely pizza and garlic bread lunch, ice-creams and a drink. They are thankful to the Donnybrook/Balingup Shire and the Music Support Group for their treat. Well done to everyone in the band.

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**Melbourne Cup Hats**

Last week the Year 6 class designed hats for the Melbourne Cup. We came up with the following criteria that we needed to follow.

- Size - as big or small as you like
- At least 1 fancy/weird or wacky item
- One thing that represents you
- Something to do with the race
- Use of at least two different textures
- It must fit and stay on your head
- You must use a minimum of three primary colours

I loved making the hats because it shows how creative people can be.

*By Ryah Chilcott*

*Year 6 Student*

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**Christmas Boxes**

A very big thank-you to our school and local community members who filled a shoebox this year. These boxes are sent to children in developing countries who will receive an *Operation Christmas Child* gift-filled box for Christmas. I’m certain the children will love receiving their gifts.

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**Nude Food**

Mrs Hutchison’s Year 6 and Mrs Mountford’s Year 1 classes recently went on a picnic to celebrate their learning about ‘Nude Food’. Prior to the picnic students looked at what was in their lunchboxes and how much of the food wraps could be recycled compared to being put into the rubbish bin. The challenge was for students to go without their food being wrapped in foil, plastic or commercial packaging. This challenge was met very well and we’d like to thank parents for being involved in this worthwhile event.
**Year 4 Writing**

This year we have been focusing on using descriptive language, literary devices and a range of vocabulary to make our writing more interesting. We have written poems, descriptive texts, historical narratives, stories and much more.

**Fireworks**

Crack, sizzle, bang the fireworks went red, orange, blue and pink. Explode into a big ball of streamers. Quick flashes of green lights and purple stars. Big red pompoms in the sky. City lights under them and water. Little white dots come falling down and never touch the ground.

*By Ben King*

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**Remembrance Day**

The brave soldiers marching in the field.
Long trenches hiding from the enemy.
Guns ready, bombs falling, bullets firing.
Best mates side by side, family just a memory.

Years go by Flanders Field still grows.
A field full of poppies still lie
The unknown soldiers buried under the ground.
Peace is made, no more die.

Attack and defence a vital weapon.
Black and red the colour of remembrance
On the 11/11 we remember them.
The battle ground filled with condolence.

*By Cameron Wright*

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**First Fleet**

Mast ‘n sails ‘n rope
Design of wooden plank
This ship made it through
Where others they have sunk
Rough water wild storms
Rips – wet and cold
Currents of fury whirlpool
Wrecking the ships of old

Heavy water zaps with lightning
Ships are sinking, winds are howling
The ships have almost made it
From the ocean that is prowling

*By Monique Delaporte*

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Louis Newman and Jaxon Terace Year 8 have been learning all about the Solar System in Science. They have made a wonderful model of all the planets and both boys are very proud of their work.

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**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Scott Tuia on being selected to represent the South West Zone in the D’Arcy Slater/Foundation Cup at Geraldton Tennis Club on 14 November. We hope you enjoyed your experience.

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**P & C Association**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 1 December at 3.15 pm in the Board room at the Junior Campus. Unless we get some more people to take executive positions on the committee there is a danger of the association going into recess. **The AGM is usually in March but we need people now.** If you are prepared to get involved please telephone me on 9731 0396 Gwendoline Nidd - President.
### Wk 5

- **Monday, 9 Nov**
  - Years 7—10 Exam Week
  - Seniors Week Band

- **Tuesday, 10 Nov**

- **Wednesday, 11 Nov**
  - Kindy Parent Information Night 7:00pm (meeting with Principal 6:00pm)
  - *JC 2:35 Early Close*  
  - *SC 2:45 Early Close*

- **Thursday, 12 Nov**
  - Board Meeting 4:30pm

- **Friday, 13 Nov**

### Wk 6

- **Monday, 16 Nov**
  - Art Exhibition
  - Sounds at Sunset Concert 6:30pm

- **Tuesday, 17 Nov**
  - Primary I/S Athletics - jumps, throws & 800m events at Bunbury Primary School

- **Wednesday, 18 Nov**
  - Year 6 Orientation Day 2 and Year 6 parent/carer afternoon tea and tour 3:00pm (Community Library, Seniors Room)
  - *JC 2:35 Early Close*  
  - *SC 2:45 Early Close*

- **Thursday, 19 Nov**
  - Art Exhibition closes at 12:00pm

### Wk 7

- **Monday, 23 Nov**
  - Year 7 Pemberton Camp
  - Year 10 Work Experience

- **Wednesday, 25 Nov**

- **Friday, 27 Nov**

### Wk 8

- **Monday, 30 Nov**
  - P&C Meeting 3:15pm - Jnr Campus Admin Building

- **Wednesday, 2 Dec**
  - Year 10 Graduation 5:00pm
  - Year 10 Graduation Dinner 7:30pm — 9:30pm
  - Year 6 Graduation Lunch

- **Thursday, 3 Dec**
  - Board Meeting 4:30pm

### Wk 9

- **Monday, 7 Dec**

- **Tuesday, 8 Dec**

- **Wednesday, 9 Dec**
  - *JC 2:35 Early Close*  
  - *SC 2:45 Early Close*

- **Thursday, 10 Dec**

- **Friday, 11 Dec**
  - Years 7—9 ‘Good Standing’ Excursions
  - Year 10 Adventure World Excursion

### Wk 10

- **Monday, 14 Dec**
  - Reports sent home
  - Yr 5GL Vegie buy & sell this week

- **Tuesday, 15 Dec**
  - Year 10 Graduation 5:00pm
  - Year 10 Graduation Dinner 7:30pm — 9:30pm
  - Year 6 Graduation Lunch

- **Wednesday, 16 Dec**
  - Year 1-9 Presentation Assembly 10:00am
  - Whole School Picnic 11:45am
  - *JC 2:35 Early Close*  
  - *SC 2:45 Early Close*

- **Thursday, 17 Dec**
  - Students last day

- **Friday, 18 Dec**
  - School Development Day

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**SHIRE OF DONNYBROOK-BALINGUP - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE**

**BROOKHAMPTON ROAD DONNYBROOK (BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS X 2)**

Notice is hereby given under the Local Government Act 1995, Part 3, Division 3, Subdivision 5 that Council is proposing to temporarily close Brookhampton Rd to through traffic from 5 January 2016 until early April 2016.

The closure is required at two bridges, for the replacement of each bridge, which are located approximately 8.0km and 8.5km from Kirup. To ensure accesses to properties are maintained, works will only be undertaken on one bridge at a time.

Further details and a copy of the plan of the closure will be available for inspection at the Shire Office, Bentley Street Donnybrook, during normal office hours or by phone on 9780 4209.

Submissions on the proposal may be made in writing to the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup either by email to records@donnybrook.wa.gov.au or by mail to PO Box 94, Donnybrook WA 6239 prior to the 4pm on Thursday 3 of December 2015.

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**KNOWLEDGE AND PROGRESS**