

# DONNYBROOK DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

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## Principal's Report

During the first half of Term 1, classroom and specialist teachers have dedicated time to establish routines and put structures in place that are designed to ensure the students gain the most from the opportunities presented to them throughout the 2016 school year. Importantly they are establishing standards that are designed to have a positive influence on student learning and support each student to reach their individual potential. The Administration Team have also developed a clear set of Primary and Secondary expectations that teachers will be required to focus upon to further support student learning and importantly raise student achievement.

It is pleasing to hear the large majority of students; both Primary and Secondary, have settled in well to the new school year and are striving to achieve their very best. The Western Australian Curriculum demands a lot of the students, so it is vital that they are committed to their schooling and apply themselves well to each Learning Area. Naturally I hold concerns for that small majority of students who need to demonstrate an increased commitment to their schooling, as a solid education will open up many doors in the future. The parents and carers of the students who aren't working at capacity are being contacted by the Administration Team and/or the teachers to highlight the concerns and are being asked to provide support to the school in order to make certain their child can make amends and set themselves up for a successful year.

Student assessments by classroom and specialist teachers has been taking place throughout the school and this information is being used to make certain the teaching delivered targets the needs of the class and importantly groups of students and individuals within the classes. It is crucial that the curriculum is differentiated to support the development of varying skills and understandings. Individual Education Plans and Group Education Plans are being finalised by teachers and if required, teachers will be holding parent meetings during the next couple of weeks. I am urging parents and carers to please work closely with the school to ensure their child/ren are achieving success. I thank those parents and carers who have been to see the teachers and it is hoped that this good communication continues throughout 2016.

## Positive Behaviour Support

Last week Donnybrook District High School commenced its Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) journey. The PBS model has been successfully implemented in thousands of schools, resulting in improved social and learning behaviours, student well being and academic achievement.

Students come from different backgrounds and cultures that view 'behaviour' differently and we can't assume that students know how to behave appropriately at school. Students can make poor choices when confronted with a conflict; therefore we must teach and promote positive behaviour and develop effective interventions for inappropriate behaviour at school to ensure that they make better choices. PBS views inappropriate behaviour in the same manner that problems in English and Mathematics are viewed...as a skill deficit. When there is a deficit, we must teach to the appropriate skill.

Donnybrook District High School has numerous evidence-based programs, such as Protective Behaviours, Values Education, Massage in Schools and Choose Respect that will be incorporated into the PBS Framework. All schools are required to provide students with the educational support they need to learn and maintain positive behaviour, PBS will play a key role in this at Donnybrook District High School and will ultimately lead to improved educational outcomes.

## Principal's Report (continued)

### Student Representative

The student leadership structure is highly valued at Donnybrook District High School, providing an opportunity for students in Years 6-10 to hold leadership roles and support the staff in ensuring the school functions effectively.

The following students were recently elected as Student Representatives and are entrusted to fulfil their roles and responsibilities to the best of their abilities;

#### Year 6

Megan Anderson  
Brodee Bacci  
Georgia Hales  
Chloe Rogers  
Tom Simmonds  
Declan Turnbull  
Todd Weller

#### Year 7

Kory Beswick  
Kate Pua  
Lilah Hardisty  
Cosimo Demasi

#### Year 8

Zac Trigwell  
Alex Hendry  
Sophie Pemberton-Ovens  
Keelie Bacci  
Rory O'Doherty

#### Year 9

Elise Cain  
Trent Stone  
Angela Pua  
Cate Foster

#### Year 10

**Pearl Wilson-Scott - Head Girl**  
**Tim Mountford - Head Boy**  
Lily McAvaney  
Joel Longbottom

Congratulations to the students selected for 2016 and a special congratulations to Pearl Wilson-Scott and Tim Mountford who were elected Head Girl and Head Boy respectively. I'm positive they will all acquit themselves well and will do their utmost best in leading the student body this year and in their representation of the school in the community.

### Long Service Leave

I will be taking Long Service Leave in Term 2 in order to clear the majority of my leave before the end of the school year. Jeff Brown will take on the role of Principal, Garry Davis will fill the Associate Principal, Junior Campus and Neil Robertson will be appointed as Secondary Deputy. I am currently in the process of filling the Secondary Humanities and Social Science position that Neil will vacate on a temporary basis.

### Year 7 Parent Meetings

Thank you to the parents and carers who have taken up the opportunity to meet with me following the recent invitation that was mailed home. The meetings are extremely valuable and provide an opportunity for me to get to know your child's strengths, areas of need, interests and potential aspirations for the future. If you haven't phoned the Front Office or emailed me on [james.milne@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:james.milne@education.wa.edu.au), to arrange a mutually convenient time, I ask that you please do this ASAP so I have seen all parents before I go on leave at the end of this term.

### Voluntary Contributions

Parents and carers recently received an invoice for outstanding contributions. I ask that parents and carers please pay their child/ren's contributions at their earliest convenience. The funds are used to enhance our programs and to subsidise the cost of many extra curricula activities.

**Jamie Milne**  
**PRINCIPAL**



## Deputy Principal's Report - Senior Campus

### Week 6 Senior Campus Deputy Report

**Drugs:** like all Secondary schools, Donnybrook District High School gets occasional reports from students and parents and carers regarding illegal substances. Unfortunately our small school isn't immune to the issue of drugs, an issue that is certainly troubling society as a whole.

Parents and carers need to be assured that there is an absolute 'No Tolerance' approach to illegal substances at the Senior Campus. The school works closely with students, parents and carers, and, where possible, outside agencies to deal with any issues that arise. The school, through Health Education classes, delivers an age appropriate curriculum that educates students on the dangers of illegal substances.

Parents wanting to discuss this matter are encouraged to meet with either myself or the Principal, James Milne.

**Year 9 and 10 Work Experience:** during Term 1 students from Year 9 and 10 have been given the opportunity to seek work experience in any field of their choosing. Students have also had to write a letter seeking work experience as part of the English programme.

Many students have taken up this opportunity and are now working, mostly one day a week, at local or Bunbury businesses. Well done to all these students who took the initiative and organised their own work experience. Using self-initiative is a key skill we support. A very important message given to every student who took work experience was that they then had to return to school and catch up with their teachers on missed work. We therefore want to reinforce that it is a student's responsibility to ensure they do catch up.

Another key element of getting work experience is for students to find possible career paths. Already we have 2 Year 9 students from last year who have possible apprenticeships lined up. They took the initiative and have proven themselves to their employer. Please contact myself for any support with Work Experience. We also respect those students who chose to make school work their priority, and therefore did not do work experience.

**Parent/Carer Interviews:** over the last two weeks I have been holding interviews with a large number of Year 10 parents and carers to let them know how their child is performing in 2016. A number of these conversations are on encouraging all students to work at their potential, as well as discussing future work experience or careers that we can tap into this year so that students are developing a future goal. I thank all parents and carers for their time as this two way communication helps in better performance as your child then knows we are working together to get the best for their very important Year 10 results.

**Homework Notes:** we have so far sent out two Homework notes. Each fortnight there is a Homework note for Year 7 and 8 as well as one for Year 9 and 10. Each note has been hand delivered by myself to each student. The Week 6 and 7 Homework note will come out next Wednesday. Parents or carers, please look out for this note as we are discovering that some may still be in the bottom of school bags. Feedback about Homework notes from parents who have seen them has been very positive as they now know what is expected each fortnight, and can assist where needed to get the work in on time without stress.

**PARTY Excursion:** Year 10s attended the Bunbury Regional Hospital Alcohol and Drug Risk Prevention Programme on Friday 4 March. Students listened to Emergency Nurses, a Paramedic, an Emergency Doctor, a team of Rehabilitation Support staff and finally from a very young man who was recently paralyzed in a car accident. The combined message was that we all have the means to prevent catastrophic life changing injuries by keeping a level head and avoiding any risk taking where gut instinct says I should not be taking this dangerous step. Special thanks to Linda and Moretta and the RPH Trauma prevention team for giving us this opportunity.

## Deputy Principal's Report - Senior Campus (continued)

**OLNA Testing:** This week, Thursday 10 March, the Writing Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment test occurred. Students who did not attain literacy and numeracy benchmarks in Year 9 NAPLAN sit these tests to prove they are above standard. There is a Reading test on Monday 4 March and a Numeracy test on Thursday 17 March.

### Years 4-10 Swimming Carnival - New Bridgetown Pool

The Year 4-10 Swimming Carnival was held on Tuesday 8 March at the brand new Bridgetown Swimming Pool. Students were able to enjoy the exciting new surroundings with plenty of shade available. The spirit of competition on the day was excellent. All students from each year level gave their very best in the water; they willingly competed in every event and were quick to volunteer to represent their faction. For a majority of the time there were very few students in the faction bays as most of them were lined up ready to swim.

Another strong element on the day was the help from older students who were given organisational tasks. They were helping with lining students up, judging, time-keeping, supporting team events, and ensuring the day ran very smoothly. There was a large contingent of parents, carers and grandparents who came and mixed in with students in the factions bays, as well as in the shaded area on the opposite side. Special thanks for your support on the day.

**Garry Davis**  
Deputy Principal



## NEW OPENING HOURS—SENIOR CAMPIUS P& C UNIFORM SHOP

**COMMENCING WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRAURY 2016 FROM 8.00AM TO 8.40AM**

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: ACCESS TO THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE THROUGH THE REAR DOOR\*\***

Uniform orders can be placed via email to [ddhsuniformorders@gmail.com](mailto:ddhsuniformorders@gmail.com)

Payments may be made by Direct Deposit: BSB 633-000 Account Number: 125538801



### THE MIGHTY DONS

Registration Day - Auskick, Juniors, and MEMBERSHIP

**Sunday 13 March 2016**

3-6pm at the clubroom

Josh Sheehan freestyle moto-x champion will be there.

Sausage Sizzle, DFC Merchandise Shop,

Junior footy skills session

Enquiries: Richard Phone:: 0428 310 234 or

Darryl 0427 566 068 (Juniors)

David 0409 101 797 (Seniors)

## Associate Principal - Junior Campus

Associate Principal Newsletter 2, 2016

I saw a fantastic end to a Science lesson the other day in the Year 5/6 class. Mrs Taaffe's lesson was designed around the popular evidence based "gradual release model" and at the end of the lesson she needed to check student understanding of the key concepts. Multiple choice questions were posted onto the Interactive White Board and the students held up their own individualised QR code card, in a position to indicate which answer they had chosen. Mrs Taaffe then scanned the classroom with her iPad and immediately collected data that indicated which children knew the answers or not. She was able to judge whether the lesson was a success, which concepts may need re-teaching and to which students. This technology which enables instantaneous results from formative or summative assessment is an example of how things in classrooms change. No longer do we always need a lengthy pen and paper test and meaningful feedback can be given immediately.

Congratulations to those Yr4, 5 and 6 students who represented their factions at the Swimming Carnival in Bridgetown last Tuesday. All students participated enthusiastically, displayed great manners and enjoyed themselves. Thank you to the secondary teachers who set the event up and to the parents who were able to come along and support their children. A reminder that the Interschool Swimming Carnival will be held in Bunbury on the 5<sup>th</sup> April. Further details will follow.



**Jeff Brown**  
Associate Principal



### P&C News

The P&C are running a Easter raffle to raise funds to update the Junior Campus Assembly Area. Each family will receive a book of 10 tickets to sell at \$1 per ticket.

In order for this to raise funds to support the upgrade of the Assembly area we are asking for donations of Easter eggs or Easter items that can be used in the raffle. If you can help please drop all donations to either of the Front Offices by 9.00am, 23 March.



### Canteen News



Welcome back and thank you to our returning volunteers for this year. Thank you to our new volunteers hope to see you all again next term.

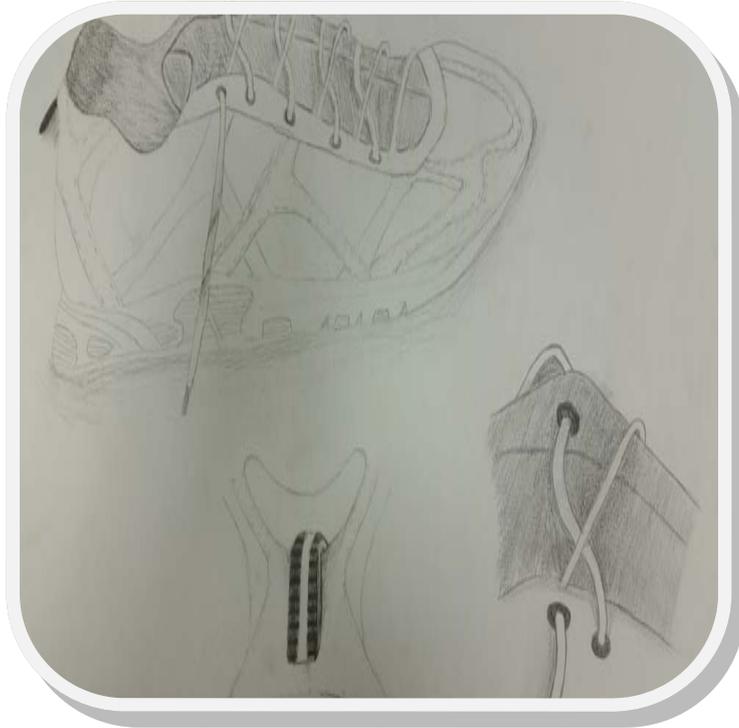
If you would like to help at our Faction Carnivals happening this term please contact either Sonya or Marcia 9731 0025/ 9731 1457 Tuesday- Friday). Also if you would like to make a cake/ slice to be sold on the day this would be very much appreciated.

Remember we are a nut free school. Hope everyone has a great 2016.

## THE ARTS - ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

All year 7 and 8 students are just completing their short course in drawing realistically from observation. Students had to draw their shoe from three different viewpoints. Lola Goedhart's work was selected because of her outstanding developing skills using value. Zac Danzi's work was also selected because of his outstanding contour and correct proportions. The students will use these drawings to create Pop Art style paintings shortly.

Artwork by Zac Danzi



Artwork by Lola Goedhart



## JUNIOR CAMPUS MAYHEM DANCE OFF

Week 9, Friday 1 April 2016 is the date for the "Junior Campus Mayhem Dance Off" (disco) to be held at the Primary Assembly Area. A flyer will be sent out next week with more details. It is an event for Kindergarten students right up to Year 6. As this is a P&C run event, we need all the help we can get. Areas of help needed and a plan of the night will be posted on Skoolbag on Thursday afternoon.

Thanks Melinda.



**Junior Campus Faction Athletics Carnival**

This year's Faction Athletics Carnival for the Junior Campus students is to be held over two days during week 7.

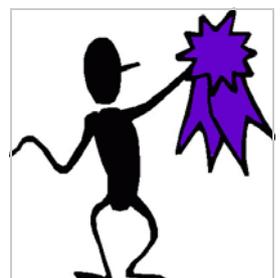
**Tuesday, 15 March**: jumping and throwing events - school 800m - VC Mitchell Park

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6
9:20 - 10:00	Long Jump	Vortex Throw	Long Jump		Vortex Throw	Shotput
10:00 - 10:40	Vortex Throw	Long Jump		Triple Jump	Shotput	Vortex Throw
10:40 - 11:00	Recess					
11:00 - 11:40			Vortex Throw	Vortex Throw	Long Jump	Triple Jump
11:40 - 12:20				Long Jump	High Jump	Long Jump
12:20 - 1:00	Lunch					
1:00 - 1:50				Shotput	Triple Jump	High Jump
1:55- 2:10	Walk to VC Mitchell Park					
2:10 - 2:50				800m	800m	800m

Students will compete in division A or B. This is determined through training sessions and distances achieved. All students will earn faction points while only students in division A will receive year level championship points. Based on trials, selected students will compete in high jump and 800m events.

**Friday, 18 March**: Running and Team games - VC Mitchell Park, 9:30 am start. All students will be in at least 1 running race and as many team games as possible. A program for these events will be distributed closer to the date.

Parent helpers are needed for judging and handing out of ribbons. If you can help then please contact the school on 97311557.



## TERM PLANNER - SEMESTER 1 2016

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	7 Mar Labor Day	8 OLNA Writing OLNA Reading & Numeracy Senior Campus Swimming Carnival Bridgetown	9  Primary Assembly 9.00am 3MA <i>JC 2.35 Early Close</i> <i>SC 2.45 Early Close</i>	10  NEWSLETTER	11  OLNA Writing Ends
7	14 Mar OLNA Reading & Numeracy	15 Junior Campus Faction Carnival Jumps and Throws P&C Meeting Common Area Yr 1 & Yr 2 Classes 3:15pm	16  Secondary Youth Focus: <i>Student Presentation</i> <i>Parent Presentation</i> Year 8 Immunisations <i>JC 2.35 Early Close</i> <i>SC 2.45 Early Close</i>	17	18  Junior Campus Faction Carnival Running and Team Games
8	21 Mar OLNA Reading & Numeracy Primary Interschool Swimming Carnival Harmony Week	22  Secondary Assembly 9.00am	23  <i>JC 2.35 Early Close</i> <i>SC 2.45 Early Close</i>	24 OLNA Ends Secondary Interim Reports sent home	25 Good Friday
9	28 Mar Easter Monday	29 Easter Tuesday	30 Primary Assembly 9.00am 6TF <i>JC 2.35 Early Close</i> <i>SC 2.45 Early Close</i>	31  School Board 4.30pm NEWSLETTER	1 April Senior Campus Faction Athletics Field and Track Events
10	4 April	5 Primary Interschool Athletics Carnival	6  <i>JC 2.35 Early Close</i> <i>SC 2.45 Early Close</i>	7	8 Students last day
H	11 April	12	13	14	15
H	18 April	19	20	21	22
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <span>Start and End of Term</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <span>Public Holidays</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <span>School Holidays (students)</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <span>School Development Days</span> </div> </div>					
1	25 April Anzac Day	26 School Development Day	27 Students resume	28	29

**P & C UNIFORM SHOP - CHANGE IN OPENING HOURS**  
**Wednesdays from 8:00am to 8:40am**