The Kids on Canvas Art Exhibition 2016 was again a great success largely due to the combined efforts of a lot of people who put the event together. Combined with the Sounds at Sunset Concert it is the event that attracts the largest volume of parents and friends into the school annually. Thank you to the Students and parents who supported the events.

We believe this event is important because not only does it showcase student talent, but exposes students to the significance of art in society and how valued it is by the broader community.

It gives all students the opportunity to feel proud about a personal achievement which is immeasurable.

This event allows students to be actively involved in the preparation, organization and running of such an event.

Students were also involved in showcasing and running art activities with students from our Junior Campus, St Mary’s, Balingup and Kirup Primary schools.

The biggest acknowledgement must be made to the “Silent Achiever”, Mrs Reynolds who has volunteered 120 plus hours before school to frame all the artworks and set up most of the displays.

Thanks MRS R!

A big thanks to the wonderful bunch of tireless student helpers who gave up lunchtimes, afterschool and art class time to assist. Onya girls...

Lola Goedhart
Sophie Pemberton-Ovens
Summer Matthews
Shakay Harte
Keelie Bacci
Alex Hendry
Ebony Barnes

Sevina Jones
Taylah Verhaaft
Georgi & Ellie Baker-Anscomb
Georgia & Morgan Jones
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Senior Campus Assembly
A reminder that the next Senior Campus Assembly will be held next Tuesday, 29 November at 9:00am. Everybody welcome!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A massive congratulations and thank you to everyone involved in the Sounds at Sunset Concert and Kids on Canvas Art Exhibition. These two initiatives showcased the school’s ‘Arts’ programs and were truly a credit to staff, students and parents and carers. Well done!

A special thank you to Wendy Armstrong, Wendy Cain, the Music Support Group, Sue Jessop and Karen Reynolds for their tireless work in the lead up to these events and during the events. Your efforts were appreciated by the school community.

2017 Structure and Programs
District High Schools are unique learning environment that differ significantly from traditional Primary or Secondary schools. The points of difference have the potential to offer the students a distinctive educational journey that will support their academic, behavioural and social and emotional development. To achieve this it is about capitalising on these points of difference and using them to the school’s advantage to ensure each child benefits and importantly achieves their individual potential. During 2015/16 we have worked hard to identify these points of difference, overcome obstacles and build our capacity to take advantage of our context. There is still a great deal of work to be done in this area, however the proposed structures and programs highlight our commitment to improvement for the betterment of our school community.

In 2017 there will be an Administration shuffle. I will relocate to the Junior Campus and Jeff Brown will move to the Senior Campus. The Principal has traditionally been based at the Senior Campus with 1 or 2 Deputy Principals and the Associate Principal has taken a lead role at the Junior Campus without a Deputy Principal. I firmly believe the Principal needs to be placed where the largest number of staff, students and parents and carers are located, with a Deputy Principal providing further support to this group. Therefore I will base myself at the Junior Campus and Garry Davis will move there with me.

I am looking forward to this move and the opportunity to work closely with Primary staff, students and parents and carers to address our school priorities. I am confident that the initiatives that have been introduced to the Senior Campus, together with the collaborative culture Secondary staff exhibit, place this part of the school in a solid position, and one Jeff Brown can value add to over the coming years. I know Jeff is excited by the move and will bring new ideas to that campus that will further support the achievement of our goals. Garry Davis is also looking forward to being back at the Junior Campus and will work tirelessly to support student learning.

Principal
Jamie Milne
Associate Principal (Secondary)
Jeff Brown
Deputy Principal (Primary)
Garry Davis
Kindergarten 1
Sara Williams
Kindergarten 2
Wendy Cain
Pre-Primary
Julie Atherton & Michelle Fernley (Tues)
Pre-Primary
Christina Jones (Mon-Wed) & Michelle Fernley (Wed-Fri).

Year 1
Onagh Smith
Year 1
Heidi Walker
Year 2
Wendy Mountford (Mon-Wed) & Penny Hearman (Thur/Fri)
Year 2
Sara Davies
Year 3
Leonie Pearce
Year 3
Mike Armstrong
Year 4
Denise Gibbs (Mon-Wed) & Elke Edwards (Thur/Fri)
Year 4
Jeanette Hutchison & Kate Suckling (Fri)
Year 5/6
Geoff Little
Year 5/6
Marg Howlett & Kate Suckling (Thur)
Year 5/6
Tamara Feltham

Information Technology & STEM
John Roberts
Performing Arts
Deb Cann
Health & Physical Education
Rob Horton
The school is pleased to be able to provide the above structure and programs to the Primary students in 2017. In addition to this, the Middle and Upper Primary students will benefit from the opportunity to work with Secondary specialists in state of the art High School facilities. Secondary teachers will deliver Art, Woodwork, Information Technology and Home Economics to Year 5/6 and Art to Year 4.

Following careful planning and consultation with parents and carers, the school will implement 3 Year 5/6 classes who will rotate between teachers for the core areas of English, Mathematics and Humanities and Social Sciences. An information session for Year 5/6 Parents and Carers will be held at the beginning of 2017.

Year 7
Year 8
Year 9 (Academic Extension)
Year 9/10
Year 10 (Academic Extension)

**English**
Anthea Horton

**Mathematics**
Helen Gamble

**Science**
James Duncan

**Humanities & Social Sciences**
Neil Robertson

**Year 7 Support Teacher**
To Be Confirmed

**Year 8 Support Teacher**
Jonelle McLoughlin

**Health**
Denise Duncan

**Physical Education**
Denise Duncan & additional Secondary Teachers

**Arts**
Sue Jessop

**Technology & Enterprise**
Leanne Robertson & Len Strother

**Information Technology**
Nigel Edwards

**STEM**
Nigel Edwards

**Library/Digital Literacy**
Esme Kidd

**Certificate 1 Horticulture**
To Be Confirmed

**Certificate 1 Hospitality**
Leanne Robertson

**Certificate 1 Business**
Leanne Robertson

**Certificate 1 Metals**
Len Strother

**Pathway to Certificate 2 Metals**
Len Strother

**Certificate 1 Sport & Recreation**
Denise Duncan

**Class Music**
To Be Confirmed

**SIM Music**
To Be Confirmed

The school is pleased to be able to provide the above structures and programs to the Secondary students in 2017. Both Year 7 and 8 students will benefit from the employment of a support teacher for the core areas of English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities and Social Sciences. The support teachers will work with the specialist teachers to deliver a targeted curriculum to the needs of individuals and groups of students. The Year 9 and 10 students will be placed into the class that will best support their aspirations, with the straight Year 9 and 10 classes having an extension focus. The Certificate Courses on offer to the Year 9/10 students in 2016 have been very successful and now extended to include Sport and Recreation, Horticulture, Business and Pathway to Cert 2 Metals.

Year 8 - 10 Course Information and Selection Handbooks will be distributed to all students next week. These Handbooks will provide additional information on what will be offered to students in each of the learning areas. If you don’t receive a copy, please contact the Front Office. Year 7 Handbooks will be distributed to parents and carers at the meeting scheduled for Wednesday 23 November at 3.15pm.

Overall I am very satisfied in how the school has positioned itself to meet the needs of our school community. We are investing significantly in a structure that is designed to engage and support the students. This will of course be supported brilliantly through the introduction of the Positive Behaviour Support Program that will focus on developing Responsible, Engaged and Empathetic students.

**Year 7 2017**
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 23 November. This is being held in the Seniors Room within the Community Library and will commence at 3.15pm. 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

A number of awards will be presented at this assembly and I invite parents and carers and the community of Donnybrook to sponsor these awards. 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 voucher to the value of $30-$50. Parents and carers and community members who generously donate towards an award, will be acknowledged on the program, unless they wish to remain anonymous.

There has been a lot of activity at the Senior Campus at the half way point of the term.

The Electric Vehicle Challenge students competed in Wundowie on October. This year there were 3 cars with 8 students competing in three re-engineered cars. Even though there was minimal preparation time they performed very well. They came 4th overall in A Division and this car was driven by Taylah Oliver and Layla Mansfield. Well done to the girls. Special thanks to Mr Strother for his drive in keeping EV going.

Thanks to Mrs Mountford for her parent support on the day.

The Art Festival has again revealed the high level of talent that is nurtured at the Senior Campus through the energy and passion of Mrs Jessop. Hidden behind the scenes is the amazing, tireless work of Mrs Karen Reynolds. Her enthusiasm for setting up the panels, as well as framing hundreds of pictures certainly must be acknowledged. It is the passion of people like Karen that inspires us all.

The Year 7 2017 class came to their first Orientation Day and all settled in so well. They all had a ball. The second Year 7 2017 Orientation Day happens next Wednesday 23 of November. We again look forward to seeing the future Year 7s here. To conclude the Orientation a Parent/ Carer Meeting will be held with the Senior Campus teachers at 3.15pm in the Senior’s Room. Teachers will overview their subject and outline requirements for success. We welcome you all to attend.

We are now pushing students to perform at their best and ensure that they all hand in work that is of a high quality and on time. It is a critical time now for assessments. For those students who need to catch up we have alerted parents to ensure that we support each student to achieve their potential. We welcome parent contact with their child’s teachers. Please call Mr Davis to make an appointment. Students have also worked hard at exams. Last week the Year 7/8s and this week the Year 9/10 exams are happening. We urge all students to do their very best.

Year 10 students will have the opportunity to complete an Applied First Aid Course on Thursday the 24 or 25 of November. This course is offered by St John Ambulance Donnybrook Sub-Centre at a discounted rate of $50.00. Payment is required before the Certificate is received. Students need to complete on line tests prior to attending the 1 day course. All these tests will be emailed to your home email and need to be completed before attending. Students will be at the St John Ambulance Hall in Bentley Street, leaving from the Senior Campus at 8.50 am and returning at 3.10pm in time to catch the bus.

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

Jeff Brown

Thank you Fire Brigade

Many thanks to the Donnybrook and Argyle Fire Brigades who managed a controlled burn on the Junior Campus the other weekend (29/30 October). Our school has been identified by the Education Department as having a severe bushfire risk, by way of its setting and location. The removal of excess fuel is a part of our risk management plan, in preference to removing the trees and bushland from our property.

Basketball Competition

Congratulations to the students who represented the school at interschool basketball last Friday!
Bullying

I have been following up a few reported cases of bullying at the Junior Campus just recently. These have mainly involved children verbally harassing or being particularly unkind to others. We do not tolerate bullying at our school and it is important that we address every case in an educative manner. While students will have privileges removed should they be found to be bullying, our approach also involves methods that focus on repairing harm (eg mediation) and restoring relationships (restorative justice model), alongside broader proactive strategies designed to prevent bullying (Values education. Positive Behaviour Support).

During my discussions with students it became clear that we need to define what bullying is and what it isn’t, so I turned to the “Bullying No Way” website for a clear definition:

Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Behaviour’s that do not constitute bullying but which still need to be addressed and resolved include:

- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

What you can do to help, if your child is being bullied, is bullying or has witnessed bullying.

1. Listen calmly and get the full story

   Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they’ve told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when.

   Your first response when a child tells you of a concern can make a difference to the outcome.

   Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

2. Reassure your child they are not to blame

   Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse.
   You could say things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.' or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all'.

3. Ask your child what they want to do and what they want you to do

   A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem.
   While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option.
   It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

4. Learn some strategies to talk about with your child

   The links below provide tips and ideas for different bullying situations.
   One idea is to practice strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.

   - If your child is being bullied
   - If your child is bullying others
   - If your child has seen bullying

   (https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/RespondingToBullying/Parents)
On Monday 7 November Donnybrook District High School was abuzz with community members, staff, parents and students, as well as visitors from Collie Senior High School. Two major events were underway with the Kids on Canvas Exhibition and the 7th Sounds at Sunset Concert.

This year’s theme for Sounds at Sunset was “Around the World” and it’s true to say that many hands make light work. The Music Support Group, students and staff rallied together to decorate the undercover area with flags and items from all around the globe. The band, including this year’s beginning students opened the evening’s entertainment with “March of the Rulers” and the evening closed with “Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire” performed by the Combined Donnybrook District High School and Collie Senior Schools’ Bands – all in costumes.

This year’s extravaganza included speeches from Year 5 and Year 6 students, directed by Mrs Marg Howlett; an Ukelele Ensemble directed by Mrs Lena King and Mrs Debra Cann; the Junior Campus Choir directed by Mrs Lena King; Brass and Percussion items directed by Mrs Wendy Armstrong and Woodwind items directed by Miss Jemma Whelan.

Congratulations to all the music students for their enthusiastic performances and for their achievements!
WANTED
Part-time/Casual Gardener

Donnybrook District High School is seeking an experienced gardener for part-time/casual work.

If interested please forward your resume/CV which must include two referees of which one, must be your last line manager. Proof of your Australian residency status, a successful Department of Education Criminal Screening and a current Working with Children Card to:

Sarah Bible
Manager Corporate Services
Donnybrook District High School
10 Bentley Street
Donnybrook WA 6239 or sarah.bible@education.wa.edu.au

P & C - Reading Eggs

Reading Eggs is a fantastic online learning app to use to engage children to read through games and activities. Reading Eggs caters for children from 3 up to 13 years of age. Did you know that Donnybrook District High School and the P & C have been funding the use of Reading Eggs to be used both in the classroom and at home since 2011?

A special Reading Eggs letter is sent home to each parent at the beginning of Pre-Primary providing the home log in details. The same long in details is retained from Pre-Primary through to Year 6. If you have not accessed Reading Eggs for your child at home, please see the classroom teacher.

Thank you to Mr Roberts for co-ordinating this project.

Operation Christmas Child

A huge thank-you to our school community for their participation in packing shoeboxes to send overseas to children for Christmas. We were able to send off 55 boxes which was a fabulous effort. Thank you once again. Jeanette Hutchison

Primary School Basketball Carnival

On Friday the 11 November, some of the Year 5 and 6 students were lucky enough to participate in a basketball carnival at Leschenault Leisure Centre in Australind.

We took one girls’ team and one boys’ team and completed against Picton, Maidens Park, Capel, Clifton Park and Dardanup Primary Schools.

The girl’s team were very successful winning 5 out of their 6 games, finishing second overall. The boy’s however, were unfortunately the complete opposite winning 1 game out of 6. Overall, Clifton Park Primary School finished first for the girls teams and Picton Primary school first for the boys teams.

All the students involved deserve to be congratulated on their amazing sportsmanship and behaviour that was displayed on the day. Well done, you should all be very proud of yourselves.

A huge thank you to Mrs Ratcliffe, Mrs Feltham and Miss O’Neil for your help with coaching the teams and also to all the parents that came along and cheered us on. A special mention must go to Mrs Mandy Anderson for organising our basketball shirts and making sure we looked the part!!

We all had a wonderful day! Mrs King.

P&C Book Fair

Hi everyone – don’t forget to come on up to the Junior Campus library during Week 6 to check out the fabulous P&C Book Fair! The library will be open all that week for you to come and have a look and perhaps get a head start on the pressie buying season. All Junior campus classes will come and visit on Monday and Tuesday to check it out and fill out a wish list, children are able to purchase for themselves on Wednesday lunchtime and after school, Thursday and Friday morning from 8am to 9am, lunchtime and then after school Thursday. Friday after lunch the fair will close, so come on in and have a look.

We will have an EFTPOS machine (yippee!) for easy buying. See you there!
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- 10 Dec to 16 Dec
- 19 Dec to 26 Dec

**Public Holidays**
- 24 Dec

**School Holidays (students)**
- 20 Dec

**School Development Days**
- 19 Dec

**Note:**
- JC = Junior Campus
- SC = Senior Campus
- Jnr = Junior
- P&C = Parents and Citizens Meeting
- Yr = Year
- Exc = Excursion
- Assembly
- NTC = North Town Campus
- ELC = Early Learning Centre