

# Donnybrook District High School Newsletter

## Junior Campus

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - James Milne

Welcome back to the start of a new school year and one that will see staff continue to concentrate their efforts on Assessment and Learning, Behavior and Well Being and School Community Partnerships.

I am genuinely thrilled about the 2018 school year and what is in place for the students at Donnybrook District High School. There are a large number of new programs and initiatives being implemented by staff and I'm confident that the students will be engaged and benefit immensely from these changes. Importantly staff have returned refreshed and are committed to addressing our school priorities and making certain that the changes put in place for this year are effective and value add to the students' learning journeys.

At the end of last year, a large contingent of staff called an end to their teaching careers, or took up new appointments at other schools throughout the Southwest and broader WA. After lengthy and rigorous selection processes, I am pleased to be able to officially welcome the following staff to Donnybrook District High School.

**Jodi Place.** Jodi is the Primary Performing Arts teacher who will deliver a program to the Years 1-6 students that includes elements of Dance, Music and Drama. Jodi is also appointed to the Year 1 class in a tandem teaching arrangement with Oonagh Smith.

**Jenelle Heard.** Jenelle takes up the role of Primary Physical Education for Years 1-6 students. Jenelle is entrusted to deliver a quality program that focuses on essential skills and strategies and exposing students to an array of sports.

**Iswari Rose.** Iswari is appointed as our Indonesian teacher. In 2018, all Western Australian Primary schools need to implement a Languages program in Year 3. Due to our staffing structure, this program will be delivered to all students in Years 2, 3 and 4. This program will follow the students through their Primary schooling and into Secondary.

**Kirsty Frazer.** Kirsty is appointed as the Year 7 Support teacher and will be working with the Secondary specialists in a support role that allows the Year 7 students to be grouped in Mathematics, Science and Humanities and Social Science classes. Kirsty will also be working with the Middle Primary students as the Kitchen Garden teacher.

**Samantha Wright.** Samantha is appointed as the Secondary English specialist, leading the school's English program from Years 7-10. Samantha is assigned the task of making certain all students progress in this core learning area, meeting minimum standards and being well placed to achieve their aspirations.

**Katrina Taaffe.** The school welcomes back Katrina, who is employed to teach Science to students in Years 1-4, complementing the work that is currently being done in this learning area by Kate Suckling in Years 5/6 and James Duncan in Years 7-10.

**Dave Hutchison.** The school also welcomes back Dave, who is based at the Secondary Campus and given the task of supporting the students in Mathematics and teaching Information Technology options.

Whilst not new to the school, **Nigel Edwards** now has a role that involves teaching across both campuses. With the implementation of the Western Australian Digital Technologies curriculum this year, Nigel's expertise in this area will be crucial to both the Primary and Secondary students being given an opportunity to meet the associated expectations.

As you can see, the changes are significant and over the next few weeks you will see these coming into effect. I encourage you to throw your support behind these changes and work with the staff for the betterment of your child/ren. A strong partnership between home and school is crucial in both Primary and Secondary school.

It is pleasing to report that as a whole, the students have returned from their break ready to commit to their learning and gain the most from what is being provided in Term 1. All year groups have made a pleasing start and are to be congratulated for their efforts throughout the first two weeks. Our expectations must be high and I look forward to seeing the students aiming to meet these expectations along with personal goals they set for themselves throughout the year. For the very small majority of students who have returned with a 'concerning' attitude and approach to their learning, they need to turn this around now, before the term progresses any further.



## 2018 Structure and Programs

### Administration

Principal	Jamie Milne
Associate Principal	Jeff Brown
Deputy Principal	Garry Davis

### Primary

Kindergarten	Sara Williams
Kindergarten/Pre-Primary	Julie Atherton & Michelle Fernley (Wed)
Pre-Primary	Christina Jones (Mon-Wed)
	Wendy Cain (Wed-Fri)
Year 1	Oonagh Smith (Mon, Tues & Fri)
	Jodi Place (Wed & Thurs)
Year 1	Heidi Walker
Year 2	Wendy Mountford
Year 2/3	Sara Davies
Year 3	Mike Armstrong
Year 3/4	Leonie Pearce
Year 4	Jeanette Hutchison & Denise Gibbs (Fri)
Year 5/6	Tamara Busson
Year 5/6	Geoff Little & Kate Suckling (Mon)
Year 5/6	Marg Howlett & Kate Suckling (Thur)
Information Technology/STEM	Nigel Edwards
Performing Arts	Jodi Place
Physical Education	Jenelle Heard
Indonesian	Iswari Rose
Science	Katrina Taaffe (1-4) & Kate Suckling (5/6)
Kitchen Garden	Kirsty Frazer (Kitchen)
	Rachel Seton (Garden)

### Secondary

English	Samantha Wright
Mathematics	Andrew Fyfe & Dave Hutchison
Science	James Duncan & Andrew Fyfe (Extension)
Humanities and Social Sciences	Neil Robertson
Secondary Support Teachers	Kirsty Frazer & Jonelle McLoughlin
Health	Denise Duncan
Physical Education	Denise Duncan & additional Secondary Teachers
	Sue Jessop
Arts	Leanne Robertson & Len Strother
Technology and Enterprise	Nigel Edwards & Dave Hutchison
Information Technology/STEM	Esme Kidd
Library/Digital Literacy	Rachel Seton
Certificate 1 Agrifoods	Leanne Robertson
Certificate 1 Hospitality	Len Strother
Certificate 1 Metals	Denise Duncan
Certificate 1 Sport and Rec	Phil Lucas, Wendy Armstrong and Michelle Braken-Perks
SIM Music Specialists	

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Continued...

### Term Calendar

Attached to today's newsletter is a copy of our Term Calendar. This highlights the many wonderful opportunities being offered to the students of Donnybrook District High School throughout Term 1. Please mark these in your diaries and look out for updates in each newsletter.

Parents and carers are asked to make note that at the beginning of Term 2 there is no School Development Day. Our School Development Day for Term 2 is scheduled for Friday 11 May. On this Friday, all staff are attending a Positive Behaviour workshop delivered by Dr Tim Lewis from the University of Missouri. Dr Tim Lewis specialises in school wide systems of behavioural support and was instrumental in the development of the Positive Behaviour Support program the school has adopted.

### School Bus

Our new school bus is now in operation and is being used to transport Primary students to the Senior Campus each week. This term, the Year 5/6 students are

participating in their Options program every Wednesday afternoon. In addition to the 5/6s, the Year 4s from Jeanette Hutchison's class are being taught Visual Arts by our Secondary Arts Specialist, Sue Jessop, in the school's purpose built Art room. We are also planning classes as part of our Kitchen Garden program in the Home Economics facility later this term.

There is also a planned Student Leadership excursion to Yallingup Cave and a Certificate 1 Agrifood trip to Wagin Woolarama that will be subsidised as a result of the school now having its own bus and greater control over pricing.

Importantly the bus is fundamental to the school's objective to bring the two campuses together and make the most of our District High School context. It also supports the key initiatives and changes the school is making to support student learning. Exciting times for the Donnybrook school community.



## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Garry Davis

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year. As I now work on both sites I have the privilege of seeing the whole school in action. One of the brightest aspects is to see the arrival of so many new students who have come from various schools across the state. Without exception, all students have settled in so well to their new school. We welcome all parents and carers of the new students to Donnybrook and I look forward to catching up with you all.

Staff have established solid routines on both campuses. A special welcome to all new staff. In meeting with them all I have seen how smoothly they have settled in to their new surroundings, their enthusiasm in their roles has been outstanding.

All classes at the Senior Campus have begun smoothly. There have been a number of room changes, the English room is now Room 1 for Miss Wright and Ms Seton's Agrifoods class is now in Room 20 for theory and the old Day Care room near the canteen is the practical room for Agrifoods.

The Junior Campus has had a number of class changes where there are split classes this year. Visits to the K/P, Year 2/3 SD, and Year 3/4 LP have shown that students and teachers have readily adapted to these combinations. The excellent choice of students who meld in so well already shows that students will thrive in these new settings. All my visits to these rooms have revealed happy faces and productive learning right from the start of the year.

My Deputy role this year involves working at the Junior Campus, Monday, Tuesday and Friday and at the Senior Campus Wednesday and Thursday. I have varying roles at each site, in particular, supporting the Positive Behaviour in Schools message and actions and Emergency Management. A key role is keeping parents and carers informed about the progress of their children where necessary to ensure the best outcomes for all students.

One of my new roles at the Senior Campus is to co-ordinate the Work Experience for Year 10's in 2018. Any Year 10 student interested in Work Experience is required to locate a company that is willing to take them on, and then supply me with the name of the business, a contact name and number by the end of Week 6. I am also happy to work with any student who has an area of strong interest and help set up Work Experience for them. In Week 10 of each

term Year 10 students can go on a week's work experience. For those who choose to go out one day a week, as a preference, please see me to arrange the placement.

All parents and carers of Year 7 students are invited to make an appointment with Mr Brown to discuss their child's schooling and ambitions. Students are invited to attend these interviews. Please phone the front office on 9731 1060 to make an appointment for any time next week or beyond. Parents and carers are also welcome to discuss their children's schooling with any teacher at a suitable time. Again, phone the front office for an appointment.

Sincere condolences to Mr Jeff Brown our Associate Principal at the Senior Campus on the loss of his mother, who passed away peacefully last week. To the whole family we offer our deepest sympathy during this time of grief.

## Cooperate With Each Other

- **Work together**
- **Let others speak**
- **Be willing to lead or follow**
- **Encourage others to participate**



 **DONNYBROOK**  
DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL  
Independent Public School

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR IN SCHOOLS

### Convenient Payment Options Available

**Cheques & Money Orders:** Posted to 58 Mead St, Donnybrook WA 6239

**Electronic Transfer:** BSB: 633 000 Account: 121097182 Bank: Bendigo Bank  
**Please use student name as reference**

**Credit/Debit Card:** Credit/Debit card payments can be made in person at the Senior or Junior Campuses between 8am—4pm Monday to Friday

**EFTPOS:** Payments can be made in person at the Senior or Junior Campuses between 8am—4pm Monday to Friday

**Personal Payment Plan:** Please contact the Manager Corporate Services on (08) 9731 1557 or email [sarah.bible@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:sarah.bible@education.wa.edu.au)

# Junior Campus News

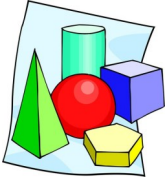


## School Banking

Every 2nd Thursday Bendigo Bank come to the Junior Campus for School Banking.

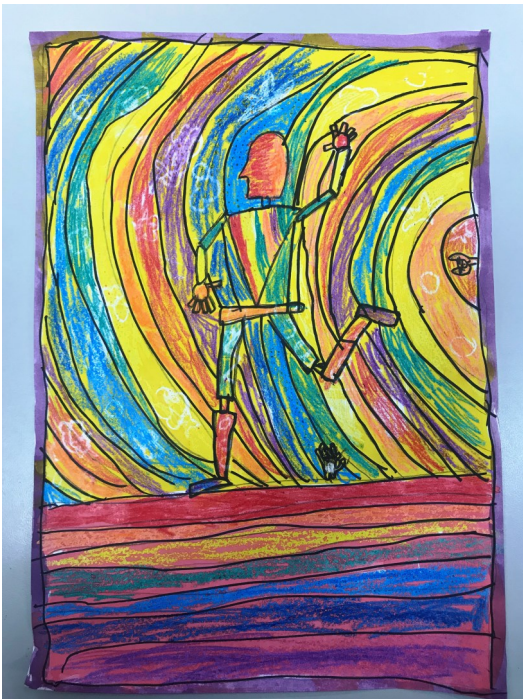
For more details contact the Donnybrook Branch on 9731 2446

**The next school banking day is Thursday 22 February.**



Year 2WM have been creating beautiful artwork using geometry and the study of dimensional shapes as their inspiration.

Ashleigh Todd



Caleb Thompson



Jorja Watson



Jade



Year 2/3SD have drawn some amazing self portraits. They had to type up a small blurb about themselves using the Notability App on the iPads.



# Senior Campus News

## Percussion Places Available

Dear Parents and Carers

There are two beginner Yr 7 percussion places available. If your child is interested please email [wendy.armstrong@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:wendy.armstrong@education.wa.edu.au) by Friday 16 February with your contact details.

Selection will take place on Monday 19 February at 12pm in the Music Room.

Thank you  
Wendy Armstrong  
SIM Music Specialist



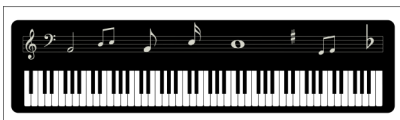
## MUSIC NEWS – February 2018

Hello to students, parents/carers and the Donnybrook community. My name is Phil Luke and I am the new Clarinet/Sax teacher and Band Conductor for 2018. It is a pleasure to be here at Donnybrook DHS, and I am looking forward to an exciting year of music making with your children. I have been teaching Woodwind and running Ensembles in the South West since 1984. For the past 25 years my wife (who is also a music specialist and plays Bassoon in the South West Philharmonic Orchestra) and I, and our 3 children have lived on our small hobby farm in North Boyanup. Enough about me, onto business.

**Year 7 Beginner Saxophone class** – we have obtained 3 alto saxes from the Education Department to commence a new Year 7 class. Any student who is interested in taking up this wonderful opportunity, please pass your name onto Mr Davis and I will make contact with you. Year 8 students are also welcome if places are available.



**Percussionists/Keyboard Players wanted** – this year in the Concert Band, we are splitting up the percussion section into individual instruments. Bass Drum, Snare Drum, Crash/Suspended Cymbals, and auxiliary percussion (tambourines, cowbells, triangles etc...) so we need a couple of more percussion players. If your child is having private piano lessons outside of school, they are ideally suited to these exciting positions of banging noisy things. We also require 2 more performers to play mallet keyboard instruments (glockenspiel and xylophone) and the piano keyboard to provide a bass section to our ensemble. Again, piano students are ideally suited to these positions. The piano/keyboard (bass) player needs to be reasonably competent in reading bass clef (left hand on piano) and to have a good sense of timing. Age is no restriction for the above positions, only experience in reading bass clef. In the past I have had many primary school aged students performing these parts with a great deal of success.



**Parents/Community members welcome** – if you have a hidden talent and an instrument which has been collecting dust for years, you are most welcome to join our ensemble. We rehearse in the Music Room on Thursdays, meeting at 7.20 am for a 7.30 start. You will need to have a Working with Children Clearance to be involved in the ensemble.

Any students/parents interested in being a part of our musical group this year, please pass your information on to Mr Garry Davis, or alternatively, contact me at [philip.luke@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:philip.luke@education.wa.edu.au) and I will give you more details.

I look forward to meeting you all in the weeks to come.

Warm Regards  
Phil Luke



## ART NEWS 2018

The Art Department has started the year with its usual excitement and anticipation of creating great art.

Last year we finished up with some amazing unseen artworks that are worth sharing.

Projects for this semester include :

- Year 4 - Creating Space on a page: Falling For Foreshortening and Colour Wheel Eyes.
- Year 5 - Making 2D shapes look 3D and Funky Face Mugs.
- Year 7 - Drawing 3D shape and One Point Perspectives.
- Year 8 - Split face Animal Portraits.
- Year 9/10 Cubism Inspired Artworks and reduction prints.
- Year 9/10 Project Art - Bradley Eastman inspired Urban Art for the Senior Campus.

Mrs Gibb's 2017 Year 4 Art class produced these stunning Oil Pastel birds as they developed their textural making skills.



## OLD TOWELS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED FOR THE ART ROOM.

Please drop them off at the Senior Campus if you have any spare.

Thankyou  
Mrs Jessop



# General Information

## P&C News

What a lovely start to the 2018 school year we have had! We hope everyone enjoyed their summer break and is looking forward to the year ahead. The Donnybrook District High School P&C is committed to working with the school and community to help fund school events as well as contributing towards school programs, student awards and facility upgrades. Last year the P&C donated over \$15,000 towards the school while our fundraising team in conjunction with the students, parents and carers raised over \$9,000 last year. We could not achieve these goals without the help and support of the P&C members and volunteers that help out for events. If you would like to volunteer your time and join the P&C please either come to our AGM on Monday 26 of February or contact Katya on 0439 923 214.



## AGM

The Donnybrook District high School P&C have their AGM coming up on Monday 26 February which will be held in the common area between the Year 1 and 2 classrooms at 3:15pm, all office bearing positions will be declared vacant.

We are still looking for nominations for Vice President and Secretary, if you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering please contact Miranda at donnybrookdhs.p.c@gmail.com to put forward a nomination. Anyone interested in joining the P&C Association to help out and have input on the fundraising and new projects we have coming up in 2018 is encouraged to come join us for the afternoon as new volunteers are always greatly appreciated.



## Fundraising

The fundraising team is hard at work already with lots of exciting events coming up in Term 1. To start the term off the Year 5 & 6's will be able to attend an Astronomy Night in the middle of week 4 where students will be able to use a telescope to see the stars and planets up close while learning about our solar system. We have the Sports Carnival coming up in Week 8 of Term 1 where we will hold a raffle to be drawn at the end of the day. We will also be looking for donations for our annual Easter Raffle to be drawn in Week 9, Thursday 29 March. To finish off the term in style we will be having a Dance Off at the end of Week 10, Friday 6 April, any volunteers able to help out on the night would be greatly appreciated as it is something our students look forward to every year. If you would like to help out with any events, please contact Melinda Ward on 0447 064 198.

## Canteen

Our lovely canteen has started the year fresh with a new promotion for Term 1, every Friday in addition to the healthy menu they will be selling Sausage Rolls, Spinach & Ricotta Rolls, Traveller Pies and Party Pies. A quick reminder that those wishing to order online use [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au) and for those who have used the online ordering previously please remember to update your child's room number and teacher. Orders can also be placed in the classrooms in the Junior Campus or through the canteen at recess time in the Senior Campus. The canteen is open Wednesday-Friday every week and we are always looking for volunteers to help out, even if it's for a few hours on a Friday we would love to see you. Come help make some lunches for our students with some great conversations and have a coffee on us. If you would like to come help, please give the canteen a ring on 9731 0025.



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## eSafety health check

Treat your password like your toothbrush—don't share it with anyone and change it regularly.

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When cyberbullying gets you down, report it: [esafety.gov.au/reportcyberbullying](http://esafety.gov.au/reportcyberbullying)

Revisit your privacy settings to protect your personal information.

Don't act in the heat of the moment—stay calm and chill.

OMG! Nude pics can spread quicker than a virus—reconsider the types of pics you send.

What you post online stays online—think about your digital reputation.

\*explore safely

[esafety.gov.au](http://esafety.gov.au)

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### Healthy Conflict in Relationships - For Men

Conflict is a normal part of any relationship. How to manage it and resolve problems in a way that improves relationships rather than harms them is the focus of this seminar.

This workshop will discuss:

- defining what constitutes conflict and the importance of healthy conflict resolution
- common strategies used while handling conflict
- learning new skills for healthy resolution
- looking at a step-by-step approach to a healthy resolution.

**BUNBURY FAMILY RELATIONSHIP CENTRE**  
 Corner Molloy and Symmons Streets  
 (Access from Symmons Street side of the building)  
**Thursday 15 February 2018**

**Time: 6.30pm-9.00pm**  
**Fee: \$30pp**  
**Concessions available**

Please call 6164 0566 for bookings and enquiries or email at [Bunbury.Education@relationships.wa.org.au](mailto:Bunbury.Education@relationships.wa.org.au)

## Term Planner - Term 1 2018

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1	29 Jan School Development Day	30 School Development Day	31 January Students resume  EARLY CLOSE	1 Feb	2	3	4
2	5 Feb	6	7  EARLY CLOSE	8 School Banking	9	10	11
3	12 Feb	13	14 NEWSLETTER Jnr Campus Assembly 3MA 9am Yr5/6 Parent Mtg 6.30pm - 7.15pm EARLY CLOSE	15 2/3SD & 2WM Parent Mtg 3.15pm - 3.40pm	16	17	18
4	19 Feb	20 3/4LP Parent Mtg 3.15pm	21 Yr 5/6 Astronomy Night 1  EARLY CLOSE	22 School Banking Primary South West Tennis Classic Bunbury 4JH Parent Mtg 3.15pm Yr 5/6 Astronomy Night 2  School Board 4.30pm	23	24	25
5	26 Feb  P&C AGM 3.15pm Yr1/2 Cluster	27	28  EARLY CLOSE	1 March 2/3SD & 2WM Historical Walk Excursion	2	3	4
6	5 March Labour Day	6	7 NEWSLETTER Snr Campus Swimming Carnival Bridgetown Jnr Campus Assembly 3/4LP 9am EARLY CLOSE	8 School Banking 1SP & 1HW Kings Cottage & Bunbury Art Gallery Excursion	9 Agrifood Excursion to Wagin Woolorama	10	11
7	12 March	13	14 Kindy 1 Parent Mtg 2pm - 3pm EARLY CLOSE	15 World's Greatest Shave Fundraiser	16 Leadership Excursion Ngilgi Caves Yallingup (TBC)	17	18
8	19 March	20 Yr 6 Solar Car Challenge Bunbury  Junior Campus Athletics Carnival – Throws and Jumps	21 Harmony Day  Yr 8 & Yr 10 Immunisation  EARLY CLOSE	22 School Banking  School Board 4.30pm	23 Junior Campus Athletics Carnival – Track and Team Games P&C Sports Day Raffle	24	25
9	26 March	27	28 NEWSLETTER Jnr Campus Assembly 5/6TB 9am EARLY CLOSE	29 Junior Campus Easter Hat Parade & P&C Easter Raffle 9.00am	30 Good Friday	31	1 April
10	2 April Easter Monday	3 School Closed	4  EARLY CLOSE	5 School Banking	6 Senior Campus SRC Assembly Junior Campus Dance Off (TBC) ECU Careers Day	7	8
11	9 April Yr10 Work Experience Week →	10 Primary Interschool Athletics Carnival	11  EARLY CLOSE	12	13 Students last day	14	15
H	16 April	17	18	19	20	21	22
H	23 April	24	25 ANZAC Day	26	27	28	29