

## **Donnybrook District High School Newsletter**

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## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - James Milne**

As we head into the Easter break, I would like to reinforce with parents and carers the importance of keeping the communication lines open with your child/ren's teachers. If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact them directly. They are all available to meet with you to discuss their programs and the progress of your child/ren. You are also more than welcome to contact Jeff Brown, Garry Davis or myself and we are happy to follow up on your behalf as well as meet with you.

At the end of this week we will say farewell and thanks to Trish O'Dine. Trish has been our Aboriginal Islander Education Officer for 14 years and has supported students on both the Junior and Senior campus during this time. On behalf of the school community, I would like to wish Trish the very best and trust she will enjoy this next chapter in her life.

A reminder to parents and carers that the Easter break extends from Friday 30 March to Tuesday 3 April. Students return to school on Wednesday 4 April.

Parents and carers are also reminded that Term 2 begins on Monday 30 April. Our School Development Day is on Friday 11 May (Week 2). As an Independent Public School, Donnybrook District High School has the opportunity to schedule School Development Days on alternative days. This flexibility has allowed the school to secure a time to work closely with Dr Tim Lewis around Positive Behaviour Support. Dr Tim Lewis works with schools throughout the world to support the implementation and embedding of this key program.

## **Donnybrook District High School Shines**

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has identified Donnybrook District High School as a school that has demonstrated substantially above average gain in student reading and numeracy achievement as measured by NAPLAN.

At the conclusion of each school year, ACARA measure students' performance from Year 3 to 5 and from Year 7 to 9 and release information to selected schools that have achieved outstanding results. It is genuinely pleasing to receive this information as it reflects the continual improvement that is taking place at both the Junior and Senior campus.

This is a wonderful achievement and should be celebrated by our school community.

## Carnivals

Both the Primary and Secondary students have been involved in various carnivals this term. The Primary students have enjoyed their Faction Athletics Carnival, taking part in Throws and Jumps and Track and Team Games on alternative days. The Secondary students participated in their annual Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 7 March.

Congratulations to the students for the enthusiasm and sportsmanship they displayed. This was most appreciated and a reflection of the strong character that exists throughout the school.

A special thank you to Jenelle Heard and Denise Duncan for their efforts in coordinating the carnivals. Thank you to the staff and parents and carers who came together to lend their support in the lead up to the

carnivals and on the various days they were held. This is wonderful reflection of the supportive nature of our school community. Having led a number of District High Schools in my career, I can honestly say the level of collegiality is outstanding.

The Secondary Faction Athletics Carnival is scheduled for Friday 6 April. The Primary Interschool Carnival is scheduled for Tuesday 10 April. I look forward to seeing parents and carers supporting these events.

## **Harmony Day**

On Wednesday 21 March, the Primary and Secondary Campuses came together to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity. Congratulations to the students for the manner in which they embraced the spirit of the day. There was certainly a fantastic atmosphere running through the school that resulted in the students enjoying a variety of activities, most of which reinforced the key messages associated with Harmony Day. Thank you to Jeanette Hutchison and Jonelle McLoughlin for coordinating the day.

Thank you to the P&C who contributed to the cost of the activities with a \$500 donation. This was most appreciated and went along way to funding cooking ingredients and art materials.

## **ANZAC Service**

Donnybrook District High School will be combining with St Mary's Primary School for an ANZAC service on Thursday 12 April. This will be held at the Apex Park War Memorial commencing at 9.30am. Parents and carers and community members are most welcome to attend.

## **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.

I ask that you please make payment this term to support the students and the school. I can assure you your contributions will be used to address our three priority areas as outlined in the school's Business Plan.

Our three priority areas are: Student Focused Learning; Behaviour and Well Being; and School Community Collaboration.

My sincere thanks to the parents and carers who have settled their accounts this year, your contribution is most appreciated.



## ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Jeff Brown

#### **Notices**

Many thanks to Jeanette Hutchison for organising Harmony Day last week and to Jonelle McLoughlin for coordinating events between campuses. It was a great day and all students came away with a stronger understanding of their cultural heritage and the amazing opportunities offered to Australians through multi-culturalism.



I'd like to take this opportunity to praise the work of our current Student Representative Council. From raising money on the greatest shave day, supporting primary sports, and promoting positive behaviour. Every day it is a pleasure to have conversation with these students who engage in their own education and offer so much positive energy to our school community. Thank you!

Over the next few weeks we are focussing on positive behaviour around the school grounds and in particular on the verandas at recess and lunch. You will hear students talking about choices. This is because for those students not acting appropriately we are providing a choice: to behave appropriately or choose another appropriate action. Some students have difficulty with this and are finding themselves missing recess and lunch while receiving explicit lessons on appropriate choices.

I was pleased to hear that one of our students, Oceania Lyon has been selected to represent WA in the Nationals Australian Mounted Games Association horse riding event held in NSW and VIC. Oceania is competing in team events and pairs events. Mounted games is an equestrian sport involving a series of very fast races performed by a rider on their pony. It requires a high degree of athletic ability, good riding skills, hand to eye coordination and a competitive spirit which requires an ability to work together with other riders and to be willing to help one another. It also required a very well trained and highly skilled pony, which involves at least 3 months of pre training for peak fitness. (*Thanks to Salena Lyon for this information*) I would like to wish Oceania every success and enjoyment in the competition on behalf of the school.

## Homework

Parents of secondary students will notice we have again started the fortnightly homework focus. While this helps parents know what is expected each fortnight, it is important to ensure you do not take the responsibility away from your child. It is the student's responsibility to record assignments, assessments and due dates.

While there are varying ideologies, educationalists and authors that argue the benefits and non-benefits of homework, we have a school homework policy that provides a guideline to expectations for each phase of learning. If you think your child is receiving too much or too little homework please discuss with the relevant teacher. There will be some occasions where your child will not have set homework and this is an opportunity to do some revision, study and other extra-curricular activities. Teachers will be working with students over the next few weeks to remind them how to study, how to take notes, how to note key words and how to revise in a focussed and purposeful way rather than simply reading over their (often sparse) notes. Teachers have already advised students what sort of things they could be practising when there is no set homework. eg multiplication tables, spelling lists..

Another useful practice at home is to set up a timetable or framework (perhaps like the ones below) on which parents and their children can sit down together and allocate particular times or days for homework, revision, study and extra-curricular activities. This should be displayed where your child can see it. For example: Fergal Spioney might discuss with his dad: "If I haven't been given specific set homework for that day I will use my time on Monday to study class notes in Science to answer some focus questions, on Tuesday I have football training so for only half an hour I will read a novel that interests me." And so forth. Both parents and children can see the timetable and know that something has time allocated each day. For parents who are concerned about their child having too much homework, decisions can be made regarding which demands have priority. As always, discuss concerns with the subject teacher.

## Example homework timetables;

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English	Read pg 7-25 of The Hobbit		Study for upcoming assessment.		
HaSS	Complete coastlines of Norway map.				
Science		Molecular Poster			
Maths	Maths assignment				Mental strategies practice sheets
Other	Feed chickens	Chop firewood	Cook dinner	Stack dishwasher	
Extra curricula		Football Training	Washing up		Unstack dishwasher

Or

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4-5pm	Reading	Spelling	Maths Assignment		
5-6pm	Science study: focus on cell attributes of mammals	Football Training	HaSS Assignment		
6-7pm		Reading			

As you will see there are many ways to set up a timetable which will differ depending on your circumstances and favoured learning styles.

I have also noticed many students are not using a diary. This may be on account of school diaries not being made available this year, but it is relatively easy to pick up a diary from the local newsagency, other stationary store or supermarket. It is good practice to develop the habit of using a diary to record upcoming assessments, assignments and events. While our fortnightly schedule helps us ensure that students are not overwhelmed or underwhelmed by homework, it is the student's responsibility to keep their own record of requirements. I'd like to see all students using a diary in Term 2.

## **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Garry Davis**

We have arrived very quickly at Week 9 with productive work taking place in both the Junior and Senior Campuses.

Kindergarten 1 visits have highlighted to me how well they have settled in. They are such a cohesive, positive group.

The Kindy/Pre-Primary and Pre-Primary classes now have new colourful chairs that add a shine to their room. Both classes are travelling well with a great feel to each class. Teachers are all very happy with their students' progress.

A special thank you to Miss Jenelle Heard for an excellent, well-organised Junior Campus Athletics' Carnival. Thank you to Mrs Wendy Mountford also for supporting Miss Heard every step of the way. The jumps and throws day went off very well. A big thank you to all the Senior Campus students who gave solid support on both days, as well as top level thanks to three Year 11/12 students who assisted from Leeming Senior High School. Our PBS "We do our best" was certainly adopted by many students.

A small group of students went to the Solar Car Challenge in Bunbury last Wednesday. Thank you Mrs Suckling for giving them the opportunity to improve their Science skills.

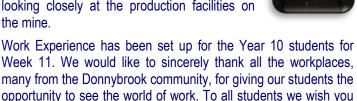
The Kitchen Gardens project has seen Year 3/4's enjoying the kitchen at the Senior Campus. Well done to all the parents or carers who have assisted in the Kitchen.

The Year 5/6 class has presented famous Australian speeches. Well done to all for their great research and speaking skills. The Year 5/6 students are really enjoying their time at the Senior Campus in their various options on a Wednesday afternoon.

The strong links with the Talison Lithium Mine in Greenbushes continue with an excursion with Year 8's on Wednesday 28 March. Students really appreciate the opportunity to learn about

the inner workings of this world class facility. They are studying the rock cycle, as well as looking closely at the production facilities on the mine.

experiencing life in the workplace.



The whole school Harmony Day went off very successfully. The highlight is seeing the Senior Campus students mix with the Junior Campus students. They all worked together so well in the various tasks they were given. Well done to Tom Booth for digging up an American coin while metal detecting. Your persistence paid off. Congratulations to Mrs Hutchison and Miss McLoughlin for the impeccable planning for the day.

an enjoyable experience in tasting the opportunities, as well as

Attendance is a strong focus this year at Donnybrook District High School. We call on all parents and carers to ensure that the message that every school day counts is passed to your children. It is critical that students miss as little school as possible. We have a target of increasing attendance by 1% at each year level compared to Semester 2 last year. At the moment our attendance rate overall is 92.3% just in front of the 92% target. Please remember to let the front office or your child's teacher know the reason for your child's absence as soon as possible before or after their absence.



(or) ● VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

Applications Close

**ASK SCHOOL RECEPTION FOR MORE INFORMATION** 

Friday 13 April 2018

School Banking

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

For more details contact the Bendigo Bank Donnybrook Branch on 9731 2446

The next school banking day is Thursday 5 April 2018



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## **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

## **Junior Campus News**

## **HARMONY DAY**

Harmony Day was successfully and brightly celebrated on Wednesday 21 March. Our Student Leaders led our assembly and parade extremely well. It was wonderful to see so many students and staff embrace the day by wearing their brightest clothes. Students from Years 1 – 10 worked harmoniously in groups on activities celebrating Australia's cultural diversity and a sense of belonging for everyone.

at which point the Ojo was complete. **Wendy Mountford 2WM** 



Making friendships bracelets with Mr Milne - Sierra

The bright colours, that everyone wore - Ella

That everyone gets along and has a great day - Lucas

Making the flower necklaces with Miss Place - Charlie I loved doing activities with new friends - Alisha

I really liked doing origami - William

I really loved the colourful clothes and the smiling faces - Ameliah

I loved how engaging it was and that no two activities were the same - Sarah

I loved learning about different countries - Roy

This is what Harmony Day means to Hamish:

I think that Harmony Day is all about when people from different countries resemble and unite together. Even if they have different coloured skin and/or talk a different language. We should all care, consider and respect each other and EVERYONE!

We would like to acknowledge our wonderful P&C for their support by funding the activities for Harmony Day. This is very much appreciated.





My country for Harmony Day was Mexico and we made 'Ojo de

Dios" which is an ancient symbol made by the Huichol Indians of

Mexico. Each year, a bit of yarn was added until the child turned five



## **Junior Campus Faction Athletics Carnival**

Congratulations to everyone involved in the Athletics Carnival days last week! On both days, the effort displayed by all competitors was outstanding! From nail biting races, to loud team chanting, the day was full of positivity, encouragement and competitiveness, making for an amazing atmosphere.

Many thanks to the parents, teachers, the Shire and Donnybrook Football club for their ongoing support and assistance to make the day possible. Also a huge congratulations to the students who were presented with runner-up/ champion boy/girl. Very well deserved!

Thank you again everyone for two

Jenelle Heard

## Faction Athletics Shield Winners!

Well done to Gold faction who claimed this year's shield, after an 11 year gap since their last victory!

1st	Gold	724 points
2nd	Blue	582 points
3rd	Red	530 points
4th	Green	513 points



## **Individual Champions & Runners Up**

Event	Name	Faction		
Yr 1 Girls Winner	Emerson Tysoe	Gold		
Yr 1 Girls Runner Up	Isla Cover	Blue		
Yr 1 Boys Winner	Harley Hale	Red		
Yr 1 Boys Runner Up	Kade Wiseman	Red		
Yr 2 Girls Winner	Sophie Ryan	Gold		
Yr 2 Girls Runner Up	Sadie Fishlock	Red		
Yr 2 Boys Winner	Caleb Thompson	Blue		
Yr 2 Runner Up	Harrison Smith	Green		
Yr 3 Girls Winner	Eliza Powell	Gold		
Yr 3 Girls Runner Up	Lily Martindale	Blue		
Yr 3 Boys Winner	Reuben Clarke	Gold		
Yr 3 Boys Runner Up	Alby Smith	Blue		
Yr 4 Girls Winner	Stella Pashley	Gold		
Yr 4 Girls Runner Up	Tahlia Khan	Blue		
Yr 4 Boys Winner	Jack Worsfold	Gold		
Yr 4 Boys Runner Up	Oliver Thomas	Green		
Yr 5 Girls Winner	Annabelle Behan	Green		
Yr 5 Girls Runner Up	Adelaide Young	Red		
Yr 5 Boys Winner	Tom Booth	Blue		
Yr 5 Boys Runner Up	Elijah Delaporte	Green		
Yr 6 Girls Winner	Kirra Jackson	Red		
Yr 6 Girls Runner Up	Chelsea Hutchinson	Blue		
Yr 6 Boys Winner	Beau McBeath	Gold		
Yr 6 Boys Runner Up	Joshua Smith	Gold		



## **Senior Campus News**

## Student Representative Council



On Thursday 15 March we held the World's Greatest Shave at the Junior and Senior Campuses. To help raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation two teachers volunteered to shave off their hair, we also had most other teachers volunteer to get their hair sprayed funky

colours. All together we raised \$850.00!



The Student Representative Council recently enjoyed a trip to Yallingup to experience the Ngiligi Caves, it was a fun and team building exercise. By the time the day was finished we all had to have learnt three different facts about each other.

On 21 March both campuses got together to celebrate Harmony Day. The day was full of bright colours and energy!



## We do our best



## **ART NEWS**

## **Artist of the Month - Marcie Trigwell!**

This talented Year 9 student is part of the Year 9/10 Visual Art class that have been studying Chiaroscuro techniques (applying light and dark) correctly, then will be manipulating these drawings in to a Cubist inspired artwork due at the end of this term. Marcie continues to push and develop her skills in her own time and is reaping the results from her willingness to experiment and explore different mediums. Well done Marcie.





## Art on Show at the Donnybrook Apple Festival

Please come down to the Apple Festival and enjoy some of the amazing art our students have been creating. Although many term projects are not complete yet it will give you some insight into our Year 4-10 Specialist Art programme.

# DESPERATE NOW ... OLD TOWELS NEEDED FOR THE ART ROOM!!





## TUNING IN TO TEENS Parenting Workshop

A FREE 4 SESSION PARENTING PROGRAM FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 10 -16

#### WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO:

- · Communicate with your teen more effectively?
- Learn how to Emotion Coach your teen through those difficult emotions?
- · Help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?
- · Help your teen develop coping skills, resilience and emotional intelligence?
- Guide your teen around problem solving and managing conflict.

#### EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE (EQ) MAY BE A BETTER PREDICTOR OF 'SUCCESS' THAN IQ!

Where: Bunbury Senior High School, 10-44 Haig Crescent, Bunbury WA (Library Conference Room)

When: Tuesday 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th May, 2018. Time: 5.00pm-7.30pm.

Cost: FREE

Facilitator: Sue Riccelli, Parenting Connections Southwest

Phone: Sue: 9720 9204 or 0432 874 936 or email: sue.riccelli@anglicarewa.org.au to book your place.



Presented by: Bunbury SHS P&C Asn Inc.



## General Information

## **P&C News**



The DDHS 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. We always welcome new members throughout the year, 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, are encouraged to come join us for our next meeting on 7 May at 3:20pm in the Year 1/2 cluster or contact Katya on 0439 923 214.

## **Fundraising**

What a wonderful sports day we had! A big thank you to all the staff and helpers that made the day such a success. Congratulations to Erin & Daniel Du Plessis on winning the sports day raffle full of sporting goods. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, we raised \$504 from the raffle and the Le Chariot Coffee Van also donated \$60 on the day, all of which will be going towards getting some speciality books for the Junior and Senior Campus libraries.



The Easter Raffle will be drawn tomorrow at the Junior Campus Easter Hat Parade, Thursday 29 March, thank you to everyone who donated goods to make this raffle a success.

To finish off the Term in style we will be having a Dance Off at the end of Week 10, Friday 6 April, thank you to everyone that has volunteered to help make this night a hit for all the kids.



Looking into Term 3, we have some exciting events coming up including National Walk to School Day, Mother's Day and our annual Cake Stall and raffle. As always, we could not do any of our events without the amazing support from all out volunteers, if you would like to help with any events, please contact Melinda Ward on 0447 064 198.



## Canteen

We would like to say a big Thank You!! to those families who have made donations of fruit to the canteen this term. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

We are still running our promotion every Friday in Term 1, for Sausage Rolls,



Spinach & Ricotta Rolls, Traveller Pies and Party Pies in addition to our regular healthy menu. With this term coming to a close and the new one beginning, we will be putting out a new Winter Menu for our canteen, notes will be sent out in the first week of Term 2.

A guick reminder that those wishing to order online need to use www.quickclig.com.au. Orders can also be placed in the classrooms in the Junior Campus or through the canteen at recess time at the Senior Campus.

The canteen is open every Wednesday-Friday and we are always looking for volunteers to help out for an hour or two. Come help make some lunches for our students with some great conversations and have a lunch and a coffee on us - we would love to see you. If you would like to come help, please give the canteen a ring on 9731 0025.

## **GREENBUSHES FUN RUN**

**SUNDAY 20 MAY 2018** 

This year's event will include:

5km Run/Walk

10km Run

5km Mountain Bike

15km Mountain Bike

Register Online: www.greenbushes.com.au

Proudly raising funds for:







## **PUBLIC NOTICES**

## **TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE** SANDHILLS ROADS DONNYBROOK



Notice is hereby given under the Local Government Act 1995, Part 3, Division 3, Subdivision 5 that the Shire will be temporarily closing (wholly for a period not exceeding 4 weeks) a portion of Sandhills Road to through traffic 9th April 2018 - 6th May 2018.

The closure is required for upgrades to Sandhills Road.

The closure will be from the intersection of Wade Road to Gibbons Road. A detour via Wade Road will be in place and clearly signed. RAV vehicles will need to use alternative RAV approved routes.

To view plans of the detour please visit the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup website http://www.donnvbrook-balingup.wa.gov.au/. Please contact the Works & Services Administration on 9780 4209 should you require any further information.

Thank you for your co-operation. Benjamin (Ben) Rose

**Chief Executive Officer** 

#### SKATE PARK CLOSURE

The Donnybrook Skate Park is currently closed for maintenance due to the unfortunate recent graffiti attacks.

At this stage, the Skate Park will remain closed through the Easter period.

Kind Regards,

Sage Devenyns

## **Engineering Administration & Support Officer**

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		Те	rm Calendar - '	Term 1 2018				
Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun	
9	26 March	27	28 NEWSLETTER Yr 8 Talison Science Excursion 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 Easter Tuesday School Closed	4 EARLY CLOSE	5 School Banking Senior Campus Science & Engineering Challenge - Bunbury	6 Senior Campus SRC Assembly Senior Campus Athletics Carnival at VC Mitchell Park Junior Campus Discovery Day Engineering Challenge Bunbury Junior Campus Dance Off	7	8	
11	9 April Yr10 Work Experience Week	10 Primary Interschool Athletics Carnival - South West Sports Centre Bunbury	11 EARLY CLOSE	ANZAC Day Whole School at Town Memorial 9.30 START	13 Students last day	14	15	
Н	16 April	17	18	19	20	21	21	
Н	23 April	24	25 ANZAC Day	26	27	28	28	
	Term Calendar - Term 2 2018							
	30 April	1 May	2 EARLY CLOSE	3	4	5	6	
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2	7 May P&C Meeting 3.20pm Yr 1/2 Cluster	8	9 EARLY CLOSE	10 School Banking	11 School Development Day SCHOOL CLOSED	12	13	
3	14 May	15 NAPLAN	16 EARLY CLOSE NAPLAN Newsletter	17 NAPLAN School Board 4.30pn	18 Primary Walk Safely to School Day & Breakfast	19	20	
4	21 May	22	23 EARLY CLOSE Jnr Campus Assembly 9.00am 5/6MH Eisteddfod Galas Concert Bunbury		25	26	27	
5	28 May	29	30 EARLY CLOSE	31	1 June	2	3	
6	4 June <b>WA Day</b>	5	6 EARLY CLOSE Jnr Campus Assembl 2/3 SD 9.00am Newsletter	7 School Banking	8 Junior Campus Faction Cross Country?	9	10	
7	11 June	12	13 EARLY CLOSE	14 School Board 4.30pn	15	16	17	