

# **Donnybrook District High School Newsletter**

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### 27 June <u>2018</u>

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - James Milne

Semester 1 concludes this Friday, following a busy and productive two terms of schooling. The students are looking forward to the break and I'm certain the teaching and support staff are as well. The teachers and education assistants have worked conscientiously to ensure the educational programs delivered match the needs of their students. The non-teaching staff have worked attentively to support the school community and their efforts certainly didn't go unnoticed. My sincere thanks to all staff for their work during Terms 1 and 2.

The students have been pushed hard, with the majority meeting the expectations placed upon them. As a school we are appreciative of their commitment and effort and look forward to seeing this continue in the second half of 2018. It is important to recognise that outstanding attitude, behaviour and effort is crucial in a student progressing and reaching their potential. Thankfully we have over 80% of our students who value their schooling and are capitalising on the programs and support in place.

Unfortunately there are students who are not working at their full capacity, and we need these students to turn things around in Term 3 and make the most of the opportunities being provided to them. This tends to occur more in the final years of Primary schooling and at the beginning of Secondary schooling. This is largely due to the increased expectations on students as they progress through school and the need for the students to adjust to these expectations each year.

Term 3 is shaping up to be an exciting term. Accompanying today's newsletter is a Term Calendar highlighting a number of significant events. Please give careful consideration to the planned events and mark these in your diary.

Please also note that students return to school for the commencement of Term 3 on Tuesday 17 July. Monday 16 July is a School Development Day (Pupil Free).

### Staffing

I would like to officially welcome Mrs Renee Reid to Donnybrook District High School. Renee won the position in a very competitive merit select process and I'm confident that she is a wonderful 'fit' for our school community. Renee has outstanding curriculum knowledge and a strong teaching background. She is a team orientated leader who has successfully guided and supported Tertiary and Vocational students.

Renee joins us from Esperance Senior High School and I'm looking forward to the ideas that she will bring to Donnybrook District High School to support our ongoing quest to be an exemplary school.

We do say farewell and thank you to Jeff Brown following his 7 ½ years working at both the Junior and Senior Campuses. Jeff should retire well satisfied in his contribution to the Western Australian public school system over a 40 year period. I have certainly appreciated



his support and commitment to the direction of the school. On behalf of our school community, I wish him the very best for this next chapter in his life.

We all also acknowledge the retirement of Mrs Karen Long who has given such incredible support at the Senior Campus Administration over 27 years. We will miss her hard work and kind and caring presence. Rhonda Williams who has worked in the Front Office at each campus in 2017/18 is also leaving. We would sincerely like to thank Rhonda for stepping in and learning the intricacies of the various roles and delivering wonderful support to staff, students and parents and carers.

### **Semester 1 Reports**

Semester 1 Reports are being emailed out this Wednesday and Thursday. Parents and carers who require a paper copy, may telephone the Junior or Senior Campus Front Office and request a copy of their child's report to be sent home. Parents and carers who have not provided an email address will be provided with a paper copy on Friday 29 June.

Parents and carers are encouraged to sit down with their child/ ren and look closely at their report, in particular reflecting on the comments made by the teachers and the overall attitude, behaviour and effort being displayed. Parents and carers need to make the time to meet with the teachers if an interview was requested. If an interview wasn't requested, they are still more than welcome to request a meeting with teachers to discuss their child/ren's progress. It is imperative that we work together to address the students areas of need. Interviews can be arranged by contacting the Front Office or the teachers directly.

### Kindergarten 2019

Donnybrook District High School, like all Public Schools, is now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2019. Enrolments are for children turning four by 30 June 2019. Places are limited and therefore parents and carers are urged to enrol their child/ren ASAP to secure a placement for next year.

An Application of Enrolment can be collected from either the Junior or Senior Campuses, or alternatively can be mailed home by phoning the school on 9731 1557.



## ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Jeff Brown

Our Art teacher, Sue Jessop, is taking some well-deserved long service leave in Term 3 and 4. We wish Sue a great rest from the world of Art teaching and thank her for the work she does for our students, and for the school and community. We have some exceptionally talented students in the area of Visual Arts and Sue, through her expert knowledge and skill as a teacher, is able to bring out the best in them; as you will have seen from art exhibitions, the newsletter and on the school Facebook page.

Sue will be replaced by Sue McKee who has a wealth of experience both as an artist and as an Art teacher. I welcome Sue to our staff and to the school community and know that she will enjoy working with our talented group of young artists.

As this is my last week at the school, I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to everybody; all staff, students and parents who have made my time here an enjoyable experience. After 40 rewarding years with the Department of Education, I felt it was time for a change and am taking up an exciting opportunity to work part-time in tertiary education. Best wishes to everyone.

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

Semester 1 has been a very busy one. Across the Junior and Senior Campus I have seen the wonderful work of so many students on display every day. Looking at the reports from Kindergarten to Year 6 I have seen a high number of quiet achievers who always strive to do their best. Their report comments and grades show that the majority of students make the best of their learning opportunities.

Kindergarten 1 will be finishing the term with a staff/student pyjama day on Wednesday 27 June. This highlights their theme of day/night, finishing the term on a night shift!

The Kindergarten/Pre-Primary cluster have been busily adding to their vegetable garden. All the students are super enthused in helping Mrs Cain to plant a number of vegetables and watch their oranges and sunflowers grow. They are all keen to see the garden thrive. Well done to both classes for settling in so well in Semester 1.

The Year 1/2 cluster farewelled Peta Murphy in style last week. Peta has been a wonderful presence right across the lower primary classes since starting in 1987. This is an incredible 31 years of service. Peta has changed so many lives with her wonderful work ethic as well as her incredible strength in coaching special needs students to blossom into independent learners.

The Year 3/4 cluster has had a very productive semester. All 3 classes have shown the value of concentrating on their core Literacy and Numeracy skills. The targeting of writing through Bright Path is showing very positive results as students know at each step what are the key skills they need to focus upon to improve to the next level. The Kitchen Garden's Project with Mrs Rose and Ms Seton has continued to engage all students in 3/4LP and 4JH. Each visit to the Senior Campus Kitchen has been well received.

The Year 5/6 cluster had their Student Leader campaign speeches last week. Eighteen students had the bravery to step up and sell their

leadership credentials. I know that all students gained key self-confidence skills by having a go. Semester 2 Student Leaders will be announced at the assembly on Thursday 28 June.

Farewell Jeff!



A reminder that In-Term Swimming lessons from Pre-Primary to Year 6 occur from 13 to 24 August. Registration forms will be sent out shortly.

The Senior Campus has been very busy late in the term. The cows have again visited and shown the Year 8's the hard work and the science that goes into keeping them fed, healthy and well looked after. The Year 10's are out on work experience this week. Eleven students are now learning the world of work. The Term 1 work experience students really enjoyed their time out in the community. We thank all local employers who have given our students these excellent life experience opportunities.

The Year 10's have the opportunity to complete Applied First Aid through Donnybrook St John Ambulance Sub-Centre on either Friday 27 July or Friday 3 August. Also, on the 27 July, a limit of 22 Year 10's have the opportunity to attend a Simulated Car Accident at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre. This scenario is a joint effort between Manea Senior College and St John Ambulance and highlights the key risk of Texting and Driving.

I would like to sincerely thank Mr Jeff Brown for his tireless efforts as Associate Principal over the last 7 1/2 years. He has always had the best interests of every student at the forefront of his actions. His incredible strengths as a leader, as well as being a compassionate person will always be remembered. I know that all students in his care, as well as all staff, wish him a fond farewell for a bright, positive future.

Have a safe and happy holiday. "Click and Clack, front and back or the car cannot go!"

Convenient Payment Options Available					
Cheques & Money Orders	Posted to 58 Mead St	, Donnybrook WA 6239			
Electronic Transfer:	BSB: 633 000 Please use student r	Account: 121097182 name as reference	Bank: Bendigo Bank		
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 Ma	nager Corporate Services on (08) 973	31 1557 or email sarah.bible@education.wa.edu.au		

## **Junior Campus News**

### Junior Faction Cross Country

This years Cross Country was a day filled with determination, excitement and positive support. Thank you to everyone who was involved and who made the effort to come and support the students as they took on the challenging Cross-Country course. The amount of positivity and encouragement throughout the day amongst students was incredible which really represented our motto of C.A.R.E; an extremely proud day for everyone at Donnybrook District High School. Congratulations to all students who challenged themselves on the track and who achieved their goals that were planned prior to the event. Gold faction stood strong once again, taking home the victory!

### The final results were:

1st Gold 138 pts 2nd Blue 99 pts 3rd Red 82 pts 4th Green 76 pts

Lastly, a massive congratulations to the year 3-6 students listed below who made it into the interschool Cross Country team.

### Jenelle Heard

Physical Education Teacher

Year 3 Girls		Year 3 Boys	
1	Lily M	1	Jett S
2	Eliza P	2	Daniel D
3	Charli T	3	Damon C
4	Sierra J	4	Jojo K
Reserve	Chloe D	Reserve	Rueben C
Year 4 Girls		Year 4 Boys	
1	Amy H	1	Oliver T
2	Erin G	2	Isaiah B
3	Stella P	3	Aiden O
4	Amora-Grace B	4	Ari W
Reserve	Tahlia K	Reserve	Thomas W
Year 5 Girls		Year 5 Boys	
1	Annabelle B	1	Elijah D
2	Adelaide Y	2	Darcy W
3	Zoe S	3	George P
4	Khloe W	4	Tay P
Reserve	Megan M	Reserve	Samuel P
Year 6 Girls		Year 6 Boys	
1	Chelsea H	1	Samuel O
2	Lucinda P	2	Beau M
3	Melanie H	3	Joshua S
4	Nikita P	4	Euan T
Reserve	Joely T	Reserve	Lucas S



Last minute pointers from Miss Heard

### <u>Green Team</u>





When planning lunches for this day and throughout the year, please help us minimise food and packaging waste by packing a waste-less lunch.

The idea is EVERYTHING in the lunch box is edible, washable or re-usable (returned home to be reused).

#### Try to pack a Waste-Less Lunchbox

- Snacks in reusable containers
- Drinks in a reusable container
- Reusable utensils when needed
- A reusable lunchbox or backpack
- Small pieces of fruit, yoghurt or snack items in a reusable container

#### Avoid a Disposable Lunchbox

- Lunches packed in plastic bags or wrap, foil, wax paper
- Disposable drink boxes, pouches, cans, cartons and bottles
- Disposable forks and spoons
- Pre-packaged single-serve snack items



### From the Green Team



Congratulations to Year 3 girls, Eliza Powell, Lily Martindale, Charli Thomas and Sierra Jones



### Senior Campus News

#### English

We have had a productive semester in English so far with all students in Years 7-10 entering the Write 4 Fun Australian-Wide Writing Competition. Donnybrook District High School had more than 10 students pass the initial judging stage in the 2018 School's Writing Competition.

This year, the competition was held throughout primary and secondary schools within Australia and they received a total of over 10,000 entries. Donnybrook District High School was recognised for outstanding writing as less than 10% of schools showed this level of achievement.

Adding to this incredible result, our very own Year 10 student Jamie Oliver received second place for her poem 'Equality' winning a stationery prize pack, an engraved pen and a cheque for \$250.

I am very proud of Jamie for her winning poem and for all of my students for giving the competition a go and putting Donnybrook's name on the map. Well done! I have included Jamie's poem 'Equality' for you to read and enjoy, as well as some of my personal favourites across the year groups.

I look forward to seeing how well we do in the competition next year. Keep up the great work!

Samantha Wright **English Teacher** 





Year 7's studied humorous poems,	
including limericks:	
Dacked Duck Jack	
by Lauchlan Roberts (Year 7)	
There once was a duck called Jack	
Who managed to get himself dacked	1
He ran and he hurled	1
He tripped and he curled	I

And oh the worst swear word he quack



#### Year 10's studied protest poetry and song: Equality

### by Jamie Oliver (Year 10)

To the man that thinks it's okay to call women weak,

sometimes words are more powerful than actions, if you would just let her speak.

To the father that says boys shouldn't cry,

how would you want him to react when it was your time to say goodbye? To the people that think it's funny to bully people just for their clothes, they already have issues that you don't know about, to deal with back home. To the person that thinks it's funny to make racial slurs about someone's skin colour.

to be honest, inside, we are not that much different from one another. To the person that brings someone down just because of their religion, wouldn't you want to stand up for what you believe in? To the child that made fun of his classmate for his disability,

his disability is just a mask hiding his amazing personality. And to the parents that are disappointed in their child for being gay, why is it that if they were straight you wouldn't have much to say? What I don't understand is why can't we just accept people for who they are? And why is the road to equality so far?

e AIRG. LIC ems,	Year 8's studied a range of poetry, including adverb poems: Softly by Megan Anderson (Year 8) Softly were the voices whispered through the trees Softly did one cry when another had to leave Softly do the footsteps echo down an empty hall Softly was it built, the beginnings of a wall Softly does the heartbeat rise when one tells a lie Softly does the heartbeat rise when one tells a lie Softly does the brightness fade and leave an empty eye Softly did a memory fall and start to drift away Softly did it creep back up when one's heart began to decay Soft can be a feeling, softer than a rose But nothing could be softer than a shattered soul that learns to regrow		Year 9's studied Australian poetry: Preston River by Liam Dillon (Year 9) The Preston river rolls past our town in Donnybrook and takes a slow look at the ropes and swings on every bank at the rolling hills tinged with yellow at the heavy rains of the Winter at the starving droughts when the Summer comes at the fallen leaves of the Autumn and at the rebirth during the Spring time Sometimes the river flows over and drowns the banks in its wrath other times it flows peacefully, following its own path. The Preston River rolls past our town, takes a long look, and rolls away.
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### **ART NEWS**

The Black Swan Portraiture Prize is a Western Australian state wide Perth based competition that celebrates the best WA portraits. The youth section encourages young people to enter a portrait or self portrait of a significant Australian. This year we will be entering possibly three entries. Sevina Jones (Year 10) Cubist inspired family portraits is the first finished and will be submitted by our school.

Donna's portrait of Ariana Grande will be submitted in the Bunbury Visions Exhibition at the Bunbury Art Gallery in August. Both works are outstanding and are currently displayed with other great works in the DDHS High School foyer.

Sue Jessop Art Specialist Teacher





Cubist Family Portrait by Sevina Jones, Year 10



Ariana Grande by Donna, Year 9

### **Music News**

On Sunday June 10, Donnybrook District High School and Collie Senior High School got together for a workshop/ rehearsal in the under cover area at Donnybrook to get ready for our performance in the City of Bunbury Eisteddfod on Saturday 16 June.

A great morning was had by all. The students enjoyed catching up with their friends from Collie, seeing and working with their past teacher, Mr Nick Vane, and getting together to perform. The sound the band produced was outstanding.

All that practice paid off! The Combined Donnybrook/Collie Concert Band gave an outstanding performance on the night of the Eisteddfod. They finished 2nd in their section and should be very proud of their achievement



### **General News**

#### P&C News

As we come to the end of the second term the P&C would like to send out a **huge thank you** to everyone who's donated some amazing fruit and food to our canteen, we and all the children truly appreciate your donations!!! The



P&C would also like to offer our heartfelt thanks to everyone who donates their time and efforts towards the P&C and school events. Without the help of our amazing volunteers these events would not continue.



We would also like to welcome all our new members that have recently joined the P&C, without your help the P&C along with the canteen would have had to close its doors. Thank you to

everyone that has joined! If you'd like to donate a little bit of your time to helping us at the P&C please feel free to either contact Jess on <u>donnybrookdhs.p.c@gmail.com</u> or simply come to our **next meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 7:00pm** in the Senior Campus Library. We would love to see you there!

### **Fundraising**

This Friday we have our annual **Cake Stall** and raffle on **June 30th**, we are asking everyone to please take the time to either donate a baked item to go in our cake stall or volunteer some time to help man the stall. Hopefully this year will be just as big as last year!



As always, we could not do any of our events without the amazing support from all our volunteers, if you would like to help with any events, please contact Melinda Ward on 0447 064 198.

#### Canteen

Thank you to all our lovely volunteers that we have had throughout the first half of the year! It is great to meet new faces and the children love to see their parents in the canteen during recess and lunch.

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.

A quick reminder that those wishing to order online need to use <u>www.quickcliq.com.au</u>. Orders can also be placed in the classrooms in the Junior Campus or through the canteen at recess time in the Senior Campus.

#### <u>Uniforms</u>

Unfortunately, our lovely uniform coordinator is leaving us shortly, therefore we are currently seeking another motivated individual to become our new uniform coordinator. If you or someone



you know is interested in this position, please contact Vanessa on 0438 163 184.

We also have some amazing specials on some discontinued stock in our Junior campus. If anyone is interested in the below specials, please contact Vanessa on 0438 163 184.

Rugby Jumper: Current price: \$30 Discount Price: \$20 Surf Shirt (Long sleeve): Current price: \$22 Discount Price: \$10 Knit Shorts: Current price: \$22 Discount Price: \$10

**Please note:** Uniform payments can be made at the front office of the Junior and Senior Campuses. Cash and Credit Card payments will be accepted, **Direct Deposit is no longer available.** 



Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner



Keep it private – show your child how to use privacy settings to control what others can see.

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# Should my child be on social media?

Get in the know

- research the 'terms of use' and age requirements on social media services and

explain them to

your child.

Parents can sometimes feel the pressure of pester power to allow their children on social media, even if they don't feel comfortable doing so.

While these services are a fun way to stay connected with others, there can be downsides like cyberbullying, risks to privacy and contact from strangers.

If you allow your child to sign up to a social media service, consider these handy tips.

Join in - create an account yourself and find out what your child is likely to encounter.

Talk – maintain open communication with your child so they feel safe talking to you about any concerns.

Learn more -keep up to date with popular social media sites at esafety.gov.au/ quickguide

esafety.gov.au/iparent

### Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



medicare child support

#### Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Near the Community Resource Centre, South Western Highway

DONNYBROOK

Tuesday 17 July 2018

9 am to 4 pm

For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice or call 132 316.



Play nice – encourage your child to respect others online and to always think before posting.

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Report - show your child how to report inappropriate content, especially cyberbullying.

cyberbullying.

Beware of bad eggs -teach your child that not everyone they meet online can be trusted, even if they seem nice or friendly.

		Т	erm Calendar - <sup>-</sup>	Term 3 2018			
Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1	<sup>16 July</sup> School Development	17 Students Resume	18 EARLY CLOSE SC Yr 9&10 Parent/ Student Canberra Camp meeting 5:30pm Seniors Room	19	20	21	22
2	23 July P&C Meeting Senior Campus Library 7pm	24	25 EARLY CLOSE	26	27 SC Yr 10 - Crash Simulation Bunbury SC YR 9/10 – First Aid Course	28	29
3	30 July	31 Senior Campus SWSH Yr7-10 Interschool Cross Country	1 August Newsletter EARLY CLOSE Jnr Campus Assembly 1SP 9.00am	2	3 SC YR 10 – First Aid Course	4	5
4	<sup>6 Aug</sup> Year 9/10 Canberra Trip ————————————————————————————————————	7	8 EARLY CLOSE	9 School Board Mtg4.30pm	10	11	12
5	13 Aug In-Term Swimming PP-6 Year 9/10 Canberra Trip Return	14	15 EARLY CLOSE	16	17	18	19
6	20 Aug In-Term Swimming PP-6	21 Year 10 Road Trauma Prevention Excursion	22 Newsletter EARLY CLOSE Jnr Campus Assembly 2WM 9.00am	23 Senior Campus Yr 7 & 8 Lightening Carnival	24	25	26
7	27 Aug	28	29 EARLY CLOSE	30	31 Primary Winter Sports Carnival	1 Sept	2
8	3 Sept	4	5 EARLY CLOSE	6 School Board Mtg 4.30pm	7 Junior Concert Band Camp Woodman Point	8 Band Camp	9 Band Camp
9	10 Sept	11	12 Newsletter EARLY CLOSE Jnr Campus Assembly 1HW 9.00am	13	14	15	16
10	17 Sept	18	19 EARLY CLOSE Senior Campus Yr 9 & 10 Winter Carnival	20	21 Students last day	22	23
н	24 Sept <b>Queens Birthday</b>	25	26	27	28	29	30
Н	1 Oct	2	3	4	5	6	7