

## Donnybrook District High School Newsletter

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# 2018 SOUNDS AT SUNSET

On Monday 5 November, Donnybrook District High School once again presented our annual Sounds at Sunset Concert. Students from Years 4 through to 10 showcased their musical talents, with the four Year 10 students leading as MCs for the evening, they also did a great deal of the event management.



With the help of the Music Support Group, parents, community members and staff, the night was a mix of music and food befitting the 60s and the surf scene.

The musical program consisted of Primary Choir, Class Music ensembles, solos, ensembles and Concert Band pieces and the band welcomed players from Collie Senior High School who often combine for major events throughout the year.

A notable addition to the evening this year was the younger members of the audience participating in limbo. Principal Jamie Milne and the Deputy Garry Davis holding the limbo pole whilst the band played 'Limbo Rock'. There was a dance off to 'Surfin' USA'. A good night was had by all.

Mr Luke





## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - James Milne

Donnybrook District High School, like all schools throughout Western Australia, has a strong focus on behaviour management which aims to embed positive behaviour in all of our students. Positive behaviours are best developed and supported through relationship-based whole school practices and clearly communicated behavioural expectations

Donnybrook District High School, has adopted the evidence based approach known as Positive Behaviour Support (PBS). All students from Kindergarten to Year 10, are being explicitly taught to;

**Consider**  
**Aspire**  
**Respect and**  
**Engage**

These are the 4 core values that form an umbrella over all of the expectations we place on students within the classroom and the playground.

PBS recognises that there are times when various students, groups of students and cohorts of students present challenging behaviours that require extra support and interventions. To assist in this area, the school has a detailed framework that guides the staff in managing these situations and importantly bringing about an encouraging change.

The leadership team and classroom teachers are currently working hard to modify the behaviour of a number of students. This can be a difficult task, but can be made significantly easier with the assistance of families. Parents and carers who are contacted in relation to their child/ren's behaviour are urged to work in partnership with the school to bring about a change to the manner in which their child is behaving in the classroom and/or playground.

For the small minority of students who need to improve, they should reflect on their negative behaviour and make the necessary adjustments to ensure they are doing the right thing for themselves and their peers. As a school we understand that some students take longer than others to meet our expectations, however if no genuine attempt to improve is being made, then they will find themselves missing out on extracurricular (no compulsory) activities at the conclusion of the school year.

Importantly for our school community, the large majority of Donnybrook District High School students regularly demonstrate CARE throughout the school day and they should be acknowledged and congratulated for this.

Should you wish to discuss anything related to Behaviour Management, I encourage you to please call in for a chat.

### 2019 Structure and Programs

Planning around next year is continuing and further information on class structures and programs will be

made available to parents and carers via the next newsletter and/or through letters and meetings. There is still a lot of work taking place to finalise arrangements, but I trust this will provide sufficient time and avenues to have any queries or questions raised and resolved



If you would like to meet with me to discuss 2019, you are more than welcome to call and arrange a mutually convenient time. Alternatively you may email me at [james.milne@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:james.milne@education.wa.edu.au)

### 2019 Packages

A number of important documents are being sent home this week. These include a copy of the 2019 Contributions and Charges, 2019 Personal Items List and Secondary Course Selection Handbooks. An updated School Information Booklet was also compiled and included in the pack for your reference. If you didn't receive a copy of these documents, they are available on our website under the Information Tab.

### End of Year Presentation Assembly and Family Picnic

This event is entering its fourth year and it is shaping up to once again be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the conclusion of another year of schooling at Donnybrook District High School. The Presentation Assembly will be held at the Donnybrook Recreation Centre, commencing at 10:00am on Wednesday 12 December. In addition to acknowledging the outstanding achievement of a number of students from Years 3 - 9, the community will be entertained by the School Concert Band and the Primary Choir. Our Year 6 students will also receive their Primary Graduation certificates, recognising the end of their Primary years and their transition to Secondary.

Following the Presentation Assembly, a Family Picnic is being held on the Junior Campus oval. Once again there will be Bouncy Castles and Food Stalls and a genuine chance to relax and have fun with your child/ren, together with staff and members of our fantastic community.



## ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Renee Reid

Term Four has been flying by and, before we know it, it will be time to say goodbye to all of our lovely Year 10s. Teachers are starting to prepare some of our final assessments for the year but final grading doesn't finish until reports are distributed. I know teachers have been calling, emailing and meeting with parents but if you are in any doubt as to where your child is currently sitting (or what they still need to do to ensure they pass), please don't hesitate to contact teachers to check in.

### Sounds at Sunset

I brought my family along to experience my first Sounds at Sunset and we were all really impressed. During the day, I watched our year 10s organise themselves to set up the entire undercover area and their methodical and organised approach was outstanding. They had to problem-solve a number of issues and it didn't faze them at all. Then the community volunteers arrived after school hours to help put on the finishing touches and make the 60s theme come alive. Teachers and students alike showed a real love of music on the night and overcame their nervousness to perform in front of a large crowd. Thanks to everyone who donated and/or helped to organise and run this great event. It really showcases the talent we have in our school.

The Concert Band will be doing another performance for the Primary Campus at the end of the month too.

### Dr Yes visit

Next week, we are having a visit from Dr YES (Youth Education Sessions). Dr YES is a program run by the Australian Medical Association where medical students go out to metropolitan and rural high schools to have open and engaging communications about the big issues facing youth health. One of their key goals is to help break down the barriers preventing young people from accessing health care and to overcome some of the common misconceptions about doctors.

Students will be attending the following sessions as part of their Health course: Year 7/8s - Mental health, Year 9s - Alcohol & other drugs, Year 10s - Sexual health.

### Year 10s

The end of the year is rapidly approaching and we have been making sure that our Year 10 students all have somewhere to go to next year to further their education. It's really important that students are enrolled in their next place of study (or apprenticeship) as early as possible so as not to miss out on their first choice. So far, I know we have a number of students attending Bunbury SHS and Manea, along with a couple enrolled in Dalyellup and one in Harvey Agricultural College. A few students have not yet confirmed where they will be attending so please contact me for further assistance.

We will be holding special celebrations for our graduating Year 10s in Week 9 and 10. On Friday December 7th, an excursion to Adventure World will take place. The Presentation Ceremony and Graduation Dinner will be held on Monday December 10. A letter went out to all year 10s last week but simply ring the school, if you want more information.



I have been enjoying the sales pitches of the year 10 class who are investing some money to try and make even more money! Healthy food options, face painting and some scrap recycling items are some of the fun ideas they have to make money. Good luck!

### Gilliana

Mr Hutchison, along with some dedicated year 9s and 10s, has been working really hard to try and finalise the Gilliana to not only produce a stylish yearbook, but to give our Year 10 students in particular some amazing memories to take away. I know he has spent a lot of time outside of hours to try and make the deadline and we appreciate his hard work and commitment. It will have a new look this year and I know students have enjoyed designing the colourful pages.

### Transition Day

Our next Transition Day will be on Wednesday Week 7. It will be similar to last Transition Day but students will get to experience a fun Science lesson with Mr Duncan this time! Parents are encouraged to come and meet with staff after Transition Day from 3pm in the library's Seniors Room. We will show you Connect and how we will use it to contact you next year.

### Assembly

A Senior Campus assembly will be held this Friday November 16<sup>th</sup>. Parents and Carers are welcome to attend.

### Have you updated contact details?

We still have trouble contacting some parents due to changes in phone numbers and email addresses. If you're not sure if you have recently updated your details, please ring the front office to check and change accordingly. Thanks for your help with this.

Remember that my door is always open so parents and carers are encouraged to drop in and discuss the individual needs of their child. You know your child better than anyone else and your input in their education is vital.



## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Garry Davis

The Sounds at Sunset Concert was a very enjoyable night. The Collie students who combined with us for the band competitions during the year kindly came over to support the night. The band teacher from Collie was very strong in her praise in the way that both schools mixed together positively and became a very strong supportive band. The Primary Choir under the guidance of Ms Melinda Ward sang well. All students showed their excellent skills over the night in their groups, as solos, as well as with the combined band. Well done to the parent music support group for their background support all year. Special thanks to the music specialists: Mr Phil Luke, Mrs Michelle Bracken-Perks and Mrs Wendy Armstrong for their strong guidance and support in making Sounds At Sunset 2018 such a success.

A sincere thank you to Mr Callum Gray, Year 10, who played the Last Post and Reveille on Sunday at the Donnybrook War Memorial Service for the Centenary of Armistice Day. He was thanked by all those who attended the ceremony. His performance under pressure was flawless. Sincere congratulations Callum from us all at Donnybrook District High School as well as from Mr Ric Evans the Donnybrook RSL President.

I had the pleasure of attending the first night of The Night of The Notables in the Year 5/6 rooms on Tuesday 13 November. Year 5/6GL presented their speeches on their chosen notable character. Each

student also dressed appropriate to their character. I was amazed at the great delivery from every student: many different characters were chosen. Each one allowed students to explore why they were famous. All parents and carers in the audience learnt inspiring messages gained from their talks. Students were passionate and were able to fit in with their characters so well. The key benefit of the whole night was the self-confidence gained from speaking in front of the audience of parents and carers as well as their peers. As each one left the podium you could see the pride they had all gained. I look forward to the next two nights of talent. Special thanks to Mrs Howlett, Ms Ettridge and Mrs Busson for their strong guidance and support for public speaking.

We all would like to farewell Ms Katelyn Ettridge who has taken Year 5/6GL and Maths for the last 6 weeks.

We welcome Mr Little back on Monday 19

November after a refreshing break.



## Senior Campus News

# YEAR 8 SKATEBOARDS



Emma Gaby-Koroivawai



Kyle Denning



Morris Watkins



Chloe Rogers



## Junior Campus News

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Donnybrook resident and Bunbury optometrist, Michelle Piotrowski is putting a callout for any unneeded spectacles. She will be travelling to Sri Lanka this year as part of a team that will be delivering eye care and glasses to remote communities including a local orphanage.  
The team will examine 500-600 patients a day with over 3000 pairs of glasses expected to be dispensed. To aid her in this remarkable project, the Year 3's from 3MA are asking for donations of any old or unwanted spectacles that they can donate to this wonderful cause. If you have any glasses that you would like to donate, please send them to the Junior Campus front office for collection.  
These donations will be collected by Mr House, one of our ECU preservice teachers on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** and will be then delivered to Michelle.  
The students from 3MA and the men, women and children of Sri Lanka would like to thank you for your support in this matter.

Regards  
Mr Armstrong & Mr House

On Thursday the 1 November, Miss Heard's Physical Education classes had Chris from the Western Australia Cricket Association (WACA) take them for cricket clinics. Chris is from South Africa and has played cricket all over the world. Students learnt some new skills and participated in cricket drills and fun games. Well done to all students involved who showed great enthusiasm, engagement and respect! Chris was very impressed with everyone's positive attitude and awesome cricket skills! It was a fantastic day enjoyed by all.





## DDHS P&C News

As the year is drawing to a close and 2019 is fast approaching the DDHS P&C would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers along with all the amazing people & businesses that donate throughout the year, we truly appreciate all your help!!! We'd also like to thank all our members for being there to support the P&C and to help it contribute so much to our school. Without our P&C members we would not be able to continue running which would mean the loss of so many great things within our school community. The P&C helps fund projects such as Reading Eggs, Education Perfect, Harmony Day, Family Picnic, Graduation, Colour Fun Run and we can't forget our fantastic Canteen!

**The P&C would like to make 2019 our best year yet and to do that we need you!** At our AGM all executive positions will be deemed open and we are currently looking for some amazing Mums, Dads & Carers to volunteer their time to help us achieve our goal. We are a firm believer of "Many hands make light work" so please consider lending your hand!

### Positions Available in 2019

**President** – Chairs the meetings, liaises with the school and approves P&C Minutes/Agendas.

**Vice President** – Assists the President

**Treasurer** – Manages the P&C Account, pays invoices and submits the Treasurers report at the meetings

**Fundraising Co-ordinator** – Works with volunteers to co-ordinate fundraising events throughout the year

**Canteen Co-ordinator** – Liaises with the Canteen staff and helps with the creation of the new canteen menus.

**School Board Rep** – Attends the school board meetings and convey any important information at the P&C Meetings

**Committee Members** – Attend P&C Meetings to discuss funding requests, contribute input to new P&C funded projects, contribute ideas for new fundraising projects.

If you are interested or even if you and a friend would like to share one of these roles please contact Katya on 0439 923 214 or Jess via [donnybrookp.c@gmail.com](mailto:donnybrookp.c@gmail.com) for more information.

Thank you!

### Family Picnic – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

It is getting close to that time of year that we all enjoy, our annual Family Picnic!!! We are very excited to announce that this year we will have some Market Stalls selling local produce and crafts on the day in addition to all the fun events and our delicious lunch.

If anyone is interested in setting up a stall for the low price of \$10 for the day, please contact Melinda Ward on 0447 064 198.

### Uniforms

We still have some amazing specials on some discontinued stock in our Junior campus. If anyone is interested in the below specials, they can be purchased from the DDHS Offices.

**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



Office of the Children's  
eSafety Commissioner

## Keeping an eye on screen time

Are your kids constantly glued to a screen? Where do you draw the line to keep screen time in check? This quick guide can help parents manage screen time.

### What is screen time?

Screen time is the amount of time spent watching a screen or electronic media for entertainment. It includes:

- Watching TV
- Watching DVDs & other online shows
- Using computers or other devices to access online entertainment
- Playing games on consoles, computers and mobile phones
- Texting

Screen time does not include time spent on educational activities, such as for school work.

### What is the right amount of screen time?

We know parents are time-poor, dealing with work and other life pressures, so screen time can be an easy alternative for keeping kids occupied. But what is recommended?

Health experts suggest these screen time limits:

Ages	Screen time limit
Ages 0-2	No Screen time
Ages 2-5	Less than 1 hour per day
Ages 5-17	Less than 2 hours per day

Source: Australia's Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines

### Is too much screen time a risk?

It is important that parents help their children enjoy a mix of entertainment and social activities. Excessive screen time may lead to problems such as:

- Increased risk of obesity
- Sleep difficulties
- Poor performance at school

### But not all screen time is bad

Screens are a part of family life and when used in moderation can offer positive benefits, like:

- Enhancing learning experiences
- Facilitating social interaction
- Improving motor skills, coordination, literacy and numeracy

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## General News



Government of Western Australia  
WA Country Health Service

### Important information for parents about Meningococcal ACWY disease

In WA Meningococcal ACWY vaccine is currently provided free for all children aged 1-4 years and for adolescents 15-19 years. This is in response to ongoing meningococcal infections including the new emerging W strain, which is particularly serious.

In WA from January to October 2018, there have been 34 cases of meningococcal disease, 25 of these the W strain. Even though free meningococcal vaccination is available for all adolescents aged 15-19 years, coverage in the South West is only **60%**. South West coverage for the 1-4 year age group is even lower at **50%**.

We urge you to have your children vaccinated against this life-threatening disease. Vaccination is available from your GP and Community Health Centre. For further information please contact the SW Population Health Unit on 97812355.



### APPLICATION FOR SIR FRANK LEDGER CHARITABLE TRUST VOYAGE SPONSORSHIP

The Sir Frank Ledger Charitable Trust provides sponsorship to deserving young people from 14-25 years of age who wish to participate on a Leeuwin Youth Explorer Voyage. Leeuwin Ocean Adventure operates 7 day/6 night voyages on the sailing vessel *STS Leeuwin II* primarily for young Western Australians. Voyages are suitable for individuals from all walks of life and backgrounds. The Voyage program is designed to help young people build skills such as self-confidence, communication, team work and leadership – all of which are critical to obtaining, and making the most of education and employment opportunities. For school age participants, the School Curriculum and Standards Authority has endorsed Leeuwin voyages as suitable programs for young people in years 10, 11 & 12 to earn 1 unit towards their Western Australian Certificate of Education.

Participation may also be entered onto a student's WA Statement of Student Achievement. The voyage fare covers: the sail training program, all accommodation and meals, use of wet weather gear, shore visits (weather and program permitting), and a 12 month Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation (which provides access to the Leeuwin volunteering program and other benefits). In cases of extreme hardship further funding may be granted by The Sir Frank Ledger Trust to help cover the remaining voyage fare, transport, accommodation and/ or equipment costs; these will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Eligibility for sponsorship is assessed on the information provided by applicants via the attached form. Please complete each question and send your application to:

**Sir Frank Ledger Trust Sponsorship Officer**  
**Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation Limited**  
**PO Box 1100 Fremantle Western Australia 6959**  
**Fax to: 94304494 Or Email: [office@sailleeuwin.com](mailto:office@sailleeuwin.com)**

### Wanslea Grandcare Youth Camp



Wanslea is excited to announce that we will be running 2 camps in January 2019 school holidays for teenagers aged 13 - 17 years who live in the full time care of grandparents. The camps will be lots of fun with heaps of different activities for young people to try including;

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abseiling               | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Climbing  | <input type="checkbox"/> Comedy Workshop      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography/Film Making | <input type="checkbox"/> Music          | <input type="checkbox"/> Bush survival skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Noongar Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Ghost Stories!       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surfing Lessons         | <input type="checkbox"/> Kayaking       | <input type="checkbox"/> Baking               |

*Please note: activities are not yet finalised and may vary between camps. If you have suggestions for activities please let Maddie know ASAP! We will do our best to incorporate suggestions.*

**Please register your interest ASAP to avoid disappointment**

**These camps are *FREE* and transport to and from each camp will be provided**

**Please nominate which camp you would like to attend**

**Lions Myalup Pine Cottages Camp, Myalup, 14 -17 January 2019 or  
Camp Quararup, Albany, 21 -24 January 2019**



If you are, or know of a young person who would like to attend please contact Camp Coordinator, Maddie McLeod email [mmcleod@wanslea.asn.au](mailto:mmcleod@wanslea.asn.au) or call on 9245 2441 for further information and a registration form.



It's that time of the year again and School Bus Services (SBS) have commenced planning for the 2019 school year.

*To ensure that your child/ren's school bus transport requirements are passed along to SBS, it will be appreciated if you consider the following questions and take action where appropriate:*

### **CHANGE TO CIRCUMSTANCES**

- *Is your child changing schools in 2019, including changing from primary school to high school and will need to catch the bus?*
- *Are you moving address before the 2019 school year commences?*
- *Do you have an additional child that will require orange school bus transport for the first time in 2019?*
- *Does your child have a Medical Condition, or has their Medical Condition changed?*

*If you have answered YES to any of these questions you will need to submit a new application for Transport Assistance. This can be completed online through the SBS website at:*

[www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au](http://www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au)

*You are not able to use the Change of Details form on the website in place of submitting a new application.*

*New applications need to be submitted to SBS as soon as possible. Applications lodged after 14 December 2018 may not be processed in time for the 2019 year and in this case you may need to provide private transport.*

Kindest regards

**Amanda Watson**

**Contracts Officer | School Bus Services**

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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) 9732 4400 or email [sarah.bible@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:sarah.bible@education.wa.edu.au)



## Term Calendar - Term 4 2018

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
6	12 Nov	13  Y 5/6 Night of the Notables 1 6.00pm	14 <b>EARLY CLOSE</b> Newsletter Jnr Campus Assembly 5/6 GL 9.00am Y 5/6 Night of the Notables 1 6.00pm	15  Y5/6 Night of the Notables 2 6.00pm	16 Snr Campus Assembly 9.00am	17	18
7	19 Nov Instrumental Music Information Evening 4.00pm	20	21 <b>EARLY CLOSE</b> Jnr Campus Book Week Year 6 Orientation Day Snr Campus - Dr YES  2019 Kindy Parent Meeting 6.30pm	22 Primary Summer Carnival Y 5/6 School Board 4.30pm	23	24	25
8	26 Nov Reports Due	27 2019 Kindy Orientation 10.30am	28 <b>EARLY CLOSE</b>	29 School Band Jnr Campus Concert	3	1 Dec	2
9	3 Dec	4	5 <b>EARLY CLOSE</b> Newsletter Year 6 Assembly 9.00am  PP1, KP2 and K3 Parent Afternoon Tea 1.00 - 2.30pm	6 Xtreme Bounce Primary Sport	7 Proposed Yr10 Adventure World Excursion Junior Cluster Art Exhibition 5.00pm	8	9
10	10 Dec Yr 10 Graduation & Graduation Dinner 5.00pm Yr 5/6 Escape The Cape Excursion Reports Sent Home	11 Yr 6 Graduation Lunch 12.30pm	12 Presentation Assembly Yr 1-9 10.00am  Family Picnic 12 - 2.30pm <b>EARLY CLOSE</b>	13 Students last day	14 Teachers last day School Development Day	15	16
H	17 Dec	18	19	20	21	22	23
H	24 Dec	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30

