

Donnybrook District High School Newsletter

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Welcome back to the start of a new school year and one that will see the staff continue to concentrate their efforts on the key areas outlined within the school's Business Plan. We have entered the final year of this three year plan and have successfully achieved a number of significant milestones, but recognise there is substantial work to do in relation to our priorities and the embedding of approaches. I am looking forward to working closely with students, staff, parents and carers and the School Board to address our priorities of Student Focused Learning, Behaviour and Wellbeing and School Community Collaboration.

I am genuinely excited about the 2019 school year and what lies ahead for our school community. The decisions that were made late last year and the changes that have been put in place will take some adjusting to, but will undoubtedly be positive for the students we are entrusted to teach. You will be pleased to note that staff have returned refreshed and committed to what lies ahead and I feel very fortunate to have their support.

I would like to welcome Mandy Thompson to Donnybrook District High School for Term 1. Mandy has been appointed to teach in tandem with Oonagh Smith in the Year 4/5 class on a Thursday and Friday.

I would also like to welcome Pak (Sir) Nata. Nata has been employed as an Indonesian Language Assistant to support Iswari on a Wednesday. This is a wonderful addition to the program and will enhance the learning taking place in Indonesian classes.

It is pleasing to report that the students have returned from their Summer break, ready to commit to their learning and gain the most from the programs in place. All Kindergarten to Year 10 students have made a pleasing start and are to be congratulated for their effort throughout the first two weeks. I look forward to seeing this continue throughout the remainder of the term.

On behalf of the Donnybrook School Community I would like to welcome our new students and families and wish them the very best for the 2019 school year. I'm confident they will settle in well to their new school and be made to feel very welcomed by the school community.

Teachers from the Junior Campus will be holding parent meetings in these initial weeks. These will provide parents with a perfect opportunity to gain more of an insight into the year ahead and clarify any queries they may have surrounding their child's schooling.

Secondary teachers plan on holding parent meetings on the afternoon of Wednesday 20 March. Parents and carers will be able to make appointments to meet with teachers closer to this date. In the mean time I urge you all to stay in touch with the Secondary teachers via Connect.

I ask that you all work closely with the teachers throughout the year and if you have any concerns over your child's education, then take the time to discuss these with the teachers at your earliest convenience. Alternatively you may contact either myself or Renee Reid. It is important that we work together to ensure the year is positive for everyone.

Positive Behaviour Support

Over the past three years Donnybrook District High School has embarked on a Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) journey that has focussed our efforts on establishing a learning environment where everyone feels included, connected, safe and respected. It is pleasing to report that this approach has had a significant impact on both the Junior Campus and Senior Campus.

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To complement the school's PBS approach, this year the school will be developing and implementing a whole school approach to enhancing student mental health and wellbeing. A key Primary and Secondary teacher will work on putting structures and programs in place that address this need. Student wellbeing has a substantial impact on learning outcomes and importantly this initiative will add value to our PBS program.

Violence In Schools

Towards the end of 2018 the State Government put plans and policies in place to reduce violence in schools. The Minister of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Education is taking a stand to address the unfortunate attitude of a minority of students who choose to intentionally attack other students or seek to instigate fights. Students who create unsafe situations for their peers will face automatic suspension for a period deemed appropriate by myself or Renee Reid. These students will also be excluded from any extra curricula activities such as excursions and school social activities.

Parents and carers expect that when their child attends school they will be safe, nurturing and supportive environment. Thankfully Donnybrook District High School provides this setting, but in the event that the good order of school life is disrupted, students and parents and carers can expect this plan to be enacted by the leadership team.

The response to violent behaviour is a shared responsibility between schools and their communities and I look forward to your support in relation to this issue. Further discussion on this will take place at School Board.

Farewell

In a couple of weeks we will say farewell and thank you to Esme Kidd. Esme has been our Teacher Librarian for 6 years, successfully managing the Community Library on behalf of the school and the Shire. In addition to this, she has supported the literacy development of our Secondary students through engaging and relevant programs. Esme will be dearly missed by students and staff with her professional and caring approach being hard to replace. The Teacher Librarian position is currently being advertised and will be filled in the near future. On behalf of the school community I wish Esme the very best for this next chapter in her life.

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Renee Reid

Welcome to Year 7s and new staff

Welcome back to all our students and welcome to high school to our year 7s. They seem to have settled in nicely and have been productive and engaged. If you are at all concerned, please don't hesitate to contact teachers to see how they are getting along. We are also delighted to have two new staff members this year; welcome to Dani Hewton in English and Sandi Cheema in Mathematics and Physical Education.



Farewell

Esme Kidd, our fantastic librarian, is (unfortunately for us) retiring shortly. She has provided wonderful pastoral care and shared her passion for reading with not only our students but with the wider Donnybrook community. She will be a real loss to our staff and extremely hard to replace. I know staff are already mourning the loss of her beautiful morning teas! We wish you well, Esme, and know that you will not be bored as you get to spend even more time with your wonderful grandchildren. Thank you for all you have done for us.

Work Experience

Year 10s are invited to arrange and attend work experience on the last week of Semester 1 Week 10, Term 2. Students can approach Mr Davis on Thursday or Friday to ask for his help to arrange their placement.

Connect/Parent Night

This week, parents should have received an invite to get a P number from us. This number will allow you to log on to Connect and monitor your child's progress. Teachers have put up a unit outline for the semester (so that you can see when assessments are due). Once assessments have been conducted, the Marksbook section will let you see your child's mark, as well as the overall class average. You can contact your child's teacher via Connect and there is an app you can download on your phone for easy access. In Week 7 (on Wednesday March 20), we will have a parent afternoon/evening where you can learn more about Connect, whilst meeting with teachers to discuss your child's progress. A booking site will be set up and we will email you details via Connect closer to the time.

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Swimming Carnival

This year, we will hold our Swimming Carnival at the local Recreation Centre. We invite parents and carers to come and watch students swim and enjoy a day with our students. It will begin at 11.30 on March 7 (Week 5).

Faction Carnival

Our Senior Campus Faction Carnival will be held on April 4 (Week 9).

Assembly

Our Senior Campus Assembly for Term 1 will be held on March 29 (Week 8). Our Head Boy and Head Girl will be presented their badges at this time.

Uniform

Remember that we don't have black as our uniform. Form teachers have been recording when students aren't wearing uniform and you may have received a call or letter about this. The Secondary Assistance Scheme is available to parents or independent secondary students who hold eligible concession cards. It comprises an Education Program Allowance which is paid to the school, and a Clothing Allowance that can be paid to the school or the parent. Forms are available at the front office. Any donations of second hand uniforms would be greatly received.

Pink Stumps Day

In week 10, Wednesday April 10, the SRC will organise a special morning of cricket games dedicated to raising money for the McGrath Foundation to put breast cancer nurses in regional areas. A special guest will be there who has contributed significantly to cricket in WA (and recently received an award recognising this) will attend.

All students and staff are encouraged to dress in pink and bring a gold coin donation and the SRC will arrange a meal deal that day (and treats to purchase at recess).

One of Year 9 students has been doing some fundraising of her own for a very worthy cause. Sasha Smith is fundraising for Shave for a Cure. She is bravely shaving her head to raise money for a cure for cancer. She has already raised over \$700 and is looking to add some more money to the pot. She will shave her head in FORM period on the March 15 and we encourage students to bring along a gold coin donation to contribute.

Harmony Day

There will be a Free Dress Day on March 21 to celebrate Harmony Day and a meal deal will be available. Harmony Day is about celebrating inclusivity, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Teachers will organise activities within their own classrooms.

Exams

Exams will be held in Term 3, Week 3 and will again involve Year 9s and 10s in their Core subject areas – English, Maths, Science and HaSS. Teachers will provide more information via Connect, prior to the exams.

Literature Festival

Schools in the South West region have been invited to attend a Literature Festival in Busselton on March 28. Notes were distributed to students last week to gauge interest and formal permission slips will be sent out shortly.

Mentors

Do you have a spare hour a week to mentor a Donnybrook District High School student? Or would you like to assist as a Learning Support Volunteer?

Donnybrook District High School and EdConnect Australia are seeking volunteers to provide learning support or one-on-one mentoring to both primary and high school students. Mentors share skills, knowledge and experience in order to build confidence and transform a student's outlook and prospects. Learning Support Volunteers assist with classroom tasks and programs around the school including assisting students with reading or numeracy.

It's about enhancing wellbeing and enriching lives and communities by enabling people of all ages to help each other. It's about giving everyone every opportunity to realise their potential – in school, in life and in the community. It's about encouraging students to stay engaged at school, but also equipping young people with the life skills they need. As an EdConnect volunteer you will have the opportunity to learn new skills, make new friends and make a real difference in your community, you will build connections and improve your wellbeing, too.

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For more information contact Karen Barden – EdConnect Australia Rural Liaison Officer
Email: karen.barden@edconnect.org.au Phone: 0438 028 646

Leavers Jackets

Year 10s will have received a note about Leavers Jackets this week. Payment will be expected when you order the jumper or jacket.

I know that at particular times of the year, it can be hard to find the money for uniforms, books and excursions. Remember that there is a Secondary Assistance Scheme available for parents/carers who hold eligible concessions cards. This can be used to purchase uniforms. Please ring the front office to enquire further or to arrange a payment plan.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Garry Davis



A sincere welcome to all students, parents and carers to the 2019 School Year. I have been highly impressed with how all classes on the Junior and Senior Campus have settled in so positively.

A special thankyou to the new students who have arrived on both campuses and settled in very well. Across the range of students, I have seen how quickly you have all adapted to your new classes and made new friends.

Our Positive Behaviour in Schools focus for the first 5 weeks is: *We build on our strengths!*

The Junior Campus has also embedded new incentives for students who gain Faction Point acknowledgements. As students gain 20, 30, 50, 90 points there are various incentives to ensure students know their positive efforts are valued.

The Junior Campus has had a re-arrangement of staff who have gone to different clusters. Mrs Heidi Walker has gone to Pre-Primary 1, she loves this new role. Mrs Julie Atherton who has transitioned to Year 1 was cheered at the first assembly when they heard she was now in Year 1s and maintaining her Pre-Primary links. Mrs Kate Suckling has moved to the Year 2 class and ensured all students are engaged and enthusiastic. Ms Leonie Pearce has moved to the Year 2 / 3 class where she brings her vast experience to her students ensuring they all gain the best education, as well as extending those with ability. Mrs Mountford has moved to Year 4 and has taken on the challenge with her usual high level of professionalism. Mr Armstrong has taken on the Physical Education teacher's role and settled in to the routine magnificently. Mr Armstrong also teaches in Mrs Hutchison's Year 3 class on Mondays. Mrs Oonagh Smith has moved to teach the Year 4/5 class in the Year 5/6 cluster and has begun on a very positive note. A huge thankyou to all teachers who put in a professional effort over the holidays to ensure the positive start.

The Senior Campus welcomes Mrs Sandi Cheema to the Year 7 classes, teaching Mathematics. We also enjoy the company of Mrs Dani Hewton who has taken over English during Ms Samantha Wright's maternity leave. Mrs Hewton brings a wide range of experience to the role and has settled in to the English role so well. The Senior Campus has enjoyed a very smooth beginning across all classes that I have visited over the last two weeks. Congratulations to all students and teachers for ensuring they have engaged in solid learning so early in the year.

GREEN TEAM

The Green Team has been established for this term, with 30 very eager members.

Each student has a rostered job for the term including collecting and sorting the Organic and Recycling bins. To assist them in their very important tasks we would be grateful if students could remember to put the correct items in the bins.

Green Team members will be visiting classrooms to reinforce this message. It has been wonderful to see the number of students with 'Nude Food' lunches which assists in reducing our waste.

Please remember to also send in your empty plastic bottles with a 1 on the bottom to be collected in our Greenbatch bin.

Thank you

Mrs Hutchison



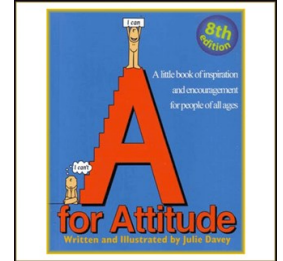
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All Year 3 students have been extremely fortunate to receive a personal copy of **A for Attitude** by Julie Davey. Our P & C have very generously sponsored this project purchasing the books. The following is from the Attitude Books Foundation website explaining the purpose of the book. <https://attitudebooks.org/>

Attitude Books Foundation Inc. was created to achieve the goal of getting *A for Attitude* into the hands of every Grade 3 child every year. This is a unique Prevention and Early Intervention resource that addresses the growing mental health crisis in Australia. No talk fest here. We provide proven tools to really help kids deal with anxiety, low self esteem, bullying, autism and aspergers and much more.

Visit the Foundation website where **families** can join the Can Do Kids Club.



Once again a huge thank you to our wonderful P & C for their support.



Year 6 - 2019 Focus



SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

YEARS 7 TO 12
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO:

\$350

towards school expenses

DO YOU HOLD A:

- CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD
- (OR) ● CENTRELINK PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD
- (OR) ● VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

Applications Close
Friday 12 April 2019

Ask School Reception for More Information

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

Time to recruit for Scouts

SCOUTS gives youngsters a chance to be adventurous in the great outdoors, learn life skills, become an active member of the community and create friendships that are long lasting. Donnybrook Scouts has secured two new leaders for its Scout section.

Paul and Christine Hillis have agreed to become Scout Leaders and will begin their training this year. Both Paul and Christine have been involved with the group for several years and will bring a new and fresh approach to the section. This means we can continue to operate the Scout section for youth aged 11 to 14 and we are currently recruiting new members. This section is open to boys and girls who will turn 11 before the term commences in February. Any enquiries can be directed to Debbie Bourke on 97312152 or by email to gl.donnybrook@scoutswa.com.au





Welcome to all the new students, parents and carers that have joined Donnybrook District High School this year and welcome back to everyone returning! We hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break and is settling in well into the new year. With the start of a new year there comes a call out for new and returning P&C volunteers to come and help us continue to provide some amazing assistance to the school. Without everyone's help and generosity the P&C would not be able to continue to run the school canteen or donate funds to assist with student learning platforms, assisting with special school events and much more.

The DDHS P&C Association with the help of parents, carers and the school have donated funds to the school for the following areas in recent years:

Reading Eggs Subscription	Loose Parts Storage
Junior Campus Sound System (50% of total costs)	School Hats for every Kindy Student
Harmony Day Contributions	Graphic Novels
Yr 6 Graduation Lunch Contribution	Education Perfect Subscription
Walk to School Breakfast	ECE Paper Cutters
Family Picnic Day Entertainment	Interschool Sports Shirts
Senior Campus Art Project	Yr 6 Astronomy Night
Assembly Area Mural	

If you would like to have your say about what we spend next years fundraising dollars on we are always looking for new members! Each of our meetings are open to all parents, carers and citizens with everyone welcome to have their say however if you would like to have voting privileges all you need to pay is the very low membership fee of \$1. We would love to see you at our next meeting and AGM on Monday, March 18 2019 at 3:15pm in the Yr 1 & 2 block!

The P&C Association would like to make 2019 our best year yet and to do that we need you!

At our AGM in March, 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 that need filling in 2019

President	Vice President
Treasurer	Fundraising Co-ordinator
Canteen Co-ordinator	School Board Rep
Committee Members	

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 for more information. Thank you!

DDHS Canteen

Our amazing school canteen is open every Wednesday – Friday for both recess and lunch, orders can be placed either online at <https://quickcliq.com.au/> or by placing an order in the canteen bucket in your child's class in the morning at the Junior Campus or at the canteen during recess at the Senior Campus. We are always after volunteers to help at the canteen, come have a coffee and enjoy seeing the kids smiling faces! If you are interested in helping for a day, please contact the canteen on 0433 873 758. We would also like to say a big thank you to everyone that donates food and fruit to the canteen. The children love being able to come and get a curly apple, plum or pear for recess or lunch.



Term Planner - Term 1 2019

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
3	18 Feb P&C General Meeting 3.15pm Year 1 / 2 Cluster	19	20 Junior Campus Assembly Student Leaders 9.00am EARLY CLOSE	21 NEWSLETTER Parent Carer Meetings 3.10pm Y 2/3 LP, Y 2 KS Y 4/5 OS	22	23	24
4	25 Feb PP1 and PP2 Parent Carer Meeting: book an appointment between now and 8 March Y1 JA/JP Parent Carer Meeting Y4 WM Parent Carer Meeting 3.10pm	26	27 EARLY CLOSE	28 Primary South West Tennis Classic Parent Carer Meetings: Y 1 / 2 SD Y5/6MH and Y6 TB 3.10pm Board Meeting 4:30pm	1 March	2	3
5	4 March Labour Day	5 OLNA – Writing, Numeracy & Reading	6 EARLY CLOSE	7 Senior Campus Swimming Carnival	8 →	9	10
6	11 March PBS We work on areas of need Parent Carer Kindy Meeting 2-3pm	12	13 Junior Campus Assembly 2/3 LP 9.00am EARLY CLOSE	14 NEWSLETTER	15	16	17
7	18 March P&C AGM 3.15pm Year 1 / 2 Cluster	19 Junior Campus Faction Athletics Jumps and Throws	20 Senior Campus Parent Meetings: book an appointment between 3.00 - 3.45pm or 4.15pm-5.00pm EARLY CLOSE	21 Harmony Day – free dress	22 Junior Campus Faction Athletics Track and Games	23	24
8	25 March	26	27 EARLY CLOSE	28 Literature Festival - Busselton Board Meeting 4:30pm	29 Senior Campus Assembly	30	31
9	1 April	2	3 Junior Campus Assembly 3JH 9.00am Year 7 & 8 Immunisation EARLY CLOSE	4 NEWSLETTER Senior Campus Faction Athletics Carnival VC Mitchell	5	6	7
10	8 April	9 Primary Interschool Athletics Carnival Forrest Division 9/10 Science & Engineering Challenge	10 Pink Stump Day EARLY CLOSE	11 ANZAC DAY Whole School Senior Campus 9.30 start STEM Challenge Yr 6	12 Students last day	13	14
H	15 April	16	17	18	19 Good Friday	20	21
H	22 April Easter Monday	23	24	25 ANZAC Day	26	27	28

Start and End of Term
 Public Holidays
 School Holidays (students)
 School Development Days