

Donnybrook District High School Newsletter

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Year 7/8 Numeracy & Literacy

The Year 7/8 Numeracy and Literacy class have been studying migration in recent weeks. Their Mathematics focus investigated migrational data and graphing using these figures. The Literacy component focused on the purchase of ingredients and the preparation of a typical Australian recipe, the students chose choc chip biscuits! Students selected a recipe that they thought would be suitable to present to a newly migrated family. To provide real life learning, the students purchased the ingredients whilst considering the price and appropriate quantities. They were then responsible for collecting these from our local IGA Shopping Centre with Ms McLoughlin, Mrs Davies and Mrs Cheema.

The students baked their biscuits and at this point were able to work upon their fraction and decimal mathematical content. At the end of their cooking session the students individually reflected upon the process from beginning to the finished product. They were then able to enjoy their well-earned biscuits, which were delicious!



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - James Milne

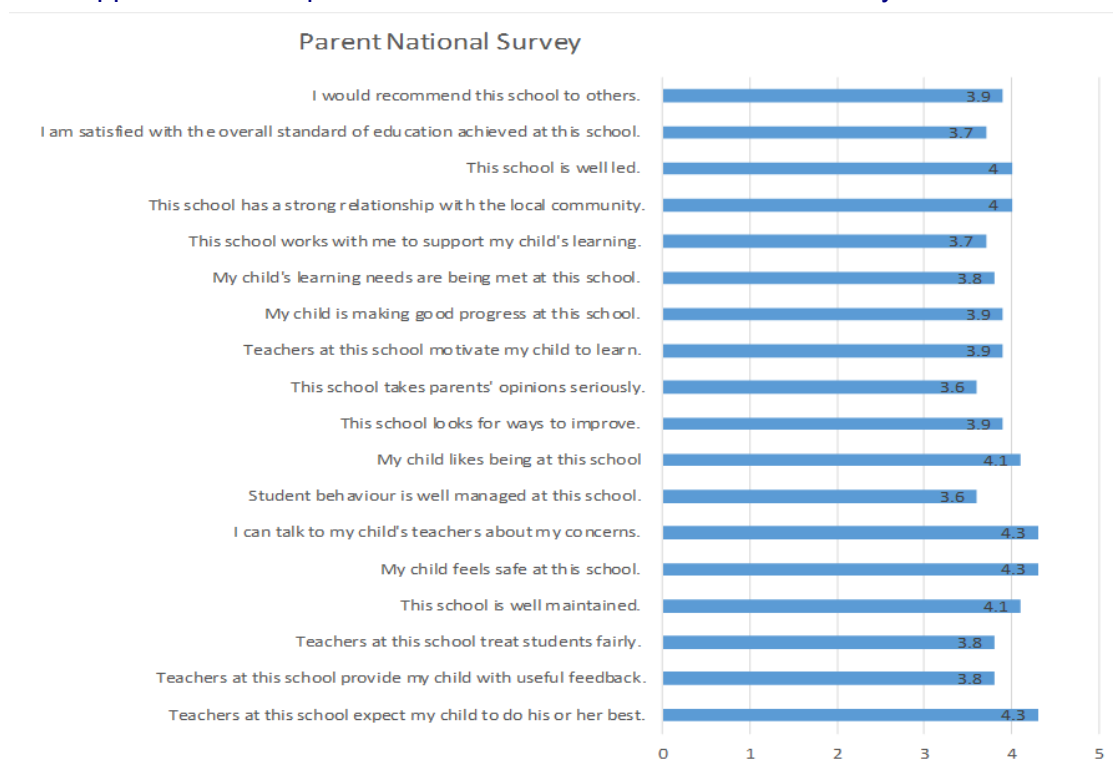


Term 1 is traditionally a busy term for staff, students and families with a great deal going on in and out of the classrooms. Parents and carers are urged to stay up to date with everything that is happening and if time permits, get involved in as much as they can. My sincere thanks to Jodi Thomas for her ongoing Facebook posts that are keeping our school community well informed of what is taking place. Her support and work around this is most appreciated.

School Survey

At the end of the 2018 school year, parents and carers were invited to participate in the National School Opinion Survey. This opportunity is provided every two years and is mandated for all schools throughout Australia. Many thanks to the families who responded to the survey and importantly took up the chance to provide the school with valuable feedback. The rating of statements and the general comments provided by parents and carers, are designed to support the school's self-reflection and notably our quest to further improve. Overall the results were extremely positive with the overwhelming majority of parents placing a rating in the 'Agree' or 'Strongly Agree' column. As a school we set ourselves a target of 3.8 for each statement and whilst this was aspirational, we did get very close, falling just short in 4 areas. Importantly I can assure parents that the school is working hard to address our areas of need, reflecting closely on crucial areas that have been highlighted in the both the ratings and the comments.

As part of our analysis, results from the 2018 survey were compared to those from the 2016 survey. It is really pleasing to report that there was a significant shift in the percentage of parents and carers rating the questions as 'Strongly Agree' as opposed to 'Agree'. These results will be presented at our next school Review and will also be used to support the development of our 2020 Business Plan and Priority Areas.



NAPLAN 2019

Students in all Australian Schools in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy next term. This year for the first time, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will undertake the assessments online (with exception of Year 3 Writing). Click [here](#) for an electronic brochure outlining information on the program. If you have any queries or questions, please feel free to drop in to school or give Renee Reid or myself a call.

Voluntary Contributions and Charges

Parents and carers recently received an invoice for outstanding contributions and charges. I ask that parents and carers please pay their child/ren's contributions at their earliest convenience. Donnybrook District High School is endeavouring to provide a comprehensive curriculum across two sites to meet the needs of students in Kindergarten to Year 10. The school certainly needs your support to deliver on our plans for 2019. I sincerely hope that these are valued by our school community and families contribute through the contributions and charges to support their success and sustainability.

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Renee Reid



Creative Schools

We have been very lucky to be the only school outside the metropolitan region to receive funding for the Creative Schools program. This is a learning program that enhances learning outcomes for young people through creative learning strategies. The aim is to nurture the students' creative habits of mind through a meaningful collaboration between teachers and artists/creative practitioners. The program is designed to have a very different approach to learning and increases engagement, confidence, academic attainment and motivation in students. This week, Ms McLoughlin and Mrs Cheema are attending the initial Professional Learning sessions to familiarise themselves with the program. After that, a specially trained local artist will work weekly with two classes of students to deliver a range of learning activities over a period of 16 weeks in 2019. Our Year 7/8 focus class and our Year 7s will be our first students to experience this fantastic opportunity.

Parent interviews/Connect session

On March 20, we will be holding parent meetings at the Senior Campus. Teachers will be available for 5 minute interviews to have brief chat about your child and for you to establish how they are settling into their new year group. You can raise any concerns you have and establish a rapport with our teachers. If necessary, you can then arrange a time in which to talk in further detail. Please ring the front office as soon as possible to book your appointments.

On this day, there will also be an opportunity to attend a Connect session where James Duncan will show you how to navigate Connect and perhaps show you some features you don't yet know about. We may also be able to resolve any technical issues that you are having. The Connect Session will be held at 3:45pm in the undercover area.

EdConnect – Mentor program

EdConnect work with volunteers who want to make a difference with young people in schools. They work with the older generation to inspire the next generation. We are pleased to have created a partnership with EdConnect where we aim to improve the literacy and numeracy of our students. The one-on-one support provided by volunteer mentors can impact academics, behaviour, stress levels, relationships at school and more. Mentors are fully screened and supported to have the greatest impact on students and parents/carers are completely involved in the process. Thanks particularly to Denise Duncan for being the School Coordinator of this program. Denise has been talking with all staff to identify students who could use an extra helping hand each week. We are due to have our first mentor start shortly in our school. He has experience in working with youth at risk and using education to empower others.

If you know anyone who would be interested in working as a volunteer in this program and contributing to their local school and community, please contact Karen Barden, Rural Liaison Officer, 0438 028 646.

SRC Leadership Training Day

Our student leaders are honing their leadership skills this week. Some fantastic community members have generously offered their time and skillset to help us. Thanks to Shire Councillor Shane Atherton for his Team Building and Group Engagement session, Angela Winter for her group fitness session (healthy body; healthy mind!) and Shire Councillor Anita Lindemann for her session on the importance of youth having a voice in their local community. Mr Hutchison is coming back to help run the day too so that will be a nice surprise for our students. They will also put the finishing touches on planning for Pink Stumps Day to be held on Wednesday in Week 10 (April 10) at the Senior Campus.

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

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Renee Reid

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Swimming Carnival

Our students had a fantastic time competing and having fun in the Swimming Carnival last week. Staff joined in on the fun and dressed up in their faction colours too. Students conducted themselves extremely well and this ensured a great day for all. Denise Duncan once again spent countless hours organising this fantastic event and still went on to MC all day as well. She's a really enthusiastic asset to our school community. Thanks to the parents who came along also to support their children. It was a very close finish and there had to be a check of all results to ensure that our numbers were spot on. Faction winners and individual championship trophies will be presented at the Term Assembly in Week 8, March 29. We encourage parents and carers to come along to this assembly too. Don't forget to come along and support us at the Athletics Carnival which will be held at the Senior Campus on Thursday in Week 9 - 4 April.

Snapshot of upcoming events

Week 7 Harmony Day – Free Dress Day	Thursday 21 March
Week 8 Literature Festival – Mary Mackillop College Term Assembly	Thursday 28 March Friday 29 March
Week 9 Athletics Carnival	Thursday 4 April
Week 10 Pink Stumps Day	Wednesday 10 April

Don't forget our PBS focus is currently – “ **We work on areas of need!**”

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Garry Davis

It has been a busy, but productive last three weeks. Students on both Campuses have been working well across the range of classes.

A very special thanks to all parents and carers who have attended the Junior Campus parent information evenings over the last few weeks. In all cases there were high numbers of parent/carers who took the time to find out the operation of their child's class and the passion each teacher has in supporting each and every child. Thanks to the teachers for the preparation time to enable these meetings to occur.

In Week 5 I was sent to the Senior Campus to assist in the coverage of Mrs Kidd who recently retired as the Librarian. I have really enjoyed this new short-term role as it gives me a view of how well the Senior Campus students have developed their passion for reading. Mrs Kidd has left many students with the desire to read for pleasure, as well as the skills for reading for comprehension as a support for their key subjects. Mrs Kidd is to be admired for her incredible ability to read almost all books in the library with the key intent of enthusing every student to develop a lifelong love of reading. Mrs Kidd knew every student's interests and hobbies and always knew which book would spark their interest!

The Senior Campus Swimming Carnival was a huge success at the Donnybrook Recreation Centre on Thursday March 7. All students who participated did their faction proud. The Faction Point scores were so close during the day. Those cheering in the stand gave solid support to the swimmers. A special thank you to Denise Duncan and the support team for a well-organized Carnival.

The Senior Campus has a Parent/Carer Evening coming up next Wednesday March 20. Parents can make an appointment through the front office with the subject teachers between 3:00pm and 3:45pm or between 4:15pm and 5:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Harmony Day Free Dress is coming up next Thursday March 21. We look forward to seeing the colours of the many and varied cultures studied across both Campuses.

Finally, the Junior Campus Faction Carnival is on next week. Mr Armstrong in his new role has all students' pumped ready to compete. The Jumps and Throws is on Tuesday 19 March and the big day for Track and Field Games is on Friday March 22. We look forward to seeing as many parents and carers as possible to cheer the students on!



Junior Campus News

Giant Pumpkin Competition

Mrs Hutchison's class are patiently waiting for their pumpkins to grow so they can enter the Dwellingup Pumpkin Competition for 2019. Late last year the class were sent seeds from the winning pumpkin of 2018 to germinate. After germinating and caring for the pumpkins over the holidays Mrs Hutch's class then planted and named the pumpkin seedlings. We are monitoring their growth and hope Fatty, Bob and Jenosemee grow into giant pumpkins so that we can enter the competition in April.



Green Team

ALL TASTE, NO WASTE FRIDAY'S

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The DDHS P&C is in great need of volunteers to join the P&C Association to provide valuable input into this year's initiatives and assist to ensure these take place and importantly benefit our students. Without the P&C, our lovely school would not be able to have a Canteen and many of the great projects that are funded by the P&C may not continue such as the Walk to School Day, Reading Eggs, Education Perfect, the Family Fun Day Picnic and much more.

Along with general committee members, we also have some positions that need filling that include President, Fundraising Coordinator and Treasurer. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining, you are encouraged to come along to our **AGM on March 18 at 3:15pm** in between the Year 1&2 classes or contact Katya on 0439 923 214. **Remember new volunteers are always greatly appreciated and definitely needed.**

Our 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 and we could not do this without help from our amazing parents so please think about donating your time to help!

Donations

This term we have had the honour of donating **\$730 towards providing new Play Based Education Equipment for the Pre-primary rooms. This included an exciting new Giant Octoplay Super Set and a new Miblo Construction Set** with large wheels to supplement the old and dwindling stock that the Pre-primary have been using for years.

The DDHS P&C have also donated **\$760 towards obtaining an Etch Press for the Senior Campus Art Room.** The students have made some amazing work from an "ad-lib" Etch Press and they are very excited to see what they can create with the proper equipment. Their artwork is truly amazing, and we look forward to seeing more of it in the future.

Junior Campus Sports Carnival

The Junior Campus Sports Carnival is to be held on March 22 and the P&C will be manning the Canteen at the Footy Oval to provide fresh food and drinks to both parents and children alike! We are still looking for some helpers for the day and would greatly appreciate it if you could donate some of your time to help and you will still be able to see all your child's events.

Just a friendly reminder that lunch orders for the Sports Carnival are due in by March 20, if parents could please get their meal orders in as soon as possible it would be greatly appreciated.

Canteen

Run out of bread over the weekend, kids eaten all the school snacks? **Great news, our canteen is now**



open Mondays!!! Those wishing to order online need to use www.quickclig.com.au and orders can also be placed in the classrooms in the Junior Campus or through the canteen at recess time in the Senior Campus. If anyone is able to donate fruit to the canteen it would be greatly appreciated.

Our growing school children love to enjoy fresh fruit if they are still hungry after eating all their lunches and we love being able to provide this for them free of charge due to everyone's fantastic fruit donations. The canteen is open every Monday & 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 0466 873 758.

Uniforms

Our uniform ordering system has changed slightly, we now open a uniform shop every Monday from 8:30-9:30am at the Senior Campus and every Thursday from 2:30-3:30pm at the Junior Campus. If you would like to order any uniforms between these times you can pick up an order form from either the Junior or Senior Campus Offices.

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

Dance Off

We are looking forward to our annual **Dance Off** which is to be held on **Friday April 5 (Wk 9)**. Notes will be sent out shortly with our theme for the dance, meal orders and times for each dance age group. We could not have nights such as this without our outstanding parent helpers, **if anyone is able to help on the night, please contact Melinda on 0447 064 198.**



Looking forward to seeing everyone in their best dancing do's!!!

P&C Easter Raffle

As we have not had any volunteers to take on the role of Fundraising Coordinator 2019, the P&C are asking if there is a parent who can take one job of organising the Easter Raffle in the coming weeks. This is easy to organise and the school reaps in rewards of funds raised. Please contact Melinda Ward 0447 064 198.

Library News

Hi everyone, welcome back to your Senior and Junior campus Libraries.

A wonderful start to the year at both campuses, senior students new to Bentley Street have embraced the library wholeheartedly, and have loved the wider selection of books available to them. They also enjoy the free wifi at lunchtimes, and the availability of hot chocolate to buy on those cooler days.

On a sadder note, our truly wonderful Teacher Librarian Mrs Kidd has made the momentous decision to retire. Friday March 1 was the last day we had Mrs Kidd in the library, and while we wish her the very best we will also miss her very much.

Opening times for students at the Senior Campus Library have been changed temporarily:

Monday/Tuesday open from 8:00am to start of lessons, open at lunchtime. Closed at recess.

Wednesday/Thursday/Friday closed at the above times.

Junior Campus News

The Junior Campus Library has been busy since the first week back, with our Year 1 students settling into the routine beautifully. They have been visiting the library since Term 4 last year, and couldn't wait to start their own borrowing, like the big kids.

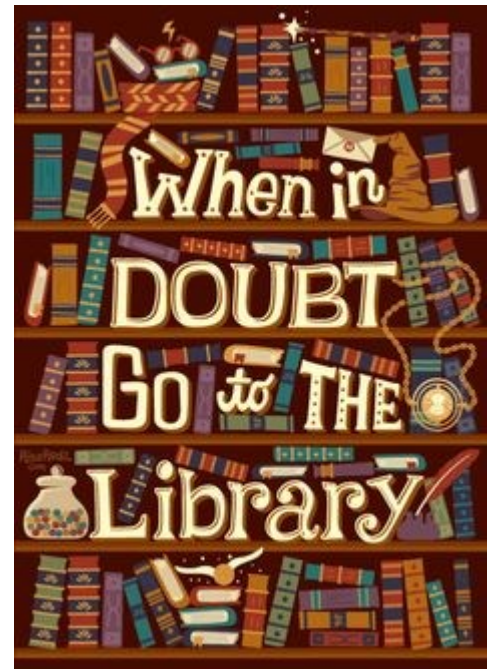
Thank you so much to all for making it so easy for them to borrow – they have been so careful to bring in a library bag to take their precious books home!

The Year1 students have also discovered lunchtimes at the library, and an ever increasing number have been coming in to enjoy the board games, a quiet read and of course the boxes of Lego. All ages enjoy Lego, and they work together beautifully to create masterpieces! I have a drawer full of precious work they can't bear to disassemble.

Our library management system has the capacity to send text messages to you, to let you know if your child has a book that needs returning soon, or is overdue. Unfortunately the system doesn't specify which child or which book, so my apologies for any mysterious texts!

If you would like to come to either Campus and see how the library engages your child, take a peek into the wonderful world of our great picture books, see what all the fuss is about with Graphic Novels or check out what your young adult is reading, feel free to pop in any time. If you have a free hour or two every now and then, I could always put your book covering skills to good use!

Mrs Kay
School Librarian



General News

School Volunteering Information Session

At EdConnect, we're training and mobilising an army of volunteers to provide life-changing mentoring and/or learning support in schools for students who are at risk of not fulfilling their educational potential.

Do you have a spare hour or two a week? Do you want to make a difference?

We are seeking mentors and learning support volunteers for students of all ages in Donnybrook.

Would you like to find out more? We will be holding an information session to answer all of your questions.

What does a mentor do? What commitment do I need to make? What support do I receive?

Date: Friday April 5

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Seniors Room, Donnybrook Library

If you are unable to attend but would like more information, please contact Karen Barden at :

karen.barden@edconnect.org.au

Visit: www.edconnectaustralia.org.au

Call: 1800 668 550

Email: edconnect@edconnect.org.au



Term Calendar - Term 1 2019

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
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	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 9.30start STEM Challenge Year 6 Board Meeting 4:30pm	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

AMENDED MOVEMENT DAY

Sorry for the change of dates, due to mandatory training dates our last clinical day at Donnybrook will be Friday March 22, We will have emergency contact details on phone and on door.

Van will still be getting moved Monday April 1, however no staff will be in van the week 8 March 25 - 29.

Kind Regards,

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