

Donnybrook District High School Newsletter

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Swimming Lessons PP1

We are all enjoying walking to the Rec Centre for swimming. We have been able to put into practice our coping skills as well as our PBS focus working as a team, and interacting positively with our school community. We are learning lots of great swimming skills too.

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Donnybrook District High School, like all Public Schools, is now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2020.

Enrolments are for children turning four by 30 June 2020.

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 9732 4400.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - James Milne

As you are aware we have just passed the half way mark of Term 3, with the school weeks slipping by extremely quickly. With this in mind, it is now time to turn my attention to planning for 2020 to ensure the school is positioned well to meet the needs of our school community. I always find this work exciting as it gives me a genuine opportunity to work with students, staff, parents and carers and community members to shape the direction of the school for the next 12 months and beyond.

A new Business Plan is being developed and 2020 will see the school focus its efforts on addressing the priorities that will be outlined within this. To support all of this, we are currently undertaking an in-depth review of the school, identifying our strengths and areas of need. This information is continually being presented to the School Board, with their feedback further strengthening the process. I'm pleased that we have such an active and engaged Board and one that supports an honest presentation of where the school is at and where it is heading. As a Board they have the genuine interests of the school community in mind and are looking to support our quest to meet the wide ranging needs of our students.

The work being undertaken by the P&C is also value adding immensely to Donnybrook District High School. P&C President Miranda Harrison, has the support of a core group of parents and carers and community members, and together they are strengthening their link with the Board and the staff. Karen Martella recently initiated a 'Meet and Greet' which gave the P&C and staff a wonderful opportunity to discuss ideas, plans and projects that would benefit the students from K-10. My sincere thanks to Karen and the P&C for initiating this opportunity. It was certainly well received by everyone.

The relationship the school has with both the Board and the P&C is strong and continually growing. Parents and carers are encouraged to utilise either of these groups to support the schooling of their child/ren. Contact details for both the School Board and the P&C are available on the school's website. Please remember to support my planning, I would appreciate it if you would inform me if your child/ren will not be attending Donnybrook District High School next year. You can either phone the Junior Campus or Senior Campus Front Offices, or alternatively email the school on donnybrook.dhs@education.wa.edu.au. Thank you in anticipation of your support for this request.

Denise Gibbs

After a 43 year career, with 38 of those here at Donnybrook District High School, Denise Gibbs has made the decision to retire from education. On behalf of the school community, I wish Denise the very best and thank her sincerely for her outstanding contribution to public schooling.

Denise was a committed teacher who worked tirelessly to provide meaningful and engaging programs for the students she was entrusted to teach. Denise also had

a significant impact on the work of her colleagues, guiding them superbly through numerous curriculum and teaching approaches. A lead teacher who will be dearly missed by students, staff and parents and carers. Thank you Denise and all the best for the next chapter in your life.



Attendance

Parents and carers are asked to please look to minimise the time their child/ren are absent from school. Our attendance figures have dived sharply in recent months, with only 65% of our students attending school regularly in Semester 1. This is a cause for concern as regular attendance is crucial to support student learning and progress.

Students fall below regular attendance when they miss more than 10 days a semester. In Terms 1 and 2 we had 144 students who fell into this category. That isn't good!

Voluntary Contributions

With the 2019 school year entering its final few months, I'm requesting parents and carers to please pay their outstanding voluntary contributions and/or charges.

Donnybrook District High School relies on parents and carers to contribute towards their child's schooling to be able to offer the opportunities that are being presented to the students from Kindergarten to Year 10. As part of our financial planning each year we budget to receive voluntary contributions together with all outstanding charges. With these funds, we are able to deliver the programs and supply the resources that ensure the students of our community are provided with an array of opportunities during their schooling at Donnybrook District High School.

In 2019 we have invested significantly in additional education assistant time on both the Junior Campus and the Senior Campus. This has targeted students on individual education plans as well as groups of students who require intense intervention in English and Mathematics.

Once again we have put significant resources towards our highly successful Year 6 Options Program and the Year 9 and 10 Certificate Courses. These are unique programs that are a real point of difference between Donnybrook District High School and traditional Primary or Secondary schools.

We continue to improve and upgrade our learning environments, with a particular focus this year on the Junior Campus Undercover Area and the installation of the projector and screen. I'm positive parents and carers who have attended the assemblies will be impressed with the way this has enhanced these events.

Once again we need your support and it would be most appreciated if these accounts could be settled at your earliest convenience.

PRIMARY DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - Lauren Jones



Wow, week 6 already, this term is flying by. It is fantastic to see all of the students working hard in their classes to produce some fantastic work. A big thank you to all of the teachers, education assistants and other members of the school community who put in hours of effort to ensure Donnybrook DHS is a positive environment for all students and staff members.

PBS Focus

For the next 5 weeks the students at the Junior Campus have the PBS focuses of 'Work as part of a team' and 'Respond and interact positively with everyone in the school community'. It is great to see many of our students working hard to be cooperative group members both in the classroom and in the playground. It is also fantastic to see so many students arriving at school with a smile on their face and saying good morning to both teachers and other school staff. I love walking around at break times to see the students, they are always polite and say hello.

Swimming

We are currently in the second and last week of

in-term swimming lessons. Students have been on their best behaviour at the swimming pool with the Rec Centre manager commenting on their positive behaviour. Despite enjoying the lessons, there are some very tired students.

School Uniform and Lost Property

It is fantastic to see so many students wearing their school uniform. Wearing the school uniform gives all students a sense of belonging in their classroom and is an important part of showing pride for our school. All students are expected to wear the school polo shirt, navy pants, shorts or skirt, and a school jumper or plain navy blue jumper.

There are numerous items of clothing that have been left around the school. If your child has lost a jumper throughout the term, please check on the lost property rack at the front office.

Please feel free to call me or come into school to discuss any questions, concerns you may have or would like to meet me, my door is always open.

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Renee Reid

Year 10 Graduation

The Senior Campus would love some parent/carer involvement in the planning of our Year 10 Graduation. If you could indicate your willingness to be a part of this by phoning or emailing the school, we can then arrange a meeting. Thanks for your help with this; we want to make it really special with your Involvement.

Queens Cup

Congratulations to our Concert Band who combined with Collie and won their section in the Queens Cup on the 25th August. It's a great accolade and demonstrates the hard work and commitment that music students have to put in a weekly basis to succeed in their chosen field. Thanks also to our music teachers, Mr Luke and Mrs Armstrong, for the work put in prior to the performance.

Book Week - Reading is my Superpower

Apparently, there was a strange Bat-like creature roaming the hallways of the senior campus on Friday. There may have also been a doppelgänger in the library. Matilda turned up and so did an Eagles supporter (masquerading as some sort of fisherman). Scooby Doo had a hold of Shaggy and some crayons were lucky not to be rubbed out.



ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Renee Reid continued

OLNA

OLNA Round 2 commences on Monday. There are three weeks in which to complete all of the testing but only three days for the writing section. We will endeavour to get them completed as quickly as possible to minimise further disruption to class.

Be You - Mental Health and Wellbeing

Thanks to all our parents and students who filled out the survey so that we can gather information about our school community. This will help us to plan more effectively for the health and wellbeing of students.

Student Teacher

Thanks to Ms Ally Walker who has been in observing our teachers and classroom practices and helping out in Art and HASS over the past few weeks.

P&C meet up

It was delightful for all staff to meet with P&C members this week to discuss our mutual interest - the students! Thanks for organising this opportunity and the delicious food. We look forward to more of these catch-ups.

SECONDARY DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - Amanda Biddlestone

Year 10's

Throughout Term 3 we have encouraged all year 10's to enrol in their course for 2020, by now the majority of the Year 10's should have all been enrolled in a course of their choice. If you are not sure if this is the case for your child please contact the school to discuss the options available. We are more than happy to assist you in this process.

Attendance

Attendance is really important for students to be making the most of their educational opportunity at school. It has been great to see some positive changes in our attendance rates at the Senior Campus however we are still seeing some individual attendance rates falling, or many students arriving to school late which means they are missing vital opportunities. Just a reminder to parents and carers, that if your child is away from school it is very important for you to let the school know as soon as you can so our records are accurate. As a school it is our responsibility to follow up on attendance and this makes it a lot easier when we know why your child's away. The relationship between school and family is

important in establishing good attendance routines of all children. If you have any concerns regarding the attendance of your child please don't hesitate to contact me to discuss.



PBS

Our current focus is "We follow classroom procedures". It has been great to see our students being encouraged by teachers to ensure we are entering the classroom using our manners, greeting our teachers at the door, removing our beanies and hats and being prepared for classes before they start.

Road Trauma Day

The Year 10 Road Trauma Day is fast approaching this term with the event being held on Wednesday 11 September. This is an important day for our Year 10's who are about to get their Driver's Licence. A big thank you to everyone involved in making this day a great success. A reminder that students need their permission notes back by Friday 6 September.

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

Junior Campus News

Green Team

This term has been very busy for our 60 enthusiastic volunteers. We now have Supervisors and Green Guardians as part of their jobs. The Supervisors are assisting our Junior students sort rubbish and our Green Guardians are keeping watch on where students put their rubbish. They are also wearing our new Green Team vests that have been kindly embroidered by Mrs Hutchison's Mum. The following website 'Watch Your Waste' is very informative and relevant to our shire. ***This website has been organically grown, right here in the South West by the education team working with the Bunbury Harvey Regional Council and hosts a wealth of information about correct separation and disposal of your waste.*** One of the great aspects of this is a list of items that you can place in each of our home bins. <https://watchyourwaste.wa.gov.au/>



I am very grateful to our Green Team members for their commitment to reducing our waste. Thank you Jeanette Hutchison



Christmas Boxes

This year we once again have the opportunity to be part of Operation Christmas Child which is a project run by Samaritans Purse Australia.

This project involves students buying gifts to place in a Samaritans shoe box which is supplied (or you can use and cover your own) to send off to children in countries that are affected by war, natural disaster or victims of extreme poverty. It is a sobering thought to know that these children have never received a gift before in their lives. Students are able to choose a girl or boy to buy their gifts for ranging in ages from 2 to 14 years old.

If you'd like to be involved please contact your child's teacher or Jeanette Hutchison to collect a letter with more information.

Thank you Jeanette Hutchison

Bush Area

The wildflowers are here. If all students could use paths and not create new ones in our bush that would mean that the [donkey](#), [spider](#), green hood and [fairy](#) orchids could grow. If the students can let these delicate little plants do their bit that will be great.

Rachel Seton
Gardener

Music News

On Thursday August 15, the Donnybrook District High School Concert Band performed for the Donnybrook Junior Campus students. The Band played superbly. Highlights of the event include students from Years 1 to 3 acting in the role of cars caught in a traffic jam, surprisingly enough to a composition called "Traffic Jam". There were a number of "near-misses", but thankfully no collisions. The program concluded with a "Dance Off", with the younger grades doing their "Surfing Moves" to the song "Surfin' USA".

On Sunday August 18, we had a combined Donnybrook/Collie Concert Band rehearsal at Collie SHS to prepare for the Queen's Cup Competition in Bunbury and the Perth Junior Concert Band Competition. It was a great day's music performing and the band members got to catch up with all their old friends from Collie, including Mr Nick Vane.

A big thank you to Jake Thompson and Sevina Jones (last year's Year 10 students) who joined us for the day and will be performing at both events with us. It is wonderful to have past students come along and play with us for the sheer enjoyment of Music Making.



Phil Luke
Music Teacher

Junior Campus News

These acrostic poems were created in Year 5 & 6 spelling lessons. In writing these, the students, practise the spelling of the word and reflect their knowledge of the word's meaning.

Hydration is important.

You need it to stay alive.

Drinking water will hydrate you.

Running and sport makes you need it more.

At the start of a game, drink heaps of water.

Too much though before you run can give you a stomach ache.

Everyone needs lots of water.

By Alex Aldridge

Itchy

Red

Round

Irritating

Touches

At

The

End of my nose.

By Tay Proctor

Deserted, barren.

Extremely hot.

Scarce water,

Or food,

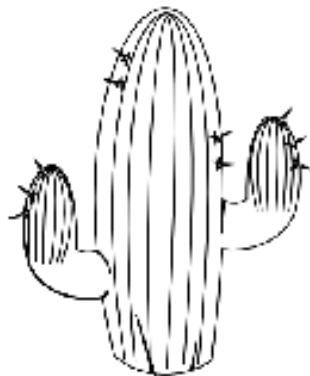
Little rain

And hardly any

Trees,

Except Cactus.

By Matthew Roberts.



Create something new

Out of

Not

Very

Exciting

Renewable

Technology

By William Broadbent

Come

Over

Near everyone

Verging to the

End

Nobody not

Enjoying the coming together.

By Megan McGruddy

Hydration is the key.

You need every day

Drink lots of water.

Risk your life with not enough water.

Any sport you need to drink water.

Today and tomorrow, have water with you

Every day drink lots of water.

By Khloe Watson

Cloudy weather...

Low temperatures...

Impossible heat

Magnificent rain...

And

That's that!

Everybody. That's that!

By Jackson Hyland-Wood

Hurting, hurting in my throat.

Ouch! It hurts like flame.

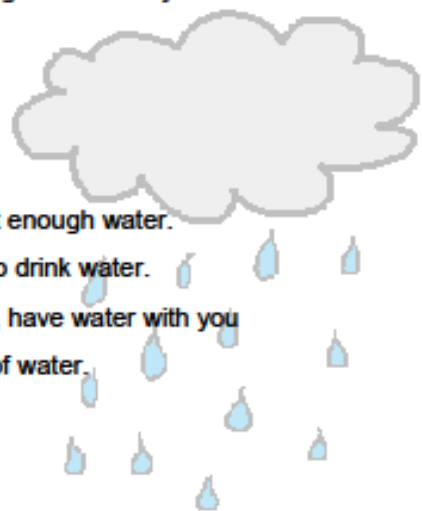
Aching, Aching, starting to bloat,

Right now, I'm going to blame.

Spicy chicken from the Indian shop,

Extremely spicy again.

By Matilda Kraut



Junior Campus Library News

Library life is back in full swing, and all students have been great readers and borrowers from their first library session – well done everyone!

I try to keep the library both an exciting place to visit, and a welcoming place to relax with a new book, and this week I re-arranged furniture to make a couple of new little nooks for those relaxers, and more table space for the exciting things that are always available to do – new graphic novels, lego, chess, that new Anh Do book or even better – the new Andy Griffiths/Terry Denton novel, the latest in the Treehouse series!! Great excitement has been generated by your children since early last term about this new one – The 117 Storey Treehouse. Thank you Samuel Franke for being my reminder about getting this one in the library!

Swimming lessons are coming up fast, and I would love your help to keep your library books protected by reminding children to bring their library bags with them on their library day. I have been able to rescue a few books in the past that have been water damaged (wet towels and bathers in bags) but some of them I've had to replace. Thanks everyone.

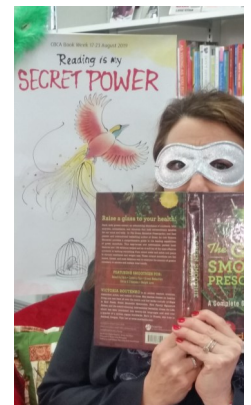
Speaking of Graphic Novels – I recently bought nearly 20 new titles and gave some students a sneak peek before they hit the shelves – I don't think they

will hit the shelves for a while yet, nearly every title has multiple holds placed on them. Children are able to access the library catalogue here in the library, search for and place holds on not only Junior Campus books, but items from 23 other libraries in the South West. They are able to borrow from any of these other libraries, then return them here at the Junior Campus library. If you are a public library member you are also able to do this. Please feel free to pop into the Junior Campus Library and I'll tell you more! I'll put the kettle on..

I have had the great pleasure of working with two of our Year 6 students in the last few weeks – Jack Espinos and Hayden Symes. They have earned the privilege of being given a little free time after working so well in class. They both chose to come to the library to be given tasks to do, and have proved themselves diligent and hard working. Thank you young men, I appreciate all you do.

One more thing – if you are able to spare 10 minutes in your morning drop off routine, take a walk around our beautiful grounds and check out the buds bursting into glorious life! I think the picture I took recently is of a hakea?

Mrs Kay
Library Officer



P&C Newsletter - August 2019



Next Meeting

Monday 23rd September
3:15 pm – Year 1/2 Cluster Area
All welcome

Canteen Hours

Both campuses are open:
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
for Recess & Lunch.
Online orders preferred
www.quickcliq.com.au



Canteen Contacts

Senior Campus
Ph: 0481 789 068
Junior Campus
Ph: 0466 873 758

Please note: text messages are unable to be answered

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Senior Campus
Meeting Room (near library)
Monday 8:30–9:30am

Junior Campus
Front Office
Thursday 2:30–3:30pm

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WELCOME

We hope that you are enjoying our newsletters and encourage you to contact us if you have any suggestions on future inclusions. Please email donnybrookdhs.p.c@gmail.com and Jess will pass your suggestions on.

The P&C recently invited all staff to a 'meet and greet' afternoon tea. The purpose of this event was to introduce staff to our members, explain the role of the P&C and work on building relationships between both parties. Thank you very much to all those staff who made the effort to attend, we appreciate your support. Thank you also to our members who also gave up their time to attend this event and supply an amazing spread of goodies for afternoon tea. Special thank you to Karen for suggesting and organising this on behalf of the P&C.



CANTEEN NEWS



The canteen has now reverted back to Wednesday, Thursday and Friday opening days at both campuses. Our recent meal deal of spaghetti bolognese meal deal was very popular with our students. Coming soon ... the opportunity for you to have your say on our summer menu. A future Facebook poll will determine the result, so keep an eye out for the post. **ONLINE Orders are preferred via www.quickcliq.com.au**

UNIFORM NEWS

Uniform order forms will be sent out to families in Week 8 this term. Please follow the instructions provided to ensure that your order is placed with our suppliers before the deadline. Thank you for your co-operation.



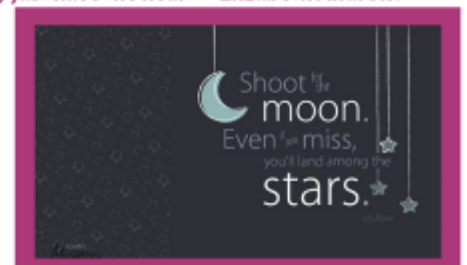
FUNDRAISING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2019
DDHS P&C FAMILY
COLOUR FUN DAY
MARKET STALLS
FOOD AND DRINKS
COLOUR RUN FUNDRAISER
BIGGER AND FUNNER THAN LAST YEAR!
VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AND NEEDED
CONTACT KIRI ON 0402599451 OR EMAIL:
MOVWITHLIFEMASSAGETHERAPY@OUTLOOK.COM
JOIN OUR FACEBOOK EVENT
TO KEEP UP TO DATE

GET TO KNOW YOUR P&C REPRESENTATIVES

Our P&C Representatives are mostly parents of children who attend DDHS. Some have paid jobs, and others do not. Most loved cheesies from their school canteen as a child. Some have several volunteer positions, and others only volunteer for our P&C. Some didn't have an answer for the question "If you were Principal for a day what would you implement?" whilst others had some interesting thoughts on the matter. All of them love our school and want to contribute in their own way, which is one of the reasons they joined the P&C. We hope you enjoy reading about some more of our volunteers on the next page, and in future newsletters.

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart" - Elizabeth Andrew.



Introducing ... Your P&C Committee Members



Michaela Raccanello - Treasurer

What year did your children commence their schooling at DDHS? **2019 - Year 7 & Year 4**

What year did you join the DDHS P&C Committee? **2019**

Why did you join the DDHS P&C Committee? **Having just moved here, I thought it was a good way to meet people and to contribute to the community**

What is the best thing about having your child at DDHS? **The school is very inclusive and friendly**

What was your favourite canteen item as a child? **Cheesies**

What was your favourite subject at school? **Maths**

What was your least favourite subject at school? **Phys-Ed**

Maths or Science? **Neither**

Eagles or Dockers? **Eagles all the way - since they first started!**

What do you like to do to relax? **Knit**

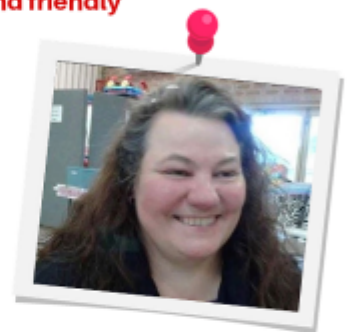
Dream holiday destination? **Europe**

Which of the Seven Dwarfs best describes you? **Bashful**

What is your favourite children's movie? **Harry Potter**

What was favourite book as a child? **A series from Germany, translated to 'The Professors Twins'**

When you are not volunteering for the DDHS P&C what do you do? **I have completed my training to become the Cub Scout Leader for the local Scout Group. I do some bookkeeping and I am a Mum. I'd like to have my own craft shop in the near future selling papercraft, sewing and knitting/crochet supplies.**



Kiri Errey - Fundraising Co-ordinator

What year did your child commence their schooling at DDHS? **2016**

What year did you join the DDHS P&C Committee? **2017**

Why did you join the DDHS P&C Committee? **To contribute towards my children's education with resources they may not get to have or utilise at school otherwise and to meet new people.**

What are your hopes for the P&C this year? **To continue a good foundation to build on for following years and to establish a few large annual fundraising events.**

What is the best thing about having your child at DDHS? **The outdoor environment that they get to play in and utilise is great!**

What is your most memorable moment from DDHS thus far? **I loved the video summary that Kindy prepared for parents to highlight what the children had been up to during the year.**

If you were a student again, which DDHS Teacher would you choose to teach you? **Too many awesome teachers to choose from.**

If you were Principal for a day, what would you implement? **A day of learning outside the classroom.**

What was your favourite canteen item as a child? **Yogo**

What was your least favourite subject at school? **Physics and Chemistry**

What was your favourite book as a child? **'Trixie Beldon' series**

Eagles or Dockers? **Dockers much to the disgust of my husband!**

What do you like to do to relax? **Go for a walk**

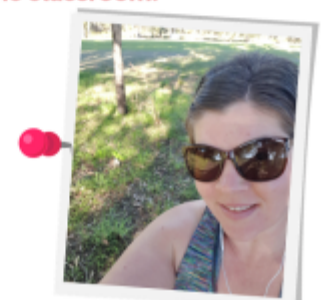
What was your favourite subject at school? **Sport**

Which of the Seven Dwarfs best describes you? **Happy**

What is your favourite children's movie? **'Polyanna'**

When you are not volunteering for the DDHS P&C what do you do?

Owner of Move with Life Massage Therapy, coach of Net-Set-Go and taxi/food service for family!



Term Calendar - Term 3 2019

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
6	26 Aug In-Term Swimming PP-6 All Week	27 PBS Junior Campus We work as a part of a team. We respond and interact positively with everyone in the school community	28 Junior Campus Assembly 9.:00am – 4WM EARLY CLOSE	29 NEWSLETTER	30	31	1 Sept
7	2 Sept Rd 2 OLNA Writing Numeracy and Reading	3	4 EARLY CLOSE	5	6 Primary Winter Carnival	7	8
8	9 Sept Numeracy and Reading	10	11 Road Trauma Day EARLY CLOSE	12	13 Senior Campus Assembly 9:00am Footy Colours Day Junior Concert Band Festival Perth – Day trip (Churchlands SHS)	14	15
9	16 Sept Numeracy and Reading	17	18 Junior Campus Assembly 9:00am – 4/5SG	19 NEWSLETTER Board Meeting 4:30pm	20	21	22
10	23 Sept	24	25 Yr 9/10 Winter Carnival EARLY CLOSE	26	27 Students last day	28	29
H	30 Sept Queen's Birthday	1 Oct	2	3	4	5	6
H	7 Oct	8	9	10	11	12	13

Start and End of Term

Public Holidays

School Holidays (students)

School Development Days

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SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2019

DDHS P&G FAMILY GOLOUR FUN DAY

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