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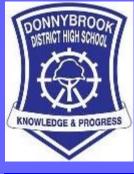
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**Donnybrook District High School Newsletter** 

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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - James Milne

2019 is fast drawing to a close, we are busy finalising arrangements for the Year 6 Graduation and Lunch, Year 1-10 Presentation Assembly and Family Picnic, followed by the Year 10 Graduation and Dinner. These events are always well anticipated and make for an exciting conclusion to a school year



The Year 6 Graduating students will enjoy a lunch on Monday 16 December. This is being held at the Recreation Centre, commencing at 12.00pm. Our Year 6 students will receive their Graduation certificates at the Presentation Assembly in front of the Year 1-10 students.

I hope that the majority of families can be represented at the Presentation Assembly on Wednesday 18 December. This is being held at the Recreation Centre, commencing at 10.00am sharp. The School Concert Band will be entertaining everyone throughout the Presentation Assembly. A program for this event will be placed on Facebook your reference.

At the conclusion of the Presentation Assembly, all students will take part in a Family Picnic at the Junior Campus. Food and drinks are once again being made available to everyone throughout the afternoon. Brad Johnson and Daniel Wiseman from Donnybrook IGA is kindly supplying this for the school community, which is wonderfully generous. The local Lions group have arranged for a team of volunteers to come and cook up the sausages for all to enjoy. Once again there will be inflatables for all ages to entertain the students for the afternoon. Parents and carers of Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students are reminded that they are invited to attend the picnic with their child/ren.

I also look forward to seeing all parents and carers of our Graduating Year 10s back at the Recreation Centre on Wednesday 18 December, with the Graduation Ceremony set to commence at 5.00pm. Following this, the students will enjoy a wonderful dinner in Boyanup. This year the achievement of our Year 10s is also being acknowledged at the whole school Presentation Assembly.

# Thank You

As a whole, the teaching and support staff at Donnybrook District High School have worked conscientiously throughout 2019 to support the students they were entrusted to teach. I therefore urge you to write notes of encouragement and thanks to those that have assisted in the development of your child/ren to show your appreciation. Please take the time to do this as it will mean so much to the staff!

A special thank you to Jeanette Hutchison and Sue Jessop who are both retiring and bringing to a close wonderful careers in the Public School system. I trust they will leave well satisfied in the huge contribution they have made in shaping and influencing the lives of thousands of students from Donnybrook District High School and the state of Western Australia.

Thank you to the many teaching and support staff who have filled part time and full time vacancies throughout the year. Their commitment to the school and our students was most appreciated.

We also farewell our School Psychologist, Imogen Kerruish and thank her for the wonderful support she has provided to our school community over the past 2 years. Regional Education Office have appointed lona Hughes as our new Psychologist.

The school has moved to appoint a new School Chaplain. Emily Doyle will commence working at both the Junior and Senior Campuses in Term 1 2020. My sincere thanks to Len Van Aarde for his unwavering commitment to our school over a long period of time. Len made strong connections with many students and their families and played a key role in supporting their wellbeing.

I sincerely hope the School Community has a wonderful holiday over December and January and you get the opportunity to take a well-earned break and catch up with family and friends. All staff will be back at work on Thursday 30 January. **Students are due back on Monday 3 February**.

# Semester 2 Reports

Pre-Primary to Year 10 Semester 2 Reports will be emailed to parents and carers commencing Monday 16 December. As each year group is finalised, they will be emailed immediately, allowing parents the ability to read their child's report on their computer, tablet or phone and save an electronic copy for future reference. Parents and carers who still require a paper copy, may telephone the Junior or Senior Campus Front Office and request a copy of their child's report to be sent home. Parents who have not provided an email address will be provided with a paper copy on Wednesday 18 December.

Please take the time to discuss the report with your child and if necessary arrange a time to discuss your child's progress with the teachers in Term 1 2020.

# **PRIMARY DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - Lauren Jones**

Just like that, another year comes to an end. It has been fantastic to see the amount progress the students have made throughout Semester 2. I can't wait to see many of these students acknowledged at the Presentation Assembly next Wednesday.

# **Reports**

I have had the pleasure of reading a large proportion of the student's end of year reports. The hard work that students have dedicated towards their classwork is outstanding. Remember to read the teacher's comments to see what your child has achieved and areas of focus for 2020.

Reports will be sent home next week. Please keep an eye out for these in your inboxes. If for some reason you do not receive your child's report please contact the school office and alternate arrangements will be made.

# Goodbyes

It is at this time of year that we say goodbye to a number of students and staff. I wish them the best of luck in their future endeavours.

We say goodbye to Kate Suckling, Sue Turnbull and Nata at the completion of the 2019 school year. Kate, I would like to thank you on behalf of the staff and students for your dedication to the students in your class. You will be a missed member of the junior cluster and we wish you all the best at your new school. Sue, your calming presence in any classroom you step into is amazing. Despite only being in the class one day per week, the impact you have had on the Year 2 class this year has not gone unnoticed. Nata, the knowledge and cultural awareness you have given the students regarding Indonesia is fantastic. Our languages program has been strengthened by your presence.

# Primary Parent Volunteer Morning Tea

Thank you to those parents that braved the heat last Friday. It was a fantastic opportunity for the staff to thank all of the parents who have volunteered throughout the school this year. For those who didn't make it to the morning tea, I would like to extend a huge thank you to you all. A special mention to the parents that were volunteering in Pre-Primary on Friday. These parents were too busy volunteering to make it to the morning tea! I hope you enjoyed the plate of goodies that were sent down to you.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff, students, parents and the wider community for welcoming me into Donnybrook DHS. The last semester has flown by and I look forward to continue working with the staff, students and school community in 2020. Have a happy and safe holidays, and I will see you all back fresh for a new school year in February.

# SENIOR CAMPUS ADMIISTRATION TEAM REPORT ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL - Renee Reid DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - Amanda Biddlestone RELIEF DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - Jonelle McLoughlin



2019 has almost come to an end, however, we still have several days to go, with lots of activities and celebrations planned. It is important to remember that we embody our CARE message up until the very last day; we encourage all students to be attending school on time, wearing correct school uniform and following our PBS behaviours.

# Year 10 Celebrations - Adventure World

The final plans are currently being finalised for Adventure World, the Graduation Ceremony and the Graduation Dinner. All students should now have had their permission forms and payment back to the front office for these events. It has been great to see majority of our Year 10s following our PBS behaviours, and modelling behaviour that is expected in our school. Adventure World is Monday 16th of December and the bus will be departing the Senior Campus at 8am sharp with students being asked to arrive at school by 7.45am, as latecomers may miss out. A reminder that students need to bring their swimming gear, as well as sun protection. Students can either bring food and drinks with them or purchase them on the day. All belongings that students bring to Adventure World will be the responsibility of the students. I'm sure Mr Fyfe and Mrs Shepherd are looking forward to spending the day having fun with students. Students will be briefed about expected behaviour, as this is a long day for both staff and students and we want the day to be enjoyable for all.

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# **Presentation Day & Ceremony/Dinner**

The Year 10s are expected to attend the whole school Presentation Day at the rec-centre on Wednesday 18th which will start at 10am and finish around midday. Year 10 students can then leave to allow time to get ready for the Graduation Ceremony and Dinner. Students will attend the ceremony, which will then be followed with dinner at the Bull and Bush Tavern at 7.00pm. Thank you to parents and carers, for supporting your child to display expected behaviours daily, in the lead up to these events.

# Year 7-9 Presentation Day and Family Picnic

All year 7-9 students will attend the Presentation Day at 10am on Wednesday 18th December at the Recreation Centre and will then enjoy the Family Picnic and Fun Day at the Junior Campus.

# Farewells

Unfortunately, it is that time of year when we also have to say a goodbye to some of our fabulous staff at the Senior Campus.



We thank Mr Gary Hennessy for stepping in this year to undertake an English teaching role. We have appreciated his effort in supporting our students and staff. I'm sure he may come back for a little bit of relief now and then. We wish you the very best for the new year.

Mrs Sandi Cheema has been in our school a year now and has taught a range of subjects including Maths, HaSS, Health and Physical Education. We thank Sandi for her bubbly personality and enthusiasm to ignite the flame of learning with our students at Donnybrook DHS. She has been a supportive staff member, always providing us with a laugh. We wish you the very best on your new adventure.





The Art Department will miss Ms Sue Mckee, who has helped our students be creative and critical, when producing their own pieces of art. She has always had our students' best interests at heart and embraced their artistic skills in a variety of ways. We wish her the very best in moving back to her home of New Zealand.

Last week, we had to say goodbye to an amazing music teacher who has been with us for 16 years. Wendy Armstrong was a well-liked music teacher by both staff and students. Her positive and vibrant personality was very much appreciated in our school and I know she will be a great loss to our school community. We wish her the very best.

Data, data, data! Thanks to our data man, Mr Andrew Fyfe, for his efforts over the past three years. Mr Fyfe has excited students with his passionate love for Mathematics and chess! We will wish his dry humour and, most of all, the millions of facts he shared every day. All the best, Mr Fyfe, with your new adventure.





A big thank you to Mr Len Van Arde, for his tireless work with our students. He has provided the support of someone to talk on a weekly basis. Not only is Len a support for our students, but he has also been a support for staff. He is a kind, caring man, who has been very much appreciated at the Senior Campus. Thanks, Len.

We wish all students, families and staff a happy and restful holiday period and we look forward to seeing everyone (except the 10s of course) in 2020.



# FAMILY PICNIC





# WHEN: WEDNESDAY 18 December 2019

- TIME: 11:30AM 2:35PM
- WHERE: Junior Campus Oval
- WHO: Kindergarten to Year 10 student and their families
- WHAT: Bouncy Castles, Sausage Sizzle, Drinks, Ice creams and Coffee Van.
- BYO: Picnic blankets, chairs and shade.

# FOOD/DRINKS/ICE CREAMS: FREE!



# DONNYBROOK FRESH

A HUGE THANK YOU once again to IGA for donating ALL the food and drink items.

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# Senior Campus News - Tell Your Tale

# B A R R Y B L Y T H E

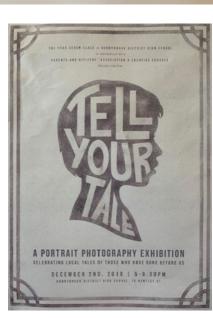
Barry Blythe was born on the 2/6/1939, in Bridgetown. He was brought up in Balingup. Barry was brought up in a time were dad was always the head of the family and if you had a good farther you would enjoy life back then. Kids would always listen to their fathers and mothers. Back then there were no drugs and the kids had never heard of them.

Barry had his good and bad days at school. Some teachers were very cruel which therefor resulted in The boys suffering a lot of canings for just being boys although different teachers had different ideas (one teacher had two canes one for the boys and one for the girls and one spare in case one broke). He was a bit chubby as a kid and got teased at school so his dad took him to Bridgetown to an old army commando. He taught him how to defend himself and he came back to school and knocked those bullies around a bit, and got a lot of respect and when he got respect he was a changed man. In his spare time, he and his friends had Melbourne star pash bikes and they use to go riding quite a lot. He learnt how to shoot at the age of 12 and he used to shoot rabbits around the farm. He used to make kites with his friends but they didn't have a great deal of time on the farm so he mixed the fun with work. He use to play junior football as a kid and did a few darts competitions as well. Bailing up was just a little industrial town then and it was a very happy time. The laws were very strict and tough but they were very fair. When his father was in the war wounded three times and he got shrap-nel to the head and kept on passing out. On the farm they needed someone to take the milk to the factory but dad was working and mum was shopping so at the age of 15 his dad took him to Bridgetown to the magistrate and his dad got him a special license to deliver the milk to the factory

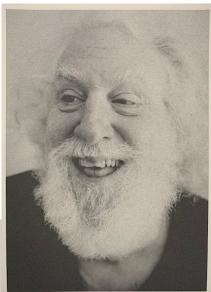
Barry's first job was at the timber mill. When the cows had milk they would help out on the farm but when the cows didn't have milk they would get of farm jobs. Barry started working in cheese factory's and pack houses when he was about 16. When he was about 18 the factory closed down so he went to go work for main roads in Bunbury to build bridges. When he was 22 he bought his first truck and made his own truck business and he had his trucking business until he retired.

#### Written by Roy Slater









# STEPHEN HARWOOD

Stephen Harwood is the name of Stephen Harwood who was born in England and he grew up in Melbourne in a small country town about the size of Kirup.

One of his strongest subject's science because he had lots of science friends but he wasn't too good at math as his teacher wasn't very good at teaching.

His job was a printer by trade and he enjoyed it for a bit but it got boring for him. He had an average family of two sisters and a mum and dad, he was the youngest in the family. He really likes the technology these days and he hates politics, who would like politics?

He liked to collect bugs when he was a kid and he said that's how he entertained himself as there wasn't much entertainment back then. He told us he doesn't find life that much easier now days. He had to do all of these things as there was not that much technology when he was a kid.

Before he migrated to Melbourne he lived in out in the country. Then he moved into the city and he wasn't very used to it. He was interested in chemical sciences.

He watches a lot of YouTube and SBS on demand, but he mostly talks to his science friends on Facebook. He likes to talk about climate change.

He finished school in year 12 and he got an apprentiship. He was 12 years old when he left England. He likes snakes and he wants something to be done about them. His other job was working in a chocolate factory which he found fun.

# Senior Campus News - Tell Your Tale

# GWENDOLINE NIDD

Gwendoline Nidd is a loved member of the Donnybrook community and has lived here for a few years. She worked as a vet, office worker and grew up in London. She has three children to her husband Mr Nidd. She likes gardening, reading and playing with her dog.

On the 11th January 1937 Gwendoline Nidd was born in Essington, London which would not have been a nice place because World War 2 was happening at the time. Gwendoline has lived in many places but she grew up on the edge of London during World War 2. When she was a bit older she moved Tonga which is a country in Oceania and stayed there for a few years, and now she currently lives in Donnybrook.

Gwendoline is a loving mother of three. Paul Russel Nidd being the oldest at 61 years of age, Peter Reginald Nidd being the middle child at 58 years of age and Louise Jane Nidd being the youngest at 57 Years of age.

Gwendoline told us a lot about her past but her most memorable memory is when her husband payed off a ship in Melbourne, her and her three children went to pick her husband up from the docks. Gwendoline used to work as an office worker but that wasn't her passion. So she became a vet on the Adelaide hills.

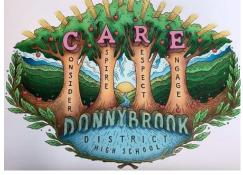
Gwendoline does not currently have a job, but she does have quite a few hobbies such as, reading, playing card games such as solitaire and playing board games when her family comes over. Her favourite thing to do is go out for a good first class meal. To pass the time she does some gardening, goes to church group, plays with her dog and reads a good book.

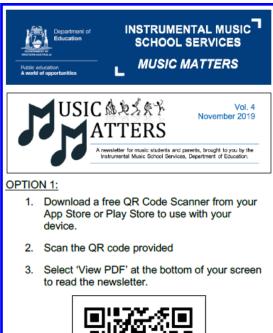
Her advice for inspiring young children is "Live your dream. If you want something, strive for it. You only live once so live it". The one thing Gwendoline wants to do before she dies is go to the Falkland Islands and see a bit more of the world.

I liked interviewing Gwendoline because she opened up to us and told us quite a bit about her and her past and we had a really nice time.

#### Written by Alana Oliver









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# **P&C** News



Monday 16th December 2019 3:15 pm – Year 1/2 cluster area All welcome to attend

Canteen Hours Both campuses are open on

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday for recess & lunch. Online orders preferred www.quickcliq.com.au



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# Welcome

Welcome to our final newsletter for the year, which is also my final newsletter as Communications Officer for the P&C. I hope that our newsletter has helped to keep our families informed of P&C happenings throughout the year. On pages 2 and 3, I have included photo collages of some of the magical work undertaken by the P&C this year, thank you to everyone who has supported us. JT

# P&C Committee

Have you been considering joining the committee? We need you! Some of our volunteers are unable to re-nominate for their positions next year, so now is the perfect time to consider joining the committee and having your say on the direction of the P&C in 2020.

There are many P&C roles which don't require a huge outlay of time, so if you only have an hour or two to spare each month, a role like Communications Officer or General Committee member could be perfect for you! Unless volunteers are willing to step forward into vacant positions at the AGM next year, the P&C cannot continue with the fabulous work it conducts for our school.

# Your support is vital to ensure the ongoing success of the P&C.

All positions are declared vacant at the AGM, and nominations are welcome for any position. The current known vacancies are:

- President
- Vice President
- Footy Tipping Co-ordinator
- General Committee Members

Please consider volunteering your time to support the re-nominating committee members to continue their valuable work for our school.









Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
9	9 Dec	10	11 Pre-Primary Parent Afternoon Tea 1.00 - 2.30pm	12 Newsletter	13 Kindy Christmas Slideshow/Songs 9.00pm	14	15
			EARLY CLOSE		Xscape at the Cape - Year 6		
10	16 Dec Adventure World Yr 10 Year 6 Graduation Lunch 12.00pm	17 Year 6 Jnr Campus Assembly	18 Year 1-10 Presentation Assembly 10.00am Family Picnic 11:30–2:35pm Year 10 Graduation 5.00pm EARLY CLOSE	19 Students last day	20 Teachers last day School Development Day	21	22
Η	23 Dec	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29
Η	30 Dec	31	1 Jan 2020 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5

# Term Calendar - Term 1 2020

Wk	Monday	Tuesda	ıy	Wedr	nesday		Thursday	Frid	ay	Sat	Sun
1	3 Feb Students resume	4		5			6	7		8	9
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2	10 Feb	11		12			13	14		15	16
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				EARLY	CLOSE						
	Start and End of Term Public Holida			ys School Holidays (students) School Developn			velopment	Days			

# **Convenient Payment Options Available**

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