

# DONNYBROOK DHS

We CARE

## Junior Campus Cross Country

Students from Year 1 to 6 enjoyed the opportunity to display their athletic ability at the Cross Country Carnival, held on Wednesday. It was fantastic to see all students participating in their selected events and completing their races to the best of their ability. The student's sportsmanship was on display with many students helping others in need throughout the day and cheering for each other. What made the day even more special was seeing so many parents at the start/finish line to cheer the children on. Thank you to the Year 10 students who helped out, ensuring the primary students were looked out for along the course. Also, thank you to Mr A for organising a successful day.



	RED	GOLD	BLUE	GREEN
<b>BOYS LONG</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>GIRL LONG</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>BOYS SHORT</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>GIRLS SHORT</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>182</b>
<b>FINAL TOTAL</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>420</b>



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## James Milne



**Semester 1** is fast drawing to a close, following two terms of schooling that can be best described as 'challenging' and 'unusual'. I'm genuinely pleased that as a school community we were able to work together to overcome the obstacles and support one another, to make the best of the extraordinary situation and ensure our students were safe and still learning.

The teachers and education assistants worked extremely hard to make certain the teaching and learning they delivered, supported the students on their individual education journeys. They are to be commended for the effort they put in to create the conditions that enabled the students to progress, whether they were learning at school or at home. The non-teaching staff also worked conscientiously to support the school community, with the school officers, cleaners and gardeners, all contributing to the running of the school throughout the uncertain times.

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of the Leadership Team throughout this period. Renee Reid, Lauren Jones, Amanda Biddlestone, Erin Cartledge and Sarah Bible, stood up magnificently when it was needed, committing themselves to the work that was required to support students, staff and parents and carers. A crisis always provides an opportunity for a leader to lead, and throughout COVID-19, our leaders all did this with practical and emotional intelligence. I couldn't be happier with the team!

Our staff deserve a break and I sincerely hope that the upcoming school holidays provide them all with the opportunity to catch up with family and friends and importantly re-set, to be ready for Semester 2.

Please also note that students return to school for the commencement of Term 3 on **Wednesday 22 July**. Monday 20 July and Tuesday 21 July are both School Development Days (Pupil Free Days). The Hon Sue Ellery, Minister for Education, approved the second School Development Day as a result of schools having to forgo their day at the beginning of this term to prepare for the return of face to face teaching.

### **Semester 1 Reports**

Semester 1 Reports will be emailed out on the Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 10. Parents and carers who 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.

With the regular attendance of many students throughout WA being lower due to COVID-19, the breadth and depth of the curriculum covered by schools throughout Semester 1 may have been reduced. For this reason, schools are not required to include A to E grades on this year's Semester 1 student reports. Some may, however the majority won't be.

Here at Donnybrook District High School we are aware that COVID-19 has impacted upon the momentum of student learning, therefore we felt it was fair to leave the judgement around a student's grade until we are better positioned to make this. For this reason, we have elected not to report A-E grades this semester, instead providing a comment in each Learning Area that reflects the progress of the students.

Importantly schooling has largely returned to normal and our students are engaging in the regular curriculum, minus a few extra-curricula activities such as excursions. Semester 2 reports will reflect this and therefore provide the usual, more detailed information on your child's progress and achievement with A-E grades reported in each Learning Area.

Parents and carers are encouraged to sit down with the students and look closely at the reports, in particular reflecting on the comments made by the teachers and the overall attitude, behaviour and effort being displayed. Parents and carers need to make the time to meet with the teachers if an interview was requested. If an interview wasn't requested, they are still more than welcome to request a meeting with teachers to discuss the report and associated comments. It is imperative that we work together to address the students areas of need. Interviews can be arranged by contacting the Front Offices or the teachers directly.

**Focus:**  
**'We Are Active Listeners'**

## **JUNIOR CAMPUS NEWS**

### **Lauren Jones - Deputy Principal**



Over the last week or so, I have taken some time to reflect on what a semester it has been. As mentioned previously, I truly believe that staff, students and the community have come out of this challenging semester strong and united. We should all be proud of the students at Donnybrook DHS for their resilience in these unusual times. The students are all engaging in their learning within classrooms and socially interacting with each other fantastically. The school has a fantastic buzz about it.

#### **Inside the Classrooms**

I have had the pleasure of being invited to a range of classrooms, witnessing the hard work that students have been putting into their learning. The Year 6 students, continue to amaze me with their reignited love for learning and their eagerness to engage in Mathematics lessons. These students have been working hard to learn multiplication and division of multi-digit numbers. While in the Year 1 classes students have been working hard to sequence numbers. Some students within these classes are sequencing numbers up to 200. The Year 2 students have been working hard to recognise and read their sight words. Some students in Miss Hancock's class have made fantastic improvements in the number of sight words they can read. An excellent effort by all.

#### **The Importance of Reading Aloud**

I conducted reading assessments with most of the students throughout the school in week 6. The focus of the reading assessment was to see how fluently students could read words or passages, depending on the age of the students. Some of the students amazed me with how fluently they read, and improved dramatically from their assessment last term. This data will be used by teachers and students to set goals to improve their reading fluency. You can assist your child at home by getting them to read aloud regularly. Reading fluently is not just about reading quickly, it is also about accuracy and expression.

#### **Lost Property**

The Junior Campus is overflowing with lost property. Please come and check to see if your jacket or jumper is here at the rear entrance of the Administration building.



#### **A Message from our Gardener**

The bush blocks will be closed in Term 3 so our orchids can grow ready to flower about mid Term 3, the bush areas will re-open Term 4. A reminder regarding rubbish. The amount of plastic finding its way into the bush is not good for our native animals and with winter here they are more likely to sample a shiny bit of wrapper or pick up a plastic lid. Please dispose of your rubbish responsibly.



Focus:  
'We use  
our time  
effectively'

## SENIOR CAMPUS NEWS



Renee Reid  
Associate Principal



Amanda Biddlestone  
Deputy Principal



Erin Cartledge  
Deputy Principal

### Business as usual

We really hope and believe that we will be back to complete business as usual next term, with the return of events and activities that students love to be part of. With the return to normal also comes the not as enjoyable activities such as OLNA (more on that below).

### Camp

Unfortunately, due to the constraints of planning so far ahead for interstate excursions, we had to cancel our 9/10 Canberra Camp for 2020. This was a great disappointment to students, staff and parents but like everything during this period, everyone was understanding and supportive of the the decision we had to make. We are currently working our way through the paperwork for refunds and we thank our parents for being so patient. We will make a decision early next term around the 7/8 Perth Camp as we need to ensure we can adhere to any Health Department recommendations that are still in place. We will keep you informed about this one.

### Parent contact

We encourage all parents to contact us with any academic, behavioural or welfare concerns about their children, particularly after you have read their reports. The more informed we are, the more we can help. Don't feel like you need to wait for a teacher to contact you either! Ring, email or make an appointment to meet with teachers, or the Administration team, to discuss progress.

### Potential Changes for 2021

We are looking at making some changes to the curriculum offered to students at Donnybrook DHS in 2021. We obviously need your input on any changes and soon I will contact you soon to ask about your thoughts on this. Some potential ideas are:

- More community involvement in general, including Emergency Services (a Cadet style youth program) and Work Place Learning
- Career orientated courses
- Course counselling as early as Year 8
- Critical and Creative thinking programs
- More STEM offerings, and
- Outdoor Education

We are more than happy to discuss any of these changes with you. Please feel free to make an appointment to discuss this in further detail.

### Year 9 and 10 OLNA

Year 9 students will have the opportunity to sit a special round of OLNA to allow for the opportunity to pre-qualify for senior school. The three components of Reading, Writing and Numeracy will be held between Monday 10 August and Thursday 12 August.

Round 2 of the Year 10 OLNA will take place between 31 August and 25 September, specific dates will be confirmed closer to the test dates. Students who passed Round 1 test or pre-qualified from their Year 9 NAPLAN do not have to sit the corresponding tests. Letters will be sent to parents advising if their child is required to sit any tests in Round 2.

**Footy Colours Day**

On Friday the 19 June the Junior and Senior Campus students participated in Footy Colours Day to raise money for kids with cancer to help support their education while seeking treatment. Students dressed up in their favourite teams colours and made a gold coin donation. At the Senior Campus the SRC held a number of competitions at recess and lunch including a Quick Kicks competition, and the main event of the Long Bomb Competition. Mr Duncan and Mr Robertson tried their hand at both and gave stand out performances, but ultimately the students came away victorious!

A big thank you to Alan Cartledge and the team and Intersport Bunbury for their donation of a number of vouchers for the winners of our Long Bomb Competition. Thank you to everyone who participated and made a donation, we raised \$296.25. A fantastic effort by all!



**Long Bomb Competition Winners**

Year 7/8 Girl: Grace Feltham

Year 9/10 Girl: Haylee Khan

Year 7/8 Boy: Noah Clements

Year 9/10 Boy: Zach Baker





# 2020 CALENDAR TERMS 2 & 3

## 2020 Calendar

## Term Two

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
9	22 June	23	24 Junior Campus Cross Country  EARLY CLOSE	25 	26	27	28
10	29 June	30	1 July  EARLY CLOSE	2	3 Students last day	4	5
H	6 July	7	8	9	10	11	12
H	13 July	14	15	16	17	18	19

## 2020 Calendar

## Term Three

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1	20 July School Development Day	21 July School Development Day	22  EARLY CLOSE	23	24	25	26
2	27 July	28	29  EARLY CLOSE	30	31	1 Aug	2
3	3 Aug	4	5 Junior Campus Assembly 9:00am EARLY CLOSE	6 	7	8	9
4	10 Aug	11	12  EARLY CLOSE	13  Board Meeting 4:30pm	14	15	16
5	17 Aug	18	19  EARLY CLOSE	20	21	22	23
6	24 Aug	25	26 Junior Campus Assembly 9.00am EARLY CLOSE	27 	28	29	30
7	31 Aug	1 Sept	2  EARLY CLOSE	3	4 Primary Winter Carnival	5	6
8	7 Sept	8	9  EARLY CLOSE	10 Band Camp Perth  Board Meeting 4:30pm	11	12	13

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