

DONNYBROOK DHS

We CARE

The Junior Campus has extended student's meditation practise in 2022 to include a united session after lunch on Mindful Monday.

Students across the entire campus settle into a comfortable position in their classrooms and listen together to the meditation focus of the fortnight. They have explored a bubble moving through their bodies to calm and focus their mind and this fortnight have concentrated on counting their breath as their anchor. Next fortnight the focus will be on their senses and noticing and accepting sounds around them.

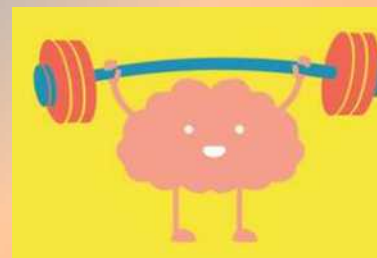
With all this practise, students brains are benefitting from being more settled and allowing them to focus on the present moment. These mindful practises will boost calmness, contentment and clarity in our student's minds. Mindful meditation has been shown to help manage stress, improve resilience, reduce anxiety, manage depression and improve general health and wellbeing.

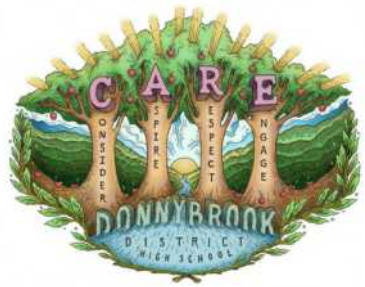
The Smiling Mind app is free and easy to use with a range of meditations to suit any age group and situation.

Why not try Smiling Minds at home?

Look out for extra information in your emails and Facebook.

Mindful Mondays





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

James Milne



Welcome back to the start of a new school year.

A very warm welcome to our new families and returning families for 2022. It is so fantastic to see all of our wonderful students again, they demonstrate such amazing CARE. Thank you to both the staff, students and parents and carers for a smooth start to the first few weeks back.

After a year in Perth, I'm definitely thrilled to step back into the school. I'm looking forward to a renewed focus on our Business Plan, Your Child; Our Focus and working with staff, the School Board and the P&C for the betterment of our students.

Welcome to Our New Staff

Alexandra Gibson – Year 1

Ashley Crute – Year 1/2

Sue Turnbull – Year 3/4

Tanya Harte – Year 4

Abbey-Rose Briggs – Year 5/6

A successful recruitment process towards the end of 2021, secured our school community five brilliant teachers. Importantly they have settled in well and are establishing great relationships with their students.

Welcome back to David Parkinson, who fills the Instrumental Music and Band position vacated by Phillip Luke. David worked at Donnybrook DHS a number of years ago in the same role.

We are also delighted to have a number of new support staff join the team at Donnybrook DHS. A special welcome to;

Eileen Annabelle – Manager Corporate Services

Gemma Hawken – Education Assistant

Danielle King – Education Assistant

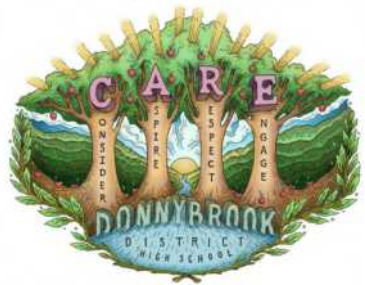
Sarah Steinepreis – School Psychologist

COVID-19 Safety

It appears that 2022 will once again provide our school community with numerous challenges related to Covid-19.

Extensive planning has been undertaken by the Leadership Team to support our students, staff and parents and carers through these fluid and complex circumstances. At the core of this planning is the health and wellbeing of our school community, together with ensuring our students continue to receive quality learning experiences when either classes on site are not possible for families, or staff are absent for isolation reasons.

Within this newsletter is a summary of the current measures being taken in response to the directives and expectations being placed upon schools by the State Government and the Department of Education.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

James Milne
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Support from our school community in relation to changes has been superb and I sincerely thank you all for your understanding and flexibility. Please be assured that we are doing our best in a constantly changing and challenging environment.

REMEMBER: to Update your Contact Details

Now is a good time to think about the contact details that the school has for you and your family. If any of your information has changed, please remember to update those details with the school office. Now is a good time to think about the contact details that the school has for you and your family. If any of your information has changed, please remember to update those details with the school office.

Term Calendar

Our calendar has been updated and parents and carers are asked to please make note of the upcoming events. A number of changes have taken place to reflect the Covid-19 Safety measures being taken by the school.

School Assemblies will not proceed in Term 1. We are looking at avenues to hold virtual assemblies and make recordings of these available to families.

Faction Carnivals are still scheduled to take place towards the end of the term, with revised formats allowing these to occur safely.

I appreciate that this may inconvenience parents and carers, but hope that you understand the need to make these changes.

Parent Meetings

Keep an eye on your Connect messages (they will come through on your email) this is how Parents and Carers are still able to make contact with teachers and request meetings. If these meetings can't be held over the phone or online, the teachers will make certain you are able to meet safely under the current guidelines.

The Leadership Team are also available to meet at any time, should you need to make contact to discuss the academic, behavioural and social and emotional needs of your child.

It is important that we all work in partnership throughout 2022.

Focus:
'We keep ourselves
and others safe.'

JUNIOR CAMPUS NEWS

Lauren Brown
Associate Principal



Welcome back for 2022. It has been a great start to the year, with students settling into their new classrooms. Teachers are getting to know their students and have conducted their initial assessment to ensure learning programs can be implemented to suit each student's learning needs. Despite the warm weather, students are enjoying their Physical Education lessons, where they are preparing for the upcoming Athletics Carnival.

Seesaw and Connect

On the Junior Campus, we are using the online platforms Seesaw (K-2) and Connect (3-6) to communicate with parents and carers to assign student work. Students are engaging with these platforms within their classroom. Year 3 to Year 6 teachers have asked their students to log at home and comment on a notice in their Connect class regarding what devices they have available at home. Please support your child in doing this.

Emails have been sent to parents and carers with log on details for both Seesaw and Connect. Please check your inbox for these emails and set up your account. If you are having any issues or have not received an email, please contact your child's classroom teacher or the administration office for assistance.

Reading Eggs, Mathseeds, and Mathletics

Students on the Junior Campus have subscriptions to Reading Eggs (PP-2), Mathseeds (PP-1) and Mathletics (2-6). These online learning platforms are used within classrooms to consolidate students learning. Students receive their own log on card which they use to access individualised learning to meet their needs. Many thanks to the P&C for supplying the subscriptions through a very generous financial donation.

Online Platform Permission Form

To ensure student's online safety, schools are required to seek parent and carers permission for some online platforms that are being used throughout the school. The full form only needs to be completed once throughout your child's schooling at Donnybrook DHS, Junior Campus. Updates may be sent each year with additional online applications that are intended to be used in classrooms.

Last week, parents and carers received one of two emails; an email with the full permission form or an email with the 2022 updated permission form. If you did not receive an email or have any questions, please contact the administration office at the Junior Campus.

ART BY ANNABELLE

Dragon Eye was created by Annabelle Coogan in 5/6TB - she is a very creative young lady who absolutely loves art.



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Dr Iain Browning
Associate Principal



Amanda Biddlestone
Deputy Principal

Welcome back to a new year, 2022. We especially welcome our Year 7 class starting their High School journey, we hope their time at the Senior Campus is enjoyable. With a variety of classes working on developing critical thinking skills and evoking curiosity, our Year 9 and 10 students have started their new Certificate I in Workplace Skills and all students have set about looking at Individual Pathway Planning (IPP), starting the discussion with "Where I want to be" "Who do I look up to?" "How do I get there?" and "Who can help me?".

Student Representative Council

Congratulations, to all students who nominated to be a part of the Student Representative Council (SRC) and our 2022 Student Leadership Team can be announced (see following page for names and photo's). Head Boy and Head Girl will be announced at a later date.

Connect

On the Senior Campus, we are using the online platform Connect to communicate with parents and to assign student work. Students are engaging with this platform within their classroom. Please support your child in doing this. If you are having any issues or have not received an email to join Connect as a parent, please contact your the administration office for assistance. Our teachers have placed term outlines on Connect. If you need a quick lesson on how to use it, make an appointment with Amanda Biddlestone to help you.

Secondary Assistance Scheme

The Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS) is to assist low-income families with secondary schooling costs for students in Years 7 to 12. It is made up of two allowances: the Education Program Allowance (EPA) – paid directly to the school and the Clothing Allowance (CLA). Up to \$235 is available. Please come in and our school staff will help you to apply. Applications close on 8th April 2022.

OLNA

Year 10s will have OLNA between 28th February and 25th March. This is their first attempt (of 6 attempts) to pass. They only have three days in which to complete the Writing test or they have to wait until the next testing period.

Your child has been made aware of which tests they need to complete.

They can practise at home by logging on to:

<https://assess.scsa.wa.edu.au/engine/index.php/login/olna>

Username: olna Password: prac14

Breakfast Club

Don't forget that we run Breakfast Club every Tuesday and Thursday morning at the Senior Campus from 8am, all students welcome. Come and grab a toasted sandwich, muffin or a piece of fruit, to help your brain wake up for the day, have a chat with Gordon and Brenda about the weather or the news!

JUNIOR CAMPUS STUDENTS LEADERS



Frankie Davy, Kate Wood, Timothy Harper, Bryce Vitali, Hayden Blackledge and Caleb Thompson. Our proud and motivated Student Leaders for Semester 1, 2022. Ready to help out any of our amazing students - just look for the red hats.

SENIOR CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Year 7
Alby Smith



Year 8
Tara-Rae Strand



Year 9
Khloe Watson



Year 10
Daniel Vitali



Sierra Lyon



Lilli Lyon



Isabelle Vernon



Jesse
McIntosh- Wright



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Chloe Rich



Ella Tickner



Megan McGruddy



Caelan Raccanello



Samantha Cahill

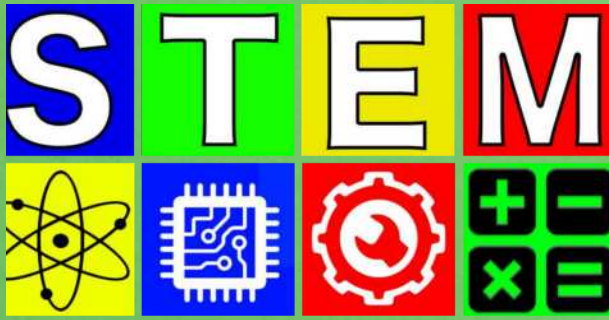


GYMNASTICS AT THE JUNIOR CAMPUS

Students across Years 1 – 6 have been practising their acrobatic skills with specialist coaches from Gravity attending Primary School Performing Arts classes during Weeks 3 and 4. Students worked on improving their core to help them gain strength in order to develop a variety of acrobatic moves like hand stands, forward and backward rolls, cartwheels, backbends, diving rolls and somersaults off a spring board. They looked amazing and had so much fun. Keep practising!!!



YEAR 7 STEM



WOW! What a great start to the year it has been for the Year 7 STEM class.

This semester the students are looking at how to build a solar oven and exploring the possibility there may be life on Mars. During our first week, we looked at the rules for the STEM Lab and how to work as a team to build a newspaper tower. We then began our solar research and conducted our first experiment to see how colour could effect temperature!

The students have demonstrated outstanding team work skills and are looking forward to building their own solar ovens at the end of the term.



LIBRARY NEWS

Miss Cartledge and the library staff would like to say welcome back for 2022. It has been a different start to the year with each year group at the Senior Campus having a designated day for the use of the library at lunch time. All the students have been excellent at wearing their masks and using their manners when entering. Our dedicated readers are borrowing books like crazy and with new books arriving soon there will be something for everyone! Our lunchtime competitions are on hold for the time being, but we are looking forward to Bingo, Jenga and Chess starting up soon!

Mrs Kay is joining us at the Senior Campus library for 4 days a week for a little while and is also busy running the Junior Campus library remotely.

Don't forget the Community Library is open.



Library staff celebrating Twosday 22/02/2022
by wearing tutu's.



Covid-19 Planning



Visitor Management

Parents and carers are unable to enter classrooms at pick up and drop off times.

Parents and carers are permitted on school grounds and are encouraged to wear a mask and/or social distance.

Parents and carers are able to access the Front Office area.

Parents and carers are unable to volunteer in classrooms.

Allied staff, such as Occupational Therapists and Speech Therapists, are vaccinated, therefore permitted to continue supporting students.

Community volunteers are unable to volunteer in classrooms.

Face to Face meetings can go ahead, provided masks are worn consistently. Online and phone calls remain an option for parents and carers.

Continuity of Learning

Guidelines have been developed, supporting staff to prepare for teaching in various scenarios.

The Leadership Team have compiled resources to release to parents and carers to support learning from home.

Teachers have developed planning files to support Face to Face teaching, in their absence.

At some point we are expected to be impacted by staff shortages. Roles and responsibilities of staff may be adjusted to support our core business of teaching and learning.

The schools priority remains to have a classroom teacher in front of each and every class, every day, meaning specialist programs, may be interrupted on occasions.

Education Assistants may be deployed to different classes or roles to support various scenarios that arise

Personal Health and Hygiene

Enhanced cleaning is occurring daily.

Rooms are being ventilated according to guidelines.

Hand washing and sanitising is being reinforced.

Masks are being worn by staff when indoors and only removed when instructing students.

Masks are being worn by Secondary students when indoors. Mask wearing is optional for Primary students.

Social distancing is encouraged when outside is encouraged.

Students who are unwell, need be kept home from school.

Gatherings (reducing close contacts)

Primary students have designated eating and play areas, aligned to their clusters.

Secondary students are able to physically distance appropriately within the school grounds, but aren't permitted on the verandahs.

The Primary assembly schedule will remain in place, with teachers encouraged to put on a virtual assembly. Merit Awards will be presented to one cluster at each assembly.

The Secondary assembly will still provide an opportunity for the Student Leaders to fulfil their roles. They will coordinate a virtual assembly for their peers.

PBS acknowledgements will be recorded and available to view on Facebook Facebook.

Whole school and Whole of Primary and Secondary events are not permitted.

Excursions are being considered on a case by case basis.

Faction Carnivals are currently still in planning, with changes being discussed. It is likely the Primary Carnival will be spread over 2 days.

2022 CALENDAR TERM 1

2022 Calendar

Term One

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
4	21 Feb	22 P&C Meeting	23 EARLY CLOSE	24 Newsletter Board Meeting 4:30pm	25	26	27
5	28 Feb	1 March	2 EARLY CLOSE	3 School Photos Jnr Campus	4 School Photos Snr Campus	5	6
6	7 March Labour Day	8	9 EARLY CLOSE	10	11	12	13
7	14 March PPEP Talk 11:30am Snr Campus Yr 4-6 Faction Carnival -Jumps & Throws + 200m	15 Primary Synergy Solar Car Challenge Yr1 1-3 Faction Carnival -Jumps & Throws	16 Drew Walker – World's Greatest Shave EARLY CLOSE	17 Yr PP-3 Faction Carnival – Track & Games – VC Mitchell Park	18 Yr 4-6 Faction Carnival – Track & Games VC Mitchell Park	19	20
8	21 March Harmony Day	22 P&C Meeting	23 EARLY CLOSE	24 Newsletter Coordinated Practice Test	25	26	27
9	28 March	29	30 EARLY CLOSE	31 Board Meeting 4:30pm	1 Primary Interschool Athletics Carnival	2	3
10	4 April	5	6 EARLY CLOSE	7 Snr Campus Faction Carnival	8 Students last day	9	10
H	11 April	12	13	14	15 Good Friday	16	17
H	18 April Easter Monday	19	20	21	22	23	24

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

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 8 April 2022

Ask School Reception for More Information