

DONNYBROOK DHS

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INTERSCHOOL BASKETBALL CARNIVAL

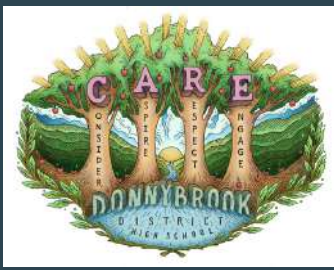
This year we took a record 5 teams to the Interschool Basketball Carnival at the Leschenault Leisure Centre on 17 November. We had two girls' teams and three boys' teams and they all performed extremely well.

The girls played seven games but only had one extra player per team and so must be congratulated for their stamina. The boys, who had more extras but played nine games due to the number of teams participating. All players can be extremely proud of the way they went about their day with great commitment, energy, skill and sportsmanship.

I also need to say a huge THANK YOU to our Parent Coaches Katya Tripp, Sarah Newman, Tash Russell, Morgan Bugg and Bill Brown. Having parents coaching freed me up to get around to all teams and also to troubleshoot where needed. A big thank you must go to our friendly and ever reliable bus driver Ange Winters for another safe and happy trip. So to everyone involved, it was a great day and I thank you all for your participation.

Mr Armstrong





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

James Milne



2023 is fast drawing to a close, we are busy finalising arrangements for numerous end of year events. These occasions are always well anticipated and make for an exciting conclusion to a school year.

My sincere thanks to the Leadership Team for the work they have done for the students, staff and families. Thank you, Mrs Hunter, Miss McLoughlin and Mrs Carter. I must also thank Mrs Brown, who is currently on Maternity Leave, enjoying time with her gorgeous girl, Ellie Grace and Miss Gibson who stepped in so admirably when I took 5 weeks Long Service Leave.

I would also like to thank the staff for the work they have done throughout the year. Our teachers and Education Assistants are acknowledged for their outstanding work throughout 40 weeks of schooling.

We say farewell to our Primary Deputy Principal, Mrs Carter. Mrs Carter joined us from Perth at the beginning of the year, she was appointed to lead teaching and learning and student support. Throughout this year Mrs Carter formed wonderful relationships with students, staff and parents and carers and will be missed by the school community.

This year we say goodbye to Miss McLoughlin who has taught at the Senior Campus for 15 years. She went to Balingup Primary School and then Donnybrook District High School as a student, returning to teach at Donnybrook after graduating from university. Miss McLoughlin has had varying roles during her time and undertook all of these with professionalism. On behalf of the school community, I thank her sincerely and wish her the very best for her move to teach Home Economics at Bunbury Senior High School.

Another Secondary teacher that is making a move is Mr Karsten. He came to Donnybrook under the Teach for Australia initiative. Mr Karsten was completely new to teaching, but it didn't take him long to find his 'mojo'. To get the best out of students, and build strong relationships are absolutely essential and Mr Karsten's natural ability to connect with students was an asset to him and our school. He will be dearly missed and our loss is Bunbury Baptist College's gain.

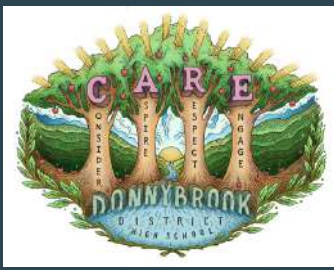
It saddens me to also be losing yet another teacher who came to us as a Graduate. Miss Hancock was appointed in 2020, and it quickly became obvious that she simply knew what to teach and how to teach, underpinned by wonderful relationships with students. In 2021 she was nominated for a WA Education Award, which was endorsed by students, staff and parents and carers. Unfortunately for Donnybrook and the teaching profession, Miss Hancock has decided to pursue other personal interests and I wish her all the best for this next journey in her life.

Miss Crute is another of our Graduate teachers that has been a shining light in the school. An absolutely beautiful person who won the hearts of the students, staff and families. As is often the case, the big city lures teachers back from regional WA. What I do know is our school was fortunate to have Miss Crute for 2 years and 2 years was better than none.

We say farewell to Ms Ward who filled a fixed term position this year. I commend her on the manner in which she took on this appointment and thank her for the work she has done throughout the year.

Retiring at the end of this year is Mrs Jones. After 29 years of teaching, Mrs Jones has made a massive contribution to the lives of hundreds of students throughout her career. As an Early Childhood teacher, she has been instrumental in ensuring our students received a wonderful start to their schooling. It is time for the next chapter in her life, and it is fair to say she well and truly deserves the chance to enjoy this.

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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 Monday 29 January. ***Students are due back on Wednesday 31 January.***

2024 Structure and Programs

I am pleased to be able to provide the following information on our class structure, teaching appointments and programs for 2024. As a school we are continually reflecting on our strengths and areas of need, which results in changes each year to support our continual growth and importantly address identified areas. Ultimately all decisions made are designed to meet the diverse needs of our students.

I am genuinely pleased with the new appointments and look forward to working with them as they seek to develop well rounded students who succeed at their schoolwork, are happy, well adjusted, and show concern and respect for others.

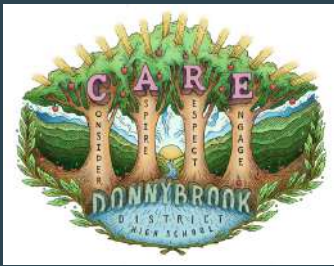
Leadership

Principal James Milne
Associate Principal Fiona Hunter
Primary Deputy Alex Gibson
Secondary Deputies Megan Kremer and Rebecca Smedley

Primary

Kindergarten 1	Wendy Cain
Kindergarten 2	Michelle Fernley
Pre-Primary 1	Heidi Walker & Sara Williams (Thurs)
Pre-Primary 2	Caroline Foster & Sara Williams (Tues)
Year 1	Julie Atherton (Mon-Thurs) & Cristina Hartley (Fri)
Year 1	Michelle Jones & Sue Turnbull (Mon)
Year 1/2	Tegan Kirk
Year 2	Mandy Thompson (Mon-Wed) & Sue Turnbull (Thurs-Fri)
Year 2	Sara Davies & Elke Edwards (Fri)
Year 3	Kate Francis
Year 3/4	Elli Cooper
Year 4	Abbey Briggs & Cristina Hartley (Mon)
Year 5/6	Brett Marshall
Year 5/6	Yvette Kmetty
Year 5/6	Fuchsia Walz

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Critical & Creative Thinking

Keryn Hempel

Performing Arts

Elke Edwards

Secondary

English

Rebecca Smedley, Hannah Ferguson (Yr 7)
& Thomas Jones (Yr 7-10)

Mathematics

Megan Kremer (Yr 7) & Nigel Edwards

Science

Megan Kremer (Yr 7) Jennifer Townsend (Yr 7-10)

Humanities & Social Sciences

Rebecca Smedley, Hannah Ferguson (Yr 7)
& Siobhan Darcy (Yr 7-10)

Health Education & Phys Ed

Health

Denise Duncan

Physical Education

Denise Duncan

Physical Recreation

Denise Duncan

Outdoor Education

Denise Duncan

7/8 Sport Program

Kylie Sheedy

Technologies

Digital Technologies

Nigel Edwards

Woodwork & Metalwork

Len Strother

Food & Textiles

Elicia McKenna

Catering (Yr 9/10)

Elicia McKenna

Media & Digital Literacy

Thomas Jones & Erin Cartledge

Agriculture

Siobhan Darcy & Elicia McKenna

STEM

Jennifer Townsend, Nigel Edwards
& Elicia McKenna

STEM Engineering

Len Strother

The Arts

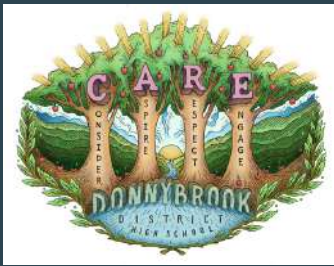
Visual Arts

Hannah Ferguson

Media

Thomas Jones

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Critical & Creative Thinking

Siobhan Darcy, Rebecca Smedley & Hannah Ferguson

Study Skills

Erin Cartledge & Siobhan Darcy

Mindful Education

All senior campus staff.

Youth Emergency Services

Jennifer Townsend

Young Innovators – Youth Club

Fiona Hunter

Certificate Courses

Denise Duncan

NB: Minor changes may occur in the event that personal circumstances with staff change over the holiday period.

Semester 2 Reports

Semester 2 Reports will be emailed to parents and carers commencing Monday 11 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.

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 2024.



Focus: "We let others learn"

JUNIOR CAMPUS NEWS

Holly Carter
Deputy Principal

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It's hard to believe the 2023 school year is coming to an end. What a busy, fun filled year we've had at the Junior Campus. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the students, staff, and the school community for welcoming me this year. It will be a tough goodbye, but I will always be thankful for the experience of working at this wonderful school.

Assembly

In Week 6, 2/3MW wowed us with a fantastic assembly. It's marvellous to see our classes performing and public speaking in front of their peers and families. Congratulations to Ruby Martella for winning a place in the 2024/2025 PEAC program.



Reports

Student reports will be emailed on Monday 11 December. This is a great opportunity to sit down, and go through your child's progress, grades and efforts. Setting goals for 2024 and beyond is a great way to end a successful school year.

Book Fair

Week 7 saw our wonderful P & C run the annual Scholastic Book Fair. It was fantastic to see the excitement of students, staff and parents who visited the Book Fair. Developing a love of reading is something we want to instil in all of our students. Thank you to the P & C and volunteers who made this event such a great success!



Year 6 students

Our Year 6 students participated in Donnybrook District High School's transition day in Week 6 of this term. Students were divided into 2 groups and participated a number of activities over the day before attending options in the afternoon. It was great to see our future Year 7s enjoy themselves at the Senior Campus. We are excited to see them graduate in Week 10. I wish our Year 6 students the best of luck with high school and beyond.

Have a safe and happy holidays!



KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION TO PRE-PRIMARY



There was lots of excitement in the air as Kindy 1 and 2 enjoyed a transition visit to Pre-Primary last week where they met some Pre-Primary staff, completed activities in the classroom and explored the playground.



Focus:

'We celebrate success with the community.'



Fiona Hunter
Associate Principal

SENIOR CAMPUS NEWS

Jonelle McLoughlin
Deputy Principal



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Staff at the Senior Campus for supporting each other throughout the year and making learning fun and exciting for all students. It has been a busy year with AdventureWorks in full swing, it has been amazing to see the growth and change of our young people. As their emotional intelligence has changed and matured over the course of the year. Our students are demonstrating a deeper understanding of themselves, others and how to better show empathy for others including adults and their peers.

The Senior Campus would like to thank the parents, carers and families for their on-going support in the education of our wonderful students, it takes a village to raise a child, and we believe we have successfully built a strong connection between home and school this year.

I have asked our staff and students what they thought about the year so please take some time to read their thoughts.

Teacher

Miss McLoughlin

Highlight of 2023

Seeing the growth and change in our Year 9's after they returned from AdventureWorks camp.

Plans for the holidays.

Swimming at the beach a lot!!!!

Mrs Hunter

Building and destroying spaghetti bridges.

Having my mum visit from Ireland.

Mrs Duncan

Sharing my day with wonderful young people.

Meeting my new grandchild.

Ms Cartledge

Year 8 camp and camping in a tent for the very FIRST time!

Gardening and sleeping in.

Mrs Reynolds

Year 9 AdventureWorks Camp

Having my family all in one place at Christmas.

Mr Karsten

Going on camp with the Year 9's and Year 10's.

Visiting family in Queensland.



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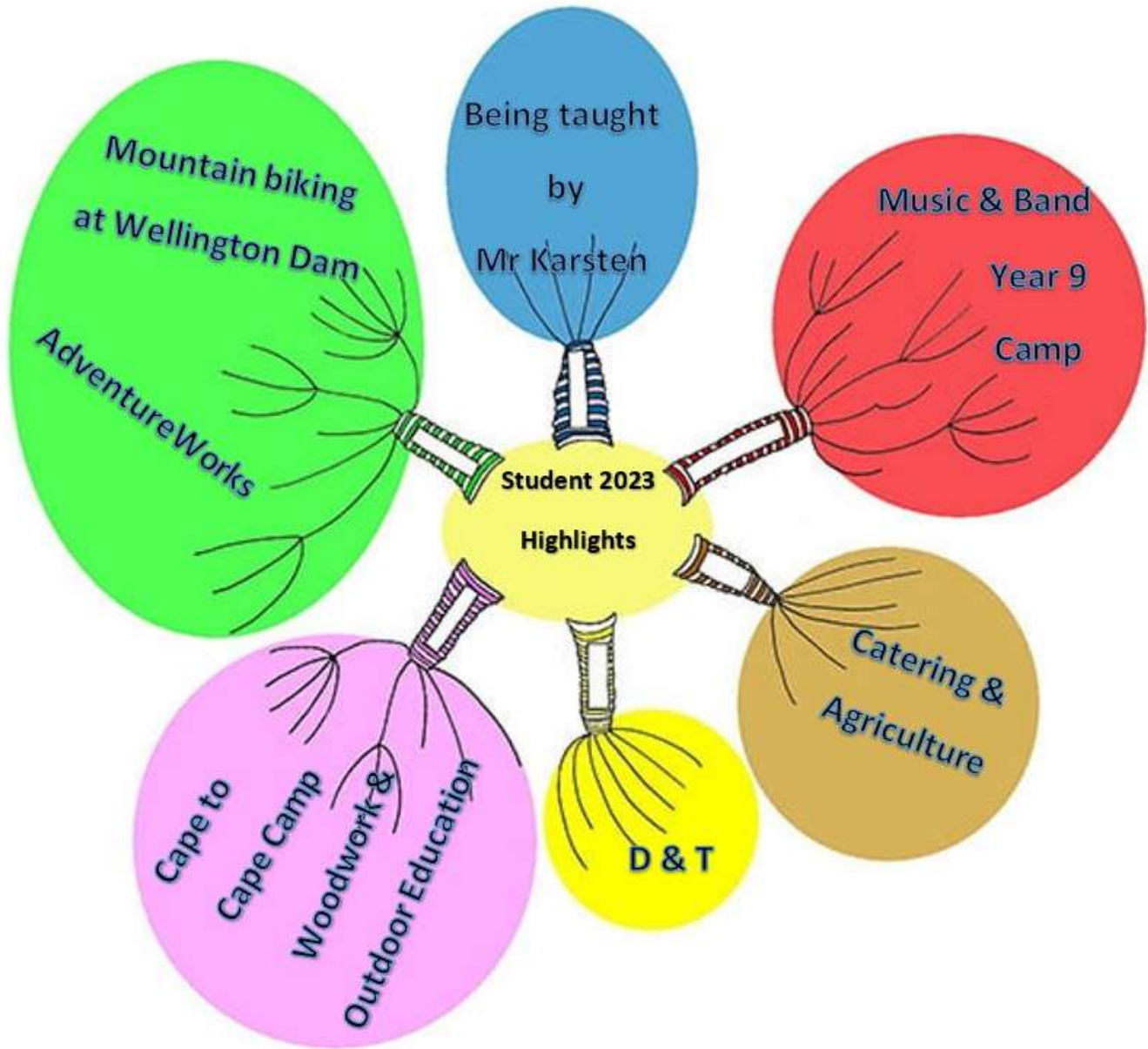
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As we see say goodbye to our Year 10 Leavers of 2023 the staff at the Senior Campus have shared some advice for our students leaving to enter into the world beyond the doors of Donnybrook District High School. We wish the Year 10 students all the best for their future and what lies ahead in the next exciting chapter that waits them.



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'Don't give up. If you fail at something, get up try again and learn from your mistakes.'
Mrs Reynolds



'While you are young, it's not what you earn, it's what you learn. Chase experience and knowledge over money.'
Mrs Karsten.



'You create your opportunities through hard work. No one can do the work for you!'
Miss Cartledge



'The best is yet to come.'
Mrs Duncan

'Live life to fullest and focus on the positives.'
Mrs Ferguson



'It is going to be ok.'
Mrs Hunter



'Enjoy life, stay safe and when you find things hard get up and keep going! Keep things in perspective.'
Miss McLoughlin



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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

The School Dental Service mobile will be based at Bridgetown primary school in 2024 - open Wednesday and Thursday only, we do not expect to return to Donnybrook PS until 2025, at the earliest, at this stage.

For any dental emergencies, please call 0417252536 - if the clinic is unattended there will be a voicemail advising what is the best number to contact for advice. You can also contact your local family dentist for advice - private fees may apply, if you are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule via Medicare discuss this with them.

Please save our phone number into your mobile 0417252536 so you can contact us quickly in an emergency if needed.

The Dental Team

Bridgetown Mobile Dental Therapy Centre
Dental Health Services
Mental Health, Public Health and Dental Services
C/O Bridgetown Primary School
Roe Street
BRIDGETOWN WA 6255
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E: bridgetownmobile@health.wa.gov.au
nmhs.health.wa.gov.au

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Referral to access Foodbank is available through the
Anglican Church, 126 SW Hwy Donnybrook
(Which is an accredited agency of Foodbank)
Referrals are a requirement to use this service.

The Foodbank van is at the
Anglican Church in Donnybrook
every 2nd and 4th TUESDAY of each month
from 9:30 to 10:15 am

Referrals available at the Church during these times, and
every Monday and Thursday morning.

Contacts: Lois Maynard 0411518243

Monika Bredow 0427098136

Rosemary Smith 0400320167

TERM 4 - 2023 & TERM 1 2024 CALENDAR

2023

Term Four

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
8	27 Nov Swimming Lessons	28 Swimming Lessons MAD AS 5.30pm - 7.00pm	29 Swimming Lessons EARLY CLOSE	30 Swimming Lessons 	1 Dec Swimming Lessons Leadership Team AdventureWorks Workshop	2	3
9	4 Dec	5 Tafeseon STEM Scholarship Presentation	6 Assembly 5/6YK EARLY CLOSE	7	8 YR 10 End of Year Excursion	9	10
10	11 Dec Year 6 End of Year Excursion Reports Home	12 Yr 4 - 9 Presentation Assembly 9:30am Yr 10 Graduation and Dinner 5.00pm	13 Year 6 Final Assembly and Graduation Lunch EARLY CLOSE	14 Students last day	15 Teachers last day School Development Day	16	17
H	18 Dec	19	20	21	22	23	24
H	25 Dec Xmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31

2024

Term One

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
H	22 Jan	23	24 School Support Officers Return	25 School Administrator Return	26 Australia Day	27	28
1	29 Jan Teachers Return School Development Day AdventureWorks PD	30 School Development Day	31 Students resume. EARLY CLOSE	1 Feb	2	3	4
2	5 Feb	6	7 YR10 Calling Ceremony 5pm-7pm EARLY CLOSE	8 Jnr Campus P&C Parent and Carer Meet and Greet 5.00pm	9	10	11
3	12 Feb	13	14 YR 8 AdventureWorks Camp - Wellington Dam Assembly EARLY CLOSE	15 YR 8 AdventureWorks Camp - Wellington Dam	16 YR 8 AdventureWorks Camp - Wellington Dam	17	18
4	19 Feb	20	21 EARLY CLOSE	22 Board Meeting 4:30pm	23	24	25
5	26 Feb	27	28 EARLY CLOSE	29 Snr Campus P&C Parent and Carer Meet and Greet 5.00pm	1 March P&C Free Dress Day Gold Coin Donation	2	3
6	4 March Labour Day	5 YR 9 AdventureWorks Workshop	6 YR 5 AdventureWorks Workshop Assembly EARLY CLOSE	7 YR 7 & 10 AdventureWorks Workshop	8 Student Leadership AdventureWorks Workshop - Busselton	9	10

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