

DONNYBROOK DHS

We CARE

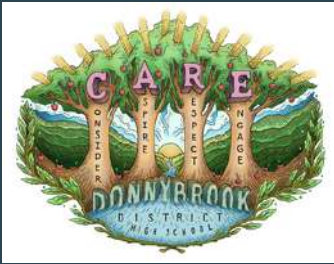
Junior Campus Positive Behaviour Support

Donnybrook District High School Junior Campus opened its Positive Behaviour Support shop to the students this week. Students are acknowledged for meeting our CARE expectations with Faction Points, these can then be spent at the shop on array of items that include stationery items, board games, scientific projects and Lego boxes.

Shop items range in value from 25 points to 400 points, meaning students can choose to spend their points on smaller items or save them up for more substantial items. The students are extremely excited around this new initiative, with genuine excitement around what is on offer and whether to 'spend' early or 'save' for later. This is no doubt going to challenge their thinking!

In addition to this, whole school acknowledgements will be awarded at random times, providing students who have maintained 'Good Standing', with further incentives linked to their positive behaviour. The first of these is this Friday, where students who have consistently met our expectations receive an extra 20 minutes recess and an ice-pole.





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

James Milne



The 2024 school year is off and running, with the initial weeks already providing some truly unique opportunities for our students. At the top of that list is the Year 10 AdventureWorks Calling Ceremony and the Year 8 AdventureWorks Camp. Our partnership with AdventureWorks continues to grow, supporting the social and emotional learning of our students from Years 5-10. As a school we are focused on developing 5 key competencies that are required for students to lead successful lives.

The 5 competencies are:

- Self-Awareness
- Self-Management
- Responsible Decision Making
- Relationship Skills and
- Social Awareness

Importantly this strong focus on social and emotional learning is a schoolwide approach, which effectively means all classroom teachers, learning area specialists and support staff from Kindergarten to Year 10, are embedding this within their practice. As a school we recognise the curriculum is important, but it is everything that sits around the curriculum that makes it work for our students. We are seeking to create the right learning area conditions that suit our students and our context, and I'm pleased to report that we are having great success in this area. As parents and carers, you play a key role in supporting the school in meeting your child's needs, so I encourage you to work in partnership with the staff around this throughout the year.

A very warm welcome to our new families for 2024. We have 38 Kindergarten students commencing their first year of schooling and 37 new Primary and Secondary students enrolled at Donnybrook DHS this year. This has pushed our combined number to 457, which is exciting for our school community. I trust all our new students from K-10, will be well supported as they transition into this wonderful learning environment we have established across two sites.

It is so fantastic to see all of our students again and I look forward to them demonstrating CARE as they engage with their schooling throughout the year. A special thank you to the staff for the work they have done in the lead up this year and throughout the early stage of Term 1.

We are confident that we can continue to make a difference to our students through a high-quality education, with an added emphasis on their wellbeing. For further information around our plans for this year, you are most welcome to look through our Business Plan that is on our school website.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

James Milne

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Welcome to Our New Staff

Rebecca Smedley – Secondary Deputy

Kate Francis – Year 3

Elli Cooper – Year 3/4

Cristina Hartley – Year 1 and Year 4

Brett Marshall – Year 5/6

Fuchsia Walz – Year 5/6

Kylie Sheedy – Primary PE and Year 7/8 Sport Program

Keryn Hempel – Primary Science and Critical and Creative Thinking

Rebecca Smedley – Year 7/8

Siobhan Darcy – Year 7-10

Hannah Allpike – Education Assistant

Leanne Owen – Education Assistant

Amy Hyland – Education Assistant

All of our new teachers and support staff have transitioned into the school superbly, demonstrating a genuine commitment to their new roles and responsibilities.

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.

Term Calendar

Our calendar has been updated and parents and carers are asked to please make note of the upcoming events. Term 1 is a very busy term, with a number of significant events coming up.



from left to right
Fuchsia Walz
Elli Cooper
Keryn Hempel
Kate Francis
Cristina Hartley
Brett Marshall

Focus:

“We demonstrate a positive attitude.”

JUNIOR CAMPUS NEWS

Alex Gibson
Deputy Principal



It's been a busy start to the school year, with welcoming many new students and staff at our Junior Campus. I have had the privilege of visiting all classrooms over the past three weeks and have enjoyed seeing students demonstrating a positive attitude.

In Week 2, Year 6 students presented speeches to our middle and upper primary classes persuading us why they would be great student leaders. Congratulations to Miah Clifford, Zoe Jones, Dylan Lloyd, Edward Lopes, Evelyn McNab and Declan Pitman who will be our Junior Campus Student Leaders for Semester 1.



On Wednesday of Week 3, Mrs Kmetty's Year 4 class fascinated us with their general knowledge presenting an assembly full of trivia and facts from around the world.

We are in for a very busy term ahead with NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5 in Weeks 7 and 8. Students will undertake writing, reading, conventions and numeracy tests over the 8-day testing period. Best of luck to all our Year 3 and 5 students, we know you will try your best.

In Week 8, Year 6's will be going on Camp with Adventure Works in Busselton where they will build their resilience, communication, and social-emotional skills. I am certain they will make the most of this exciting opportunity and represent our school with pride.

On Wednesday Week 9, is our Faction Jumps and Throws Carnival. I am looking forward to seeing everyone demonstrating fantastic sportsmanship and cheering their factions on.

Focus: “We are prepared for lessons.”

SENIOR CAMPUS NEWS

Fiona Hunter
Associate Principal



Welcome back to students, parents and carers for the 2024 school year. What a start it has been! Already we have been busy settling our classes and our timetables for the year. We have welcomed over fifty new students to our senior campus and helped them to transition to high school life.

Welcome Year 7 Students

The Year 7 cohort has transitioned so well to their new campus. With so many things to remember, the students have merged easily into high school. Now the learning begins. We will be updating our parents over the coming weeks with information about their child's progress so far. These progress reports will be coming out towards the end of term. Our staff are making contact with families to check-in on how the start of term has been. This will take some time for us to do. We ask that if you have any concerns about how your child is progressing, please make contact with us on 9732 4300.

We at Donnybrook DHS are so proud of our school and our students. We would like to thank families for their continued support for our school and we work together to get the best educational outcomes for all students.



Year 10 Calling Ceremony

The Year 10 students and their families experienced the very first calling ceremony at Donnybrook DHS. Thank you to the parents and students who came along. Scotty and Mary from Adventure Works explained how and why the program “Into Adulthood” works and why it is so important to take the time to communicate with our young people as they transition from child to adult. The event was a great success, and it is a pleasure to watch Scotty and Mary build opportunities for parents and children to show their appreciation for each other. We are looking forward to many more of these calling ceremonies in the future.



Focus: “We are prepared for lessons.”

SENIOR CAMPUS NEWS

Fiona Hunter
Associate Principal



Year 8 camp

Year 8 camp wrapped up last Friday with a lot of tired children and a hint of sunburn. We travelled to Busselton, having moved the location of the camp due to extreme heat and fire concerns. This was a good idea!

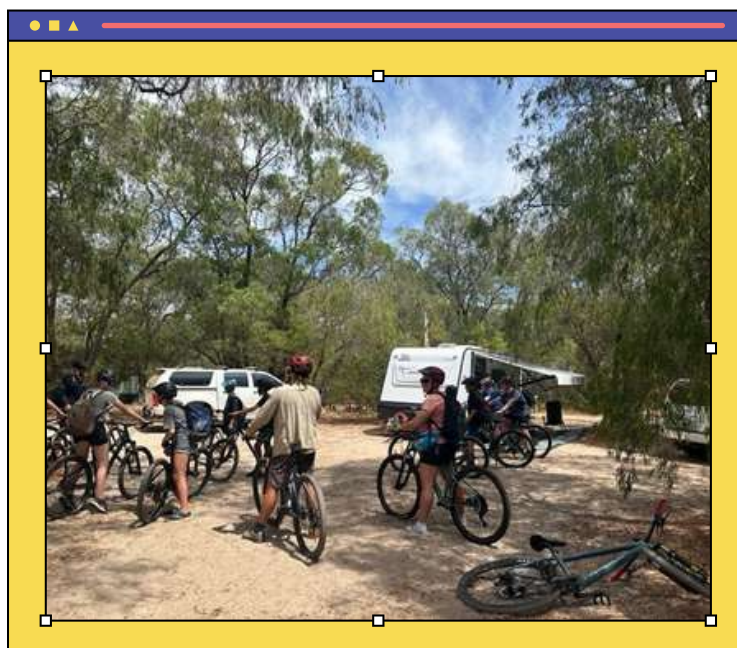
The children spent three days by the water completing lots of fantastic activities that foster strong friendships and connections with their peers. They put into action the self-management skills, leadership strategies, relationship-skills, self-awareness, social awareness and responsible decision-making skills needed for emotional intelligence. The students were challenged physically with tasks such as mountain bike riding, kayaking, raft building tasks and team challenges which required them to problem solve and work together.

In reflection time, the children spoke about some of the challenges they face being in school and learning together. They developed deeper understanding of each other and the parts of school they each find difficult. This openness helped to build trust between the students and staff.

A massive thank you to the staff and parent who volunteered their time to come along on camp. Mrs Ferguson, Ms McKenna and Mr Jason Harper were invaluable assistance on camp. Thank you for making these trips possible for the students.

Year 7 camp will be held in week 2 of Term 2 with the big Year 10 camp happening in the following week. Year 9's will have to wait for the Blackwood River to be in full flow in August for their river adventure.

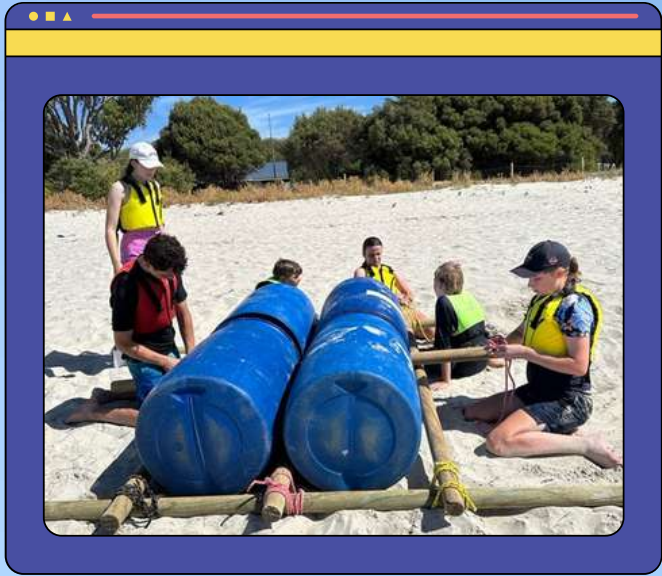
Our Adventure Works programs continue next week with the incursions for the Year 7, 9 and 10 students. We are looking forward to the activities Alex, Taya and Reed are going to bring to us.



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Dissemble Bicycle Program

The Dissemble bike program is being run this term. The school would like to thank the Shire of Donnybrook- Balingup for their continued sponsorship of this collaboration between our students and the shire. The bicycle program is a skill-based program whereby students strip, paint and rebuild an old bicycle so it can be made new again. The skills the students are learning will be used later in the year at the Pump Track youth group events being offered in conjunction with the Shire. Watch this space for more news to come!

What's next Career Expo 28 March 2024

Donnybrook DHS has been working in collaboration with the Donnybrook Chamber of Commerce, The Donnybrook- Balingup Shire, Jobs and Skills service, Southwest TAFE (Career Taster Program) and Talison Lithium to bring together all of these potential pathways for students in Year 9 & 10. Manea SHS, Bunbury SHS, The Shed Program from BSHS and all of the above employers and agencies will be holding a career expo at Donnybrook DHS. Parents and students are invited to attend to speak with these agencies and to discuss their plans for their child's next step in education and training. This is an excellent opportunity to find out how to take that next step into senior high school, traineeships, apprenticeships and or TAFE for your child. If you are unfamiliar with how to help your child make that next step, this event will be invaluable for you. The expo will run at the end of term with the time and date to be confirmed. Parents will be advised of these details in due course.

Thank you to the students for such an excellent start to the year and we are so excited to bring some fantastic events for students to grow and learn this year.

School Photo Information

On Monday your child/ren would have bought home their photo day envelopes.

Please return the envelope to school on photo day with your child.

Sibling photo process has changed, these must be ordered online prior to photo day.



Megan Kremer
Deputy Principal

SENIOR CAMPUS NEWS



Rebecca Smedley
Deputy Principal

Welcome back to another year, we cannot believe it is Week 4 already!

It has been an incredibly busy start to the term which has already seen our Year 8 students attend our first Adventure Works Camp for the year. Everyone had a fantastic time, despite the heat, enjoying swimming, kayaking, bike riding and beach games as they learnt more about themselves and each other.

It has been fantastic to see our Year 7 students settle so seamlessly into life on the Senior Campus. They have been working hard to learn all their new routines, classrooms and teachers. Our new specialist sports program (WRAP) had been eagerly anticipated by all last year and is off and running. We look forward to providing more incites and updates regarding this program as the year progresses.

A warm welcome to all of our new staff who have fit in seamlessly with the existing team to create such a positive atmosphere for all of our students. This is such a fantastic school and community to be a part of, we really have something special here and should all be proud to be a part of Donnybrook District High School.

Coming up in the next few weeks we have an Author visit, Dissemble Bike program and NAPLAN for our Year 7 and 9 students, to keep us all on our toes as well as the Senior Campus Athletics Carnival in Week 9 rapidly approaching. Students, we encourage you set yourself some aspirational goals for the year, to give you something to strive towards, and continue to show CARE in all elements of your school day.

ATTENTION YEAR 7 TO 10 PARENTS SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

To be eligible for the scheme, the parent or carer must hold at least one of these concession cards:

- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card (blue) card

The concession card must:

- be valid for at least 4 weeks
- be valid for some time within Term 1 (31 January 2024 to 28 March 2024)
- have the student listed on it
- not be expired at the time of applying for SAS.

If you are eligible, please see Office Staff at the Senior Campus for a Secondary Assistance Scheme application.

If you have any questions, please contact the Senior Campus Administration Office on 9732 4300

Secondary Assistance Scheme

Years 7 to 12 you may be eligible for up to:

\$350

towards school expenses

If you hold a:

- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card.

Applications close 28 March 2024



worl (sky)
pronounced as werl



Wendy Mountford
Aboriginal Education Advisor



Donnybrook DHS Presentation Assembly Message Sticks

At Donnybrook District High, we celebrate the graduation of our Year 6 students from primary to secondary schooling and the graduation of our Year 10 students, who embark on new educational and vocational journeys, at an annual end of year Presentation Assembly. We also acknowledge the many achievements of students from other year groups and the school community.

As a symbol of these learning journeys and the sharing of kaartdijin (knowledge), these message sticks are passed on from our Student Leaders to representatives of Aboriginal students at the Presentation Assembly. In Aboriginal culture, message sticks have played a significant role in communication for thousands of years.

Donnybrook District High School sits within Noongar Boodja (Country) of the Kaneang and Wardandi People. The message sticks were crafted by a Noongar man, Mr Ronnie Clifford, from a wood called *Acacia acuminata*. This wood is also known in English as "Jam Tree", and Manjart, Munertor, Mungaitch or Mungat in Noongar language. In Aboriginal culture, this tree had several uses for food and lifestyle, producing resin and seeds for food, and hardwood for tools and weaponry.

The wood burnt designs were created and applied by our Aboriginal Islander Education Officer, Ms Telicia O'Dine, a Noongar and Yamitji woman. The designs represent a bidi (pathway) of learning and kaartdijin.

The two sets of Message Sticks are proudly on display at the Junior and Senior Campuses in the Administration Buildings.

Danjoo koorliny (walking together).



We respectfully acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People as the traditional custodians of the land upon which we meet and learn on. We pay our respects to the Elders of the past, present and future and acknowledge their connections to country, sea and water ways.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Manage snakes and native animals.

Snakes are more active in spring and summer due to the warmer temperatures.

If you find a snake on school grounds:

- Do not approach or aggravate the snake. Most bites occur when people accidentally step on or attempt to kill snakes.
- Watch the snake from a safe distance. If visual contact is lost, there can be no guarantee the snake will be found again.
- Search online for a snake removal service or pest controller near your school, you may be charged for this service even if the snake is not caught.
- Some local government authorities also have contacts for local snake relocation services.

The Wildcare Helpline no longer assists with snake removal, however they can:

- Advise on sick, injured, orphaned or displaced native wildlife.
- Refer you to a network of experts for assistance.

Note:

It is unlawful to kill a snake.



Mr Edwards wrangling a dugite at the Senior Campus last week.

This is a timely reminder for everyone to be aware that snakes are out and about.



2024

BLACKWOOD UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB



REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

blackwoodunitedfootballclub@gmail.com

Junior Teams ages 5-17 - (Saturday games)
Contact - Krista Nichols 0423 045 046
or Tania Haywood 0427 514 167
<https://registration.playfootball.com.au>

Kick Off Program ages 4-7 on Thursdays only.
Contact - Tania Haywood 0427 514 167
Registrations not yet open - TBA

Women's team
Contact - Skye Dalton 0488 695 960
<https://registration.playfootball.com.au>

Men's team
Contact - Steve Hawkins 0428 953 753
<https://registration.playfootball.com.au>



Game Days

Players are required to supply and wear to all games, football boots, shin pads, long black football socks and black sport shorts.

Registration fees include a game day shirt for each player, these must be returned to the club at the end of the season.

Please do not wear your game day shirt to training sessions.

2024 Dates

Women's Team and Men's Team nominations are due by **15th February** with the first games being played from the **3rd April**. Fixtures will be prepared by South West Soccer Association (SWSA).

Junior Team nominations are due by **1st March** with first games being played from the **27th April**. Please note player areas are calculated by the child's Date of Birth and not their school year. Fixtures will be prepared by Country Coastal Junior Soccer Association (CCJSA)

Training

Training for Junior teams is held on Thursdays from 4.30pm-5.30pm at the Balingup Oval. Players must bring their own water, wear shin pads and suitable footwear.

Kick-off Program is held Thursdays from 4.30pm-5.15pm at the Balingup Oval. More information will be posted when available.



Tennis Hot Shots

TIMES FOR TERM 2024

HOT SHOTS BLUE

4-6 years - 8 x 45minutes \$130
Friday 4-4.45pm

HOT SHOTS RED

6-8 years - 8 x 60 minutes \$145
Friday 4-5pm

HOT SHOTS ORANGE

8-10 years - 8 x 60 minutes \$145
Friday 5-6pm

HOT SHOTS GREEN

10+ years - 8 x 60 minutes \$145
Friday 5-6pm

HIGH SCHOOL SQUAD

8 x 60 minutes \$145
Friday 5-6pm

ADULT COACHING

Private, Group and Pennant lessons by
request

DONNYBROOK TENNIS CENTRE

VC Mitchell Park sporting complex on Marmion Street



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Go to our website:

play.tennis.com.au/bunburytennisacademy

or contact Tanya - 0400 373 147

tanya@bunburytennis.com.au



Putting the FUN back into FUNdamentals

WA Community Cricket

Multicultural Tapeball Program



Please come along to a free 5-week cricket (taped tennis ball) program! 5 weeks of basic cricket skills, fast-paced games and friends (no equipment required, just comfortable clothing).

When: **28/2, 6/3, 13/3, 20/2 & 27/3/2024 - 4:30pm to 5:30pm.**

Where: Hay Park (Rotary Dr, WA6230)

Cost: **\$0** for 13-to-17-year-olds. Scan the QR code below to register today as registration is essential!



**FOR MORE
INFORMATION
CONTACT:**

Sam Moi
0404 038 026
Sam.Moi@wacricket.com.au



COMMUNITY INFORMATION



PLAY CRICKET



Discover Cricket Multicultural Program - Introduction to Cricket through Fundamental movement, fun games, activities and friends (5-to-12-year-olds)

Where: Hay Park Multi-Sports Pavilion (Rotary Dr, WA 6230)

When: 28/2, 6/3, 13/3, 20/3, & 27/3/2024, from 4:30pm to 5:30pm

Cost: \$0 - Registrations are essential as participants will receive a Woolworths Cricket Blast pack.


Please use this QR Code to register



Contact: Sam Moi - 0404 038 026 or Sam.Moi@wacricknet.com.au



REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW

 [PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU](https://play.cricket.com.au)

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Relationship Education: Bunbury

Term 1: February-March 2024



Face-To-Face	Date	Time	Cost
Communication in Relationships	Thur 22 February	6pm-8.30pm	\$30
Mums Raising Teenage Boys	Thur 29 February	6pm-8.30pm	\$30
Accidental Counsellor	Thur 7 March	9.30am-1.30pm	\$60
Mums Raising Teenage Girls	Thur 7 March	6pm-8.30pm	\$30

Bookings, registrations and payment prior to the session are required.

For more information about our courses and workshops, please call **6164 0566** or visit www.relationshipswa.org.au

Course Location

- Bunbury Family Relationship Centre,
Corner of Molloy & Symmons Streets,
Access Symmons Street side of the building.
- Online - via Zoom platform



Relationships Australia
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Relationship Education: Online Term 1: February-March 2024

Online*	Date	Time	Cost
Supporting Your Anxious Child	Tues 6 February	9.30am-12pm	\$30
Dads and Sons	Thur 8 February	6.30pm-9pm	\$30
Introduction to Managing Anger- For Men 4wks	Wed 14 Feb-6 Mar	6.30pm-9pm	\$95
Emotion Coaching Your Child	Thur 15 February	9.30am-12pm	\$30
Bringing Up Great Kids 5wks	Tues 20 Feb-19 Mar	6.30pm-9pm	\$75
Managing Anger and Stress for Women 4 wks	Tues 27 Feb-19 Mar	6.30pm-9pm	\$95
Express Yourself Assertively	Wed 13 March	6.30pm-9pm	\$30
Dads and Daughters	Thur 14 March	6.30pm-9pm	\$30
Successful Single Parenting	Wed 20 March	9.30am-12pm	\$30
Fathering After Separation	Wed 27 March	6.30pm-9pm	\$30

*These courses are delivered and attended online via Zoom. Please see website for information on how to attend our online courses.

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2024 CALENDAR TERM 1

2024 CALENDAR

Term One

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
4	19 Feb	20	21 EARLY CLOSE	22 Newsletter	23	24	25
5	26 Feb	27 Diamante BikeRescue Program	28 Diamante BikeRescue Program EARLY CLOSE	29 SCHOOL PHOTO'S JUNIOR CAMPUS BikeRescue Program	1 March SCHOOL PHOTO'S SENIOR CAMPUS 	2	3
6	4 March Labour Day	5 YR 9 AdventureWorks Workshop Author Visit Mark Greenwood	6 YR 5 AdventureWorks Workshop JC Assembly 9:00am EARLY CLOSE	7 YR 7 & 10 AdventureWorks Workshop	8 Student Leadership AdventureWorks Workshop - Busselton	9	10
7	11 March	12	13 NAPLAN Commences EARLY CLOSE	14 Board Meeting 4:30pm	15 P&C Gold Coin Free Dress Day	16	17
8	18 March	19	20 EARLY CLOSE	21 YR 6 AdventureWorks Camp - Busselton Newsletter	22 YR 6 AdventureWorks Camp - Busselton Snr Campus Assembly 9:00am	23	24
9	25 March NAPLAN Concludes Harmony Day	26	27 Primary Throws and Jumps Carnival EARLY CLOSE	28 Students last day	29 Good Friday	30	31
H	1 April Easter Monday	2	3	4	5	6	7
H	8 April	9	10	11	12	13	14

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



Thursday's at the
Donnybrook Recreation Centre
Juniors - 3:30 - 4:30pm
Seniors - 4:30 - 6:00pm