

# DONNYBROOK DHS

We CARE

## 2025 Junior Campus Faction Captains

Congratulations to the following students for being elected as Faction Captains for 2025:

- Amber Scott - Red
- Lydia Kirk - Red
- Owen Thompson - Blue
- Lacey Smith - Blue
- Harper Reardon - Green
- Anna Federici - Green
- Hattie Newman - Gold
- Baxter Tysoe - Gold



## Kirup's Giant Pumpkin Competition

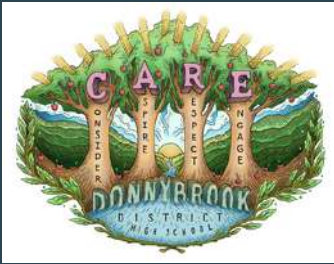
### Pumpkin Queen

This was the winning pumpkin in Kirup's Giant Pumpkin competition, grown by our very own Anna Gardiner and weighing in at an impressive 325kg!

Our year 5/6 class tried to grow one, but the rabbits ate it!



*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.*



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## James Milne



As we near the end of Term 1, it is pleasing to report that the year has commenced positively and productively for our students. The teaching and support staff have worked hard to provide learning opportunities that target their individual needs, successfully engaging the students in a curriculum that holds high relevance. As a school we acknowledge that the majority of our students aspire to take full advantage of the efforts of our staff and for the students who are struggling with the required commitment, we will continue to work closely with families to bring about a change that has a favourable influence over their schooling.

Donnybrook District High School is fortunate to have staff who genuinely CARE about the students and seek to support them in their learning and the challenges associated around this. It has been heartening to see our new teaching and support staff across both campuses take up their appointments, their passion and enthusiasm has shone brightly over these initial weeks of the 2025 school year.

My sincere thanks to the teachers and support staff for the teaching and learning they have delivered this term. They are to be commended for the effort they have put in to create the conditions that have enabled the students to progress. These conditions are central to the academic, behavioural and social and emotional development of the students.

There has been an array of learning opportunities that have been provided to our students this term, and as a school we are proud to have put these in place. Reward Day activities, Harmony Day, Year 6-10, AdventureWorks Workshops, Year 6-10 Student Leadership Workshop and Year 10 Future Innovators Workshops, were all highlights. All of these initiatives have clear links to our focus on the 'whole' child, we want each and every one of our students to have a sense of value and a sense of belonging.

At the end of this term, our Primary Deputy Principal Lauren Brown, will be taking Maternity Leave for a 15 month period. On behalf of the school community, I wish Lauren the very best and sincerely hope she enjoys this wonderful time with her family. Alex Gibson has been appointed to fill the Primary Deputy vacancy, with Jessica Young filling the teaching vacancy in 4/5AG. I trust Alex and Jessica will both have the full support of our school community.

In closing out Term 1, I am pleased to announce that the P&C has a new President. Jacinta Goodchild has volunteered to take on this role with the support of Mike Edwards as Vice President. Both Jacinta and Mike will be well supported by Sheree Green who has taken on the role of Secretary and Meta Hazeldine who has continued in the position of Treasurer. My sincere thanks to these people, and the other volunteers who have taken on additional roles that support the effective functioning of the P&C.

A big thank you to Sarah Sydney-Smith for her work as P&C President over the past 12 months. Sarah is to be commended for the work she did leading this wonderful group of volunteers. Sarah extended her passion for supporting the wellbeing of students, by connecting with parents and carers and offering a level of support that went beyond the school and had a positive impact at home and throughout our community.

Parents, carers and community members can find a copy of our 2024 Annual Report either on our school website or by searching Donnybrook District High School through the Department of Education's Schools Online platform. The 2024 Annual Report provides a snapshot of the school year, highlighting the school's progress towards our priority areas, student achievement, attendance and financial data and reports from myself, Board Chair, David Watson and outgoing P&C President, Sarah Sydney-Smith.



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## James Milne



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These last couple of weeks of Term 1 are action packed, with the annual Junior and Senior Campus Faction Athletics Carnivals scheduled to take place. I look forward to seeing many of you at these events.

I sincerely hope that the upcoming school holidays provide you all with an opportunity to spend some quality time with your children. Term 2 is shaping up to be both equally busy and exciting for all our students.

Please also note that students return to school for the commencement of **Term 2 on Tuesday 29 April**. Monday 28 April is a School Development Day.



### Donnybrook District High School



# 2026

# Kindergarten Enrolments Now Open

Parents and Carers are encouraged to enrol their child by 25 July to secure a place in our 2026 Kindergarten program.

To be eligible children must be born between July 1 2021 and June 30 2022.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a school tour, please contact the Junior Campus Administration Office on 9732 4400.

Further information regarding Donnybrook District High School, including enrolment forms, can be found on our website.

 [www.donnybrook.wa.edu.au](http://www.donnybrook.wa.edu.au)



Focus: "We listen to & follow instructions."

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## SENIOR CAMPUS NEWS

Fiona Hunter  
Associate Principal



Hello to all young people and families from the Senior Campus. It has been a busy term already with some many tasks and activities completed.

So far this term we have transitioned our Year 7 students into high school. These students have had so much to learn, including how to read a timetable, how to manoeuvre around the school and how to navigate many curriculums delivered in differing ways. Next week they will be on camp and will get to experience camp at Siesta Park in Busselton. This experience will assist them in developing strong bonds with their peers and learning how to work together in difficult situations, such as being out of their comfort zone.

This Term we welcomed the Honourable Nola Marino to speak to our Year 8 students about Cybersafety. This was an important and informative presentation, with some new information about keeping safe online.

We also completed NAPLAN testing and our whole school data testing and have set up our reading intervention groups to support our students in their reading success. We have written our Individual Education Plans and are about to send our first round of reporting documents to parents in the form of a Progress Report. These will be emailed home to parents in in Week 9 of this Term.

Students are learning how to develop their knowledge and skills across their core subjects and options classes alike. Teachers have really outdone themselves this year with so many fantastic programs running across 2025. We will have the Cows Create Careers program running soon, our Year 9 lunchtime bike repair program, Young Innovators, Youth Emergency Services program and STEM Electric Vehicles programs are also well underway. The Catering group had a phenomenal achievement last weekend when they catered for approximately 300 people at the Library Fun Fair Extravaganza. There seems to be no end to their talents and skills. These programs would not be possible without our dedicated staff taking the time to create and manage these programs. Thank you to all of our staff for their excellent work.

Harmony Day was a great success with students and staff celebrating the range of cultures we enjoy at our school. It all ended with a fantastic game of cricket with staff and students working together to make sure they got Mr Anderson out.



Our Year 10s have had a busy start to the term. This year, these students have some big decisions to make about their future. Their individual pathway is coming to fruition, and they are making choices that will impact their short-term future in a big way. For this they need the support of their family. Our AdventureWorks calling ceremony supports the conversation parents and students need to have to feel supported in their decision.

Our What's Next Expo on April 9 will advise the Year 9/10 students about the possible pathway they can undertake for Year 11/12. This is an important event for our students and parents to explore their options for their next step. Parents will be invited to attend on Wednesday April 9 from 2:00 - 4:00pm. We are hosting Manea Senior College, TAFE Southwest, AdventureWorks and hoping to confirm Bunbury Senior High School.



Young Innovators are hosting two events this term, firstly the Year 7 Movie Night which was held last night on Wednesday 26 March from 5:00 - 7:00pm. They were excited to host the event, and they had been working hard to prepare for the night. These events are important to welcome our Year 7s to the school and to help our Young Innovators practice their skills of running events. They will be running 'BrookFest in association with the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup on Friday 11 April from 3:00 - 7:00pm. Come along. All children between 10 - 16 years are welcome.

Wishing you all a fabulous term.

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## SENIOR CAMPUS NEWS

Janene Wells  
Deputy Principal



It has been a busy and exciting time at the Senior Campus. All the Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN tests for 2025 have been completed and we eagerly await their results now to assist in future planning. We are proud of the way that students gave it their best efforts. In classes, the students are well into their curriculum for the year and are showing us their talents and strengths everyday.

The PBS reward afternoon was a welcomed break with the verandas alive with music from the Karaoke, some sweaty faces came back from the basketball competition, the Electric Vehicles had some extra work done on them and some students relaxed with some quiet time.

The Year 7s are well entwined into the school now and the handball competitions are popping up all over campus. Breakfast club is being utilised well every Tuesday and Thursday and we thank those who have been helping to make it happen especially Mrs Gardiner and Mrs Sydney-Smith.

Harmony Day was a sea of orange and bright colours as we celebrated the diversity and uniqueness of our community. Thank you to Ms Darcy and the SRC for the activities at lunchtime.

Finally, this week the Year 7s had a visit from Manea Senior College Year 12 Health and Medical Specialist Program led by Mrs Susanne Williams. Manea students led workshops for the Year 7s on topics such as First Aid techniques, being SunSmart and dental health. The Year 7s did exceptionally well and we were very proud of their positive interactions and participation with the older students.



# JUNIOR CAMPUS - SCIENCE

Melanie Attwood

This term in Science, our students have been diving into the exciting world of forces and energy. It's all about having fun in science whilst learning!

The Year 1/2s have had a blast exploring pushing and pulling—squishing playdough, making a crocodile, and testing their paper aeroplanes to see how air resistance and gravity affected their flight. The smiles on their faces while learning was awesome!

Meanwhile, our Year 3/4s have been developing their investigative skills by planning and conducting fair tests. They explored friction by measuring how far toy cars travel on different surfaces and tested air resistance by timing how long paper helicopters take to fall with added weights. Their curiosity and teamwork have made for some fantastic discoveries!

In the Year 5/6, it's been all about energy—especially electricity! The students have mastered the components of circuits and confidently built a complete circuit with a lamp. They've also investigated conductors and insulators, testing which materials allow electricity to flow. The hands-on project kits and interactive iPad simulations have been a real hit, sparking plenty of "lightbulb moments" (literally and figuratively!).

It's been an action-packed term full of discovery, creativity, and lots of scientific fun!





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**Bunuru**  
 Noongar Word  
 of the Week  
**maar dambart**  
 (8/eight)

Wendy Mountford  
 Aboriginal Education Advisor



# HARMONY DAY

On Friday 21 March, our school celebrated Harmony Day. This day is all about respect, inclusivity and celebrating the many cultures that make up Australia- including the world's oldest living culture of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We CARE and encourage our school community to be kind and celebrate the richness of cultures every day and in every classroom.







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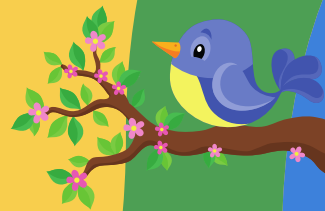


# HARmony Day



# Pre Primary

## HARMONY DAY



Together  
in  
Harmony

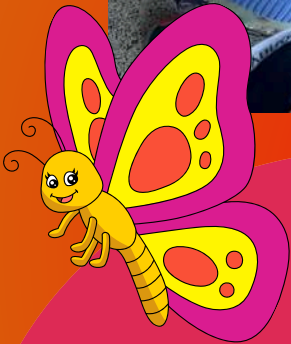


# Junior Campus

# HARMONY DAY



# CONNECTIONS



# Junior Campus

# HARMONY DAY

# Celebrate

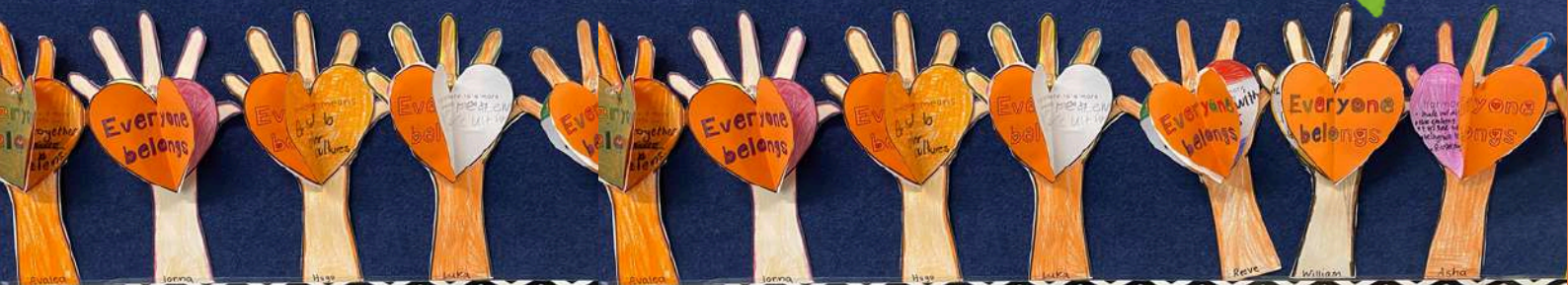


# Junior Campus

# HARMONY Day



# BETTER TOGETHER



# Junior Campus

## HARMONY DAY



**Together  
We are  
Connected**

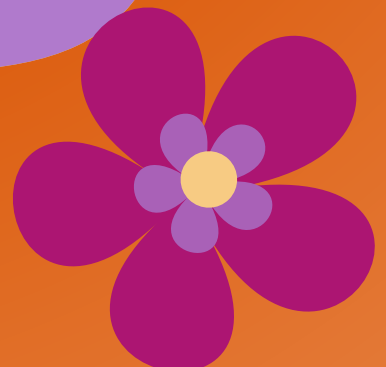


Senior Campus

HARMONY DAY



WE CARE





As we near the end of Term 1, I can see the students are getting weary.

They've done such an amazing job transitioning to their new Teachers, a new classroom, new classmates and new play areas!

Newness and change can take up a lot of emotional energy, often which kids carry themselves and don't express to parents. We can take this as an opportunity to tell our children how proud we are of them, as they've adjusted to their new year group.

As we go into the holidays, here are a few reminders to help you and your children

re-charge as it's crucial to mental health and overall well-being.

A graphic with a white background and a purple border, featuring a list of self-care strategies. The title is 'SELF-CARE STRATEGIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS' in a mix of bold, uppercase and lowercase letters. The list includes: 'GIVE YOURSELF PERMISSION TO GO SLOW.', 'DON'T FORGET TO BREATHE!', 'TAKE YOURSELF OUT OF THE SITUATION IF YOU NEED TO. COME BACK WHEN READY.', 'GET ENOUGH REST', 'MAKE BETTER FOOD CHOICES + DRINK WATER', 'TAKE A WALK/GO OUTSIDE', 'LOWER EXPECTATIONS / HAVE NONE!', 'UNPLUG. SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY + FRIENDS WITHOUT SCREENS.', 'ENGAGE ALL OF YOUR SENSES', 'FOCUS ON MAKING GOOD MEMORIES', and 'STEAL TIME FOR YOURSELF!'. There are decorative green leaves on either side of the title.

**SELF-CARE STRATEGIES**  
**FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

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# COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Department of  
Education

**Shaping the future**

## Secondary Assistance Scheme

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

# \$535

towards school expenses

If you hold a:

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

**Applications close 11 April 2025**

**Ask School Reception  
for more information.**



## Term 1 School Holidays @ Donnybrook Community Library

*Booking essential for all activities - Call the library on 9731 0432.*

### Decorate a Bunny Easter Bag

*Thurs 17th April 10am*

Use all the colours of the rainbow to design and decorate your very own Bunny Easter Bag with special easter treats included!



**Ages:** all ages  
**Cost:** FREE (1 per child)

Parent Supervision Required.



### Creative Clay Work

*Thursday 24th April 10am*

Get creative with clay and let your imagination run wild! Create anything with clay that you like!

**Ages:** all ages  
**Cost:** FREE

Parent Supervision Required.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**THIS FREE EVENT IS FOR  
+ BY YOUNG PEOPLE, SO  
YOU KNOW IT'S GOING  
TO BE HIGH-KEY EPIC**

3PM-7PM  
FRIDAY 11.04.25

# 'BROOK FEST

DONNYBROOK  
PUMP TRACK

ONLY GOOD VIBES ONLY GOOD VIBES ONLY GOOD VIBES ONLY GOOD VIBES ONLY GOOD VIBES

# Applications Opening Soon

Apply for our *VISUAL ARTS* and *ELITE SPORTS* specialist programs for 2026 on 17 March 2025.

To apply, visit  
[www.bunburyshs.wa.edu.au](http://www.bunburyshs.wa.edu.au)





# HAVE A GO DAY & SEASON LAUNCH

**SUNDAY 30TH MARCH**

**10:30AM - 11:30AM**

**PRE PRIMARY - YEAR 12**



Returning players it's time to dust off your sticks - Bring a friend to "Have-A-Go"

Practical skills & fun games  
**FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

All abilities welcome  
Equipment available for beginners

**BUNBURY HOCKEY STADIUM**  
**GRASS FIELD #1**  
(Closest to the PCYC)

# 2025 NAIDOC NETBALL CARNIVAL BUSSELTON



## DATE

Sunday, 18 May



## LOCATION

Busselton



## TIME

All Day



# CANTEEN MENU



## Donnybrook District High School P & C Canteen 2025

OPEN TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY - RECESS AND LUNCH

✓ GREEN - FILL THE MENU > AMBER SELECT CAREFULLY

Recess		Rolls/Wraps/Sandwiches	
✓ Pizza Sub (Ham or Chicken)	\$2.00	Bread: White/Wholemeal, Rolls: white	
> Cheesie	\$1.50	Salad: Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot & Mayo	
> Hash Brown Ovals (baked)	\$1.00	Sandwich Rolls/wraps	
> Wedges (baked) bag	\$2.00	✓ Egg & Salad	\$5.00 \$5.50
✓ Homemade Muffin (Choc or Berry)	\$1.50	✓ Curried Egg & Lettuce	\$4.50 \$5.00
✓ Popcorn	\$1.00	✓ Cheese & Salad	\$4.50 \$5.00
> Chocolate Yogo	\$2.50	✓ Chicken & Salad	\$5.50 \$6.00
✓ Homemade Anzac Biscuits (3/serve)	\$1.00	✓ Ham & Salad	\$5.50 \$6.00
> Warm Milo	\$2.00	✓ Vegemite	\$2.00 \$2.50
> Baked Bean Cheesie (ordered only)	\$2.00	> Add Cheese	\$0.50 \$0.50
> Yoghurt Berry Crunch	\$2.50	✓ Picnic Box (Ham or Chicken or Egg)	\$7.00
✓ Nachos	\$4.00	(Cucumber, carrot, tomato & celery sticks with homemade dip and crackers)	
Frozen Treats		✓ Add: Extra Chicken Tender	\$2.50
✓ GC Juice Ice Stick	\$1.00	> Add: Cheese	\$0.60
✓ GC Juice Ice Stick (half)	\$0.50	<b>Toasted Sandwiches</b>	
> Vanilla Bucket Ice Cream (Low Fat)	\$2.00	✓ Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50
> Lemonade or Raspberry Popsicle	\$2.50	> Chicken, Cheese & Mayo	\$5.00
✓ Bulla Frozen Yoghurt	\$3.50	✓ Ham & Cheese	\$5.00
Drinks		✓ Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50
✓ Water	\$2.00	> Cheese	\$4.00
Juice Bombs		<b>Special Orders</b>	
✓ (Watermelon, Lemonade, Apple and Raspberry or Grape)	\$3.00	<b>Wednesday &amp; Tuesday Only</b>	
✓ Juice Box 250 ml	\$2.00	Pizza Pocket	
> Plain Milk	\$2.00	(Margherita \$5.50, Hawaiian, Peperoni or Meat lovers)	\$6.00
> Brownies 300ml Flavoured Milk (Chocolate or Strawberry)	\$3.00	Rice Paper Rolls x2	\$8.00
<b>SENIOR CAMPUS ONLY</b>		(Choice of Chicken Chilli Tender or Chicken)	
> Brownies 600ml Flavoured Milk	\$8.00	<b>Thursday Only</b>	
Burgers & Hot Food		> Hot Dog with Sauce	\$7.00
Salad: Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot & Mayo		> Half Hot Dog with Sauce	\$3.50
✓ Beef Burrito (toasted with cheese)	\$6.00	> Add Cheese	\$0.60
✓ Beef Lasagne	\$6.00	<b>Friday Only</b>	
✓ Lean Beef Burger (patty, salad, & tomato sauce)	\$7.00	> Spinach & Ricotta Roll	\$5.00
✓ Chicken Chilli Tender Burger (2 strips & salad)	\$7.00	> Beef Traveller Pie 160g	\$5.50
Jnr Chicken Chilli Tender Burger (1 strip & salad)	\$5.50	> Beef Party Pie	\$2.00
✓ Homemade Macaroni Cheese	\$5.50	> Sausage Roll	\$4.50
✓ Chicken Burger (crumbed pattie & lettuce)	\$6.00	Add Tomato Sauce	\$0.60
✓ Oven Baked Nuggets & Salad - (Serve of 5) (plus Celery, Carrot, Tomato, Cucumber)	\$5.50		
> Hot Chicken & Mayo Roll	\$5.00		
✓ Pasta Bolognese (with garlic bread)	\$6.50		
> Add Cheese	\$0.60		
✓ Soup Chicken & Vegetable with buttered roll	\$6.00		
✓ Soup Pumpkin with buttered roll	\$5.50		
✓ Meatball Sub + salad	\$8.00		

HOW TO PLACE YOUR LUNCH ORDER  
ONLINE ORDERS ARE PREFERRED  
[www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au)  
or  
On a Lunch bag or envelope write:  
Childs Name:  
Classroom No:  
Food:  
Drink:  
Total (enclosed): \$

CORRECT  
MONEY  
WHERE  
POSSIBLE  
PLEASE



# 2025 CALENDAR TERM 1

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
8	24 Mar NAPLAN Concludes AdventureWorks Leadership Day Class 7.1 Manea SC Health & Med Student Visit	25 AdventureWorks Year 10 W.shop Year 8 - am W.shop Year 9 - pm WShop	26 AdventureWorks Year 8 - am W.shop Year 9 - pm WShop EARLY CLOSE Year 7 Movie Night 5pm-7pm Year 7 Camp - Parent Meeting 6:30pm	27 Newsletter AdventureWorks Year 6 - W.shop	28 Snr Campus Assembly 9:00am Jnr Campus Throws and Jumps Carnival	29	30
9	31 Mar	1 April 1/2TK/ST Jnr Campus Assembly 9:00AM	2 Year 7 Camp  EARLY CLOSE	3 Year 7 Camp	4 Jnr Campus Faction Athletics Carnival  Year 7 Camp	5	6
10	7 Apr Year 10 Young Innovators Academy	8 Snr Campus Faction Athletics Carnival 	9 What's Next Expo 1:30-4:00pm  EARLY CLOSE	10 ANZAC Service 9:30am Junior Campus	11 Jnr Campus 9:00am Easter Hat Parade 	12	13
H	14 Apr	15	16	17	18 Good Friday	19	20
H	21 Apr Easter Monday	22	23	24	25 Anzac Day	26	27

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

# 2025 CALENDAR TERM 2

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1	28 Apr School Development Day	29 Students resume	30 EARLY CLOSE	1 May	2	3	4
2	5 May AdventureWorks Leadership Day	6 Primary Interschool Athletics Carnival AdventureWorks Year 10 - W.shop Year 7 - am W.shop Year 9 - pm WShop	7 AdventureWorks Year 6 - W.shop Year 7 - pm W.shop Year 9 - am WShop Year 9/10 Teen Mental Health EARLY CLOSE	8	9	10	11 Mum's Day
3	12 May Year 10 Young Innovators Academy	13	14 Jnr Campus Assembly Snr Interschool Athletics Year 9/10 Teen Mental Health EARLY CLOSE	15 Board Meeting	16 Walk Safely to School Day 	17	18
4	19 May Year 8 Camp 	20 Year 8 Camp	21 National Simultaneous Story Time Yr 6 Vex Robotics IncurSION Year 8 Camp Year 9/10 Teen Mental Health Music Camp EARLY CLOSE	22 Newsletter	23	24	25
5	26 May	27 Reconciliation Week 27 May – 3 June	28 Yr 6 Vex Robotics IncurSION EARLY CLOSE	29	30	31	1 Jun

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