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Robotics in Action!

On Friday of Week 2 a group of talented Year six students travelled with Mrs Walz to East Manjimup Primary School to compete in the Vex Robotics Competition.

Ellie, Samadhi, Emily and Ruby tested their skills in five different challenges with the two robots they had constructed themselves. They applied their coding skills, worked as a team, raced their robots and collaborated with students from other schools to complete challenges. While they did not secure a place in the top three this year, they certainly made their school proud on the day and had a lot of fun too.







We respectfully acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People as the traditional custodians of the land upon which we meet and learn on.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT James Milne



It has been absolutely wonderful to welcome the students back to school this term. Seeing students reconnect with friends, teachers and learning routines reminded me, of the value of belonging, purpose and shared goals. Semester 1 lays the foundation for Term 3 and I am looking forward to a full term of growth, challenge and achievement.

Staff returned from the break on Monday 21 July, with time set aside to fully prepare for the Parent/Carer interviews that were held on Tuesday 22 July. I'm pleased to report that these meetings were once again a huge success. They provided a genuine opportunity for parents and carers to meet with teaching staff to discuss academic, behavioral and social and emotional development. We had 80% of Primary parents and carers meet with the classroom teachers and 60% of Secondary parents and carers engage with the specialist teachers.

A big thank you to the staff for their high level of commitment to the interviews. The workload associated with this adds additional pressure but is appreciated by our school community. My sincere thanks also to our families for embracing this opportunity and supporting the chance to connect with the staff.

You will have seen through correspondence that the leadership team is being pro-active in supporting our staff to manage the increasing complexities associated with their roles and responsibilities. I trust you understand the importance of ensuring our dedicated staff have a quality work-life balance and support them in being able to disconnect from work at the end of the day. Shared and respectful expectations and values will enable us to work together in the best interests of our children.

Term 3 is traditionally a busy, but exciting term and this year our calendar is once again jam packed with an array of opportunities for our students from K-10. A Term 3 calendar accompanies today's newsletter and highlights the many wonderful opportunities being offered to the students at Donnybrook District High School. Further opportunities are also being planned, and these will be added to the calendar as the term progresses.

2026 Structure and Programs

As per Department of Education expectations, planning for next year and beyond has commenced and will gain momentum in the coming weeks. During this period, the Leadership Team will be working closely with the School Board to ensure our plans are meeting the needs of our school community, with the opportunity for all parents and carers to make appointments to discuss information when it is disseminated. If you would like to meet with myself around Primary or Fiona around Secondary, you are more than welcome to call and arrange a mutually convenient time.

To support our planning, I ask that you please notify the school if your child/ren won't be attending Donnybrook District High School next year. This information is crucial to assist the Leadership Team in putting the right structures and programs in place.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Continued

Voluntary Contributions

As we enter the second half of the 2025 school year, I will be arranging for statements to be sent home asking parents and carers to pay their outstanding voluntary contributions and/or charges.

Donnybrook District High School relies on parents and carers to contribute towards their child's schooling to be able to continue to offer the opportunities that are being presented to the students from Kindergarten to Year 10. As part of our financial planning each year we budget to receive voluntary contributions together with all outstanding charges. With these funds, we are able to deliver the programs and supply the resources that ensure the students of our community are provided with an array of opportunities during their schooling at Donnybrook District High School.

As a school we will continue to look at avenues to support parents and carers but ask if you are able to contribute through payment or part payment, this will go a long way to supporting our capacity to sustain what we are currently offering up to our school community. What we deliver at Donnybrook District High School is unique and no other K-10 school has the capacity to do what we do. We are genuinely proud of this as it is having a positive impact on our young people and their education.



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Focus: "We follow class procedures."

JUNIOR CAMPUS NEWS

Alex Gibson Deputy Principal



Since our last newsletter, the Junior Campus has been buzzing with activity!

Mrs Davies and Mrs Hartley's Year 2 class inspired us at their assembly, sharing practical strategies for showing kindness in our everyday lives.

Our Cross-Country team represented the school with pride at the interschool competition, and we ended the term on a high with our Good Standing Discos.

Students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 enjoyed the celebrations, supported by our Semester One student leaders.

DJ Mountford and DJ Mr A kept the music pumping, and even Burrito and Taco joined the fun!





Congratulations to our new Semester Two student leaders — Hattie, Macie, Harper, Amber, Samadhi and Erika — who we know will do an outstanding job. We also commend the fourteen brave Year 6 students who put themselves forward for these roles, showing courage and commitment in front of their Year 3–6 peers.

Our Year 3 students participated in an Aboriginal cultural excursion, deepening their understanding of local histories. Thank you to Mrs Bench, Mrs Mountford and Miss T for organising this enriching experience.

In STEM, Mrs Walz and four dedicated Year 6 students — Emily, Elli, Ruby and Lacey — travelled to Manjimup for the Interschool VEX Robotics Competition, gaining valuable skills for future projects. A big thank you to Miss Briggs for preparing the team so well.

Mrs Miller's Year 6 class reminded us of the importance of noticing and including the "quiet ones" at school to ensure everyone feels welcome.

Our Year 4–6 students have been working hard on their annual Soapbox speeches — inspiring presentations that showcased their passions, interests, and confidence.

We are also excited to announce the launch of the Year 5/6 STEM Academy, with students working on establishing the Donnybrook District High School Radio station. Broadcasting in classes every fortnight, this initiative will help students build confidence, strengthen communication skills, and contribute to a more inclusive school community.

Finally, Burrito and Taco have been out on numerous visits, spreading joy and plenty of smiles wherever they go.

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SENIOR CAMPUS NEWS

Fiona Hunter
Associate Principal



Welcome back to term 3!

It has been a very busy start to the term on the Senior Campus with lots of learning, fun activities and educational projects occurring during this term of learning.

Parent Interview Day

Firstly, a big thank you to our families for coming along to our Parent Interview Day. It was an absolute pleasure to see so many parents and carers, we thank you for your continued support of our school. Our hard-working staff were very appreciative of the positive support they received.

AdventureWorks have already been to the Senior Campus and Years 7, 8 & 10 students have participated in two days of teambuilding, co-operation and fun activities. The Year 9 cohort will be on camp in Week 7 of this term (1-4 September) and will save their AdventureWorks activities for camp. The notes were sent out last week, Mrs Townsend and Ms Hunter will be attending this camp on the Blackwood River.







Interschool Cross Country

Thank you to those students who participated in the cross-country event with pride last week. They ran their best and should feel very proud of their efforts.

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SENIOR CAMPUS NEWS

Fiona Hunter - Associate Principal Continued



The Lightning Carnival is fast approaching and we are expecting a strong turnout from the Year 7 and 8s for this year's Carnival. On Wednesday 20 August from 9:00am, in Bunbury, the students will be participating in Beach Volleyball, Football and Netball.

Math Competition

We also have students competing in a Maths competition and working through these tasks with Ms Minki. Best of luck to these students.

Book Week is scheduled for Week 5 and this year students will be practicing "Write a Book in a Day" on Thursday 21 August. This is a charity event to support children with cancer. Our students will, in a one day, write, illustrate and edit a 5000-word book. The books will be then submitted to the competition for assessing and they are then published and printed by Perth Children's Hospital. These books are made available for children to read while they are in hospital having treatment for cancer. This is a fantastic venture, and the school is very happy to support students in this worthwhile day.

On the same day Senior Campus students will be completing a Book Week dress-up competition with four \$25 vouchers on offer for the best dressed character. The theme of Book Week this year is "choose your own adventure". We strongly encourage our students to dress-up in appropriate costumes and join in the fun.

The Young Innovators would like to thank the Year 9 students for coming along to the movie night which was held in week two. This was such a success that a Year 8 movie night have been scheduled for Thursday 28 August. These events are free to enter and food is available to purchase on the night. As this is a fundraising event, no outside food is permitted to be brought into school. Information letters will be sent home closer to the date.

Wishing you all a safe and warm August. See you at one of our events!

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SENIOR CAMPUS NEWS

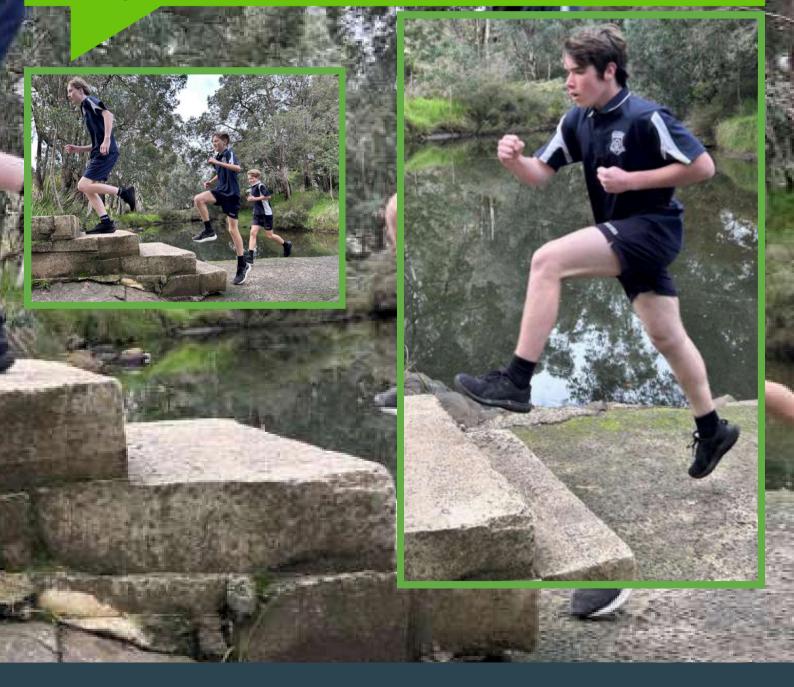
Janene Wells

Deputy Principal



It has been a chilly, wet and stormy start to Term 3, with the storm sadly taking out many of our lovely trees on the oval and around the Community Library. We started the term with parent/teacher interviews and staff were grateful for the insights, support and dedication of the parent community to help our young people become the best versions of themselves.

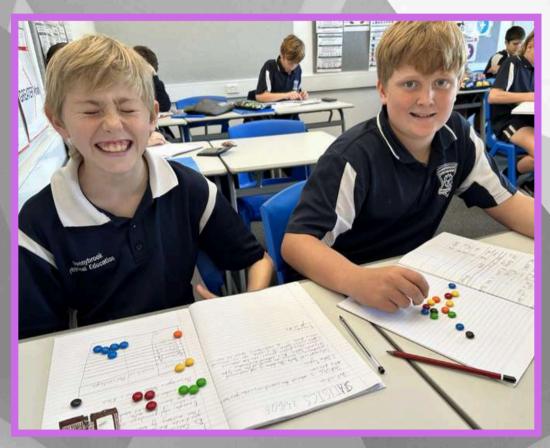
Many events and activities have been happening around campus for our students. Late last term we had the Cross-Country event which was run along the beautiful Preston River foreshore. Thank you, Mrs Sheedy, for making this possible. This enabled a smaller group of students to be eligible for the Interschool Cross Country held at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar school in Week 3. We are very proud of the efforts of these students and giving it a go and thank Mrs Kremer and Mrs Honeycombe for taking them along.

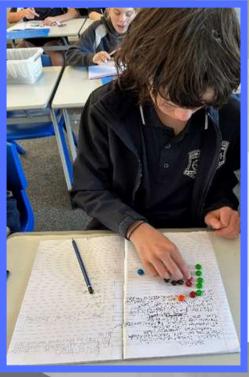


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Year 10 Students have completed their first round of the OLNA (Online Literacy Numeracy Assessment) which is one of their stepping stones into Senior School and obtaining their WACE (WA Certificate of Education). A second testing window will be Week 3 in Term 4 which will also include the Year 9s. The Year 9 students had a 'What's Next' presentation by myself and Mrs Hunter last week to ready them for the post-Donnybrook options available to them. With so many options available we welcome students and parents to discuss with us further as the process needs to commence very soon.







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YEAR 9 CAREERS EXPO

On Thursday July 31, the Year 9 STEM class presented their Careers Expo to the Senior Campus Students. Over the course of Term 2, students had worked in randomly selected groups to create an expo style display about a career or industry that they were interested in. Students from Years 7 and 8 then enjoy touring the expo and interacting with the displays. The Year 9's did a fantastic job!



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YEAR 9 CAREERS EXPO

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THE BIG BANG **BULLETIN**

Mel Attwood Science Teacher



Term 3 kicked off with a hands-on ball of fun as students across all years dove into a world of mixtures! From bubble solutions to colourful playdough—some more vibrant than others (note to self: don't mix too many colours at once!)—our young scientists discovered that combining different materials can create

exciting new stuff.

They experimented with blowing the fundamentals



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THE BIG BANG BULLETIN Continued

The enthusiastic Year 1 and Year 2 students helped Miss Attwood mix flour, cream of tartar, salt, water, and a touch of oil to make playdough. This experience improved their understanding of physical changes and mixtures.

Looking ahead, we'll explore mixtures, materials, and the properties that lead to physical and chemical changes... here's hoping we make it to the end of the term with the Science Room— and our smiles—intact!





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Noongar Season

Djilba (Aug-Sep)

Noongar Word

of the Week

midar

(dance)

Wendy Mountford Cultural Education Advisor





Students in 3KB were immersed in local Noongar culture when they were guided on Country by Miss T, our AIEO and Mrs Mountford, in Week 2 of this term.

The experience began when the students arrived at the Donnybrook Waugyl Sculpture Park. Thank you, Mr Milne for driving the bus. Miss T spoke about how the Noongar people are the traditional custodians of the Preston River. As they admired the Waugyl sculpture at the entrance of the walk trail, Miss T told the koolangka (children) the Gnangangarich Waugyl (Bearded Serpent) creation dreamtime story and how culturally significant this is.





Miss T paid respects to her Nan, local Elder, and other indigenous Elders for their combined efforts in creativity and sharing their knowledge to enable this culturally significant place to have been built. The Donnybrook Waugyl Scuplture Park and Preston River Walk Trail takes great place of pride in our town on Noongar Boodja.

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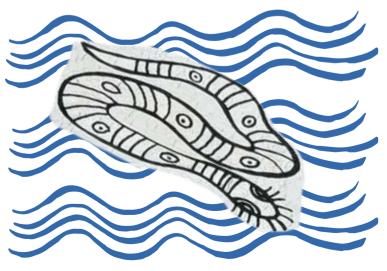
Our walk then took us across the suspension bridge. There were signs on the bridge which gave us further kaartdijin (knowledge) about the Preston River and the local Kaneang people.

Once we had crossed the river, we followed a path lined with plaques outlining information for each of the Noongar seasons.





On the banks of the Preston River, Miss T acknowledged traditional owners and the Waugyl and gave students the opportunity to be welcomed by announcing their names after saying 'Kaya' then casting a handful of sand into the river to let the Waugyl know of their arrival.



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Wendy Mountford Cultural Education Advisor



We thoroughly enjoyed having our recess on Country whilst listening to the sounds of the bubbling Preston River and wildlife.

After recess, it was time to listen deeply and use our senses to appreciate this beautiful place. In small groups, the students recorded what they had seen heard, smelt and felt whilst walking on Boodja. These observations will be used as inspiration for a dreamtime writing task over the coming weeks.



Our On Country Excursion concluded with students having white ochre applied to their faces by Miss T. The importance of the ochre was explained and how it was crushed then water added to form a paste.







The students in 3KB were extremely respectful and filled Miss T's koort (heart) with their engagement and active listening whilst sharing her culture.

Yaangka Miss T

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION



- engage in workshops with hands-on STEM experience, and
- connect with other students who have attended STEM events locally and nationally.

This event is supported by industry partners and universities within Western Australia and the Southwest region. Registration closes on Saturday, 23 August 2025 Scan the QR code to register



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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

DONNYBROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. PRESENTS

MUSEUM OPEN DAY & 1925 BUICK 100 YEAR CELEBRATION



44A EMERALD STREET, DONNYBROOK SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2025 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM



STEP BACK IN TIME!

JOIN US FOR A NOSTALGIC DAY OF HISTORY, COMMUNITY STORIES - AND THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF THE 1925 BUICK.



MORNING TEA & CAKE CUTTING

COMPLIMENTARY TEA, COFFEE & HOMEMADE BISCUITS

CAKE CUTTING TO CELEBRATE THE BUICK'S CENTENARY AT 11AM



GUEST SPEAKERS

HEAR STORIES FROM LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS SHARING PERSONAL MEMORIES OF THE TREVENA FAMILY WHO PURCHASED THE BUICK NEW IN 1925.



LUNCHTIME PICNIC & FREE BBQ

FREE BBQ FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR PICNIC LUNCHES

ENJOY SUGGESTIONS FROM LOCAL CAFÉS, WINERIES, AND THE DONNYBROOK BREWERY



YOUR OWN PACE

PICK UP MAPS & INFO

DISCOVER RIVER WALKS, WINERIES, AND HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT



VISITORS AND LOCALS
ALL WELCOME

MORE DETAILS TO COME - STAY TUNED!

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CANTEEN MENU



Donnybrook District High School

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

GREEN - FILL THE MENU >AMBER SELECT CAREFULLY

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| | Recess | | | Rolls/Wraps/Sandwiches | | | | | |
| 1 | Pizza Sub (Ham or Chicken) | \$2.00 | | Bread: White/Wholemeal, Rolls | : white | | | | |
| > | Cheesie | \$1.50 | Salad: Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot & Mayo | | | | | | |
| 7 | Hash Brown Ovals (baked) | \$1.00 | | | ndwich Rolls/wraps | | | | |
| 2 | Wedges (baked) bag | \$2.00 | 4 | Egg & Salad | \$5.00 | \$5.50 | | | |
| Y | Homemade Muffin (Choc or Berry) | \$1.50 | 4 | Curried Egg & Lettuce | \$4.50 | \$5.00 | | | |
| * | Popcorn | \$1.00 | 4 | Cheese & Salad | \$4.50 | \$5.00 | | | |
| 7 | Chocolate Yogo | \$2.50 | 1 | Chicken & Salad | \$5.50 | \$6,00 | | | |
| 1 | Homemade Anzac Biscuits (3/serve) | \$1.00 | 4 | Ham & Salad | \$5.50 | \$6.00 | | | |
| > | Warm Milo | \$2.00 | 1 | Vegemite | \$2.00 | \$2.50 | | | |
| > | Baked Bean Cheesie (ordered only) | \$2.00 | > | Add Cheese | \$0.50 | \$0.50 | | | |
| > | Yoghurt Berry Crunch | \$2.50 | V | Picnic Box (Ham or Chicken or Egg) | | \$7.00 | | | |
| 1 | Nachos | \$4.00 | | (Cucumber, carrot, tomato & celery sticks with | | | | | |
| | Frozen Treats | 1000000 | | homemade dip and crackers) | | | | | |
| 4 | GC Juice Ice Stick | \$1.00 | 1 | Add: Extra Chicken Tender | | \$2.50 | | | |
| 1 | GC Juice Ice Stick (half) | \$0.50 | 1 | Add: Cheese | | \$0.60 | | | |
| > | Vanilla Bucket Ice Cream (Low Fat) | \$2.00 | Toasted Sandwiches | | | \$0.00 | | | |
| > | Lemonade or Raspberry Popsicle | \$2.50 | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Bulla Frozen Yoghurt | \$3.50 | 4 | Ham, Cheese & Tomato | | \$4.50 | | | |
| | Drinks | - 1 | - | Chicken, Cheese & Mayo | | \$5.00 | | | |
| 1 | Water | \$2.00 | 4 | Ham & Cheese | | \$5.00 | | | |
| | Juice Bombs | \$2.00 | 1 | Cheese & Tomato | | \$4.50 | | | |
| 1 | (Watermelon, Lemonade, Apple and | \$3.00 | - | Cheese | | \$4.00 | | | |
| 8 | Raspberry or Grape) Juice Box 250 ml \$2.00 | | | Special Orders | | | | | |
| 1 | | | | Wednesday & Tuesday Only | | | | | |
| | (Orange, Apple/Blackcurrant or Apple) | \$2.00 | | Pizza Pocket | | | | | |
| | | | | (Margherita \$5.50, Hawaiian, Peperoni | OF. | | | | |
| 6 | Brownes 300ml Flavoured Milk | \$2.00 | | Meat lovers) | | \$6.00 | | | |
| > | (Chocolate or Strawberry) | \$3.00 | | Rice Paper Rolls x2 | | \$6.00 | | | |
| | (Griddolate of Strawberry) | \$5.00 | | (Choice of Chicken Chilli Tender or Chic | cken) | 775 | | | |
| | SENIOR CAMPUS ONLY | \$6.00 | | Thursday Only | | | | | |
| | Brownes 600ml Flavoured Milk | \$0.00 | > | Hot Dog with Sauce | | \$7.00 | | | |
| - | | - | > | Half Hot Dog with Sauce | | \$3.50 | | | |
| | Burgers & Hot Food | ACCOUNTS OF | 2 | Add Cheese | | \$0.60 | | | |
| | Salad: Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot 8 | CALL TO COMPANY | | Friday Only | | | | | |
| V | | \$6.00 | > | Spinach & Ricotta Roll | | \$5.00 | | | |
| 4 | | \$6.00 | > | Beef Traveller Pie 160g | | \$5.50 | | | |
| V | | | > | Beef Party Pie | | \$2.00 | | | |
| 4 | Chicken Chilli Tender Burger (2 strips & salad) | \$7.00 | > | Sausage Roll | | \$4.50 | | | |
| | Jnr Chicken Chilli Tender Burger(1 strip & | | | Add Tomato Sauce | | \$0.60 | | | |
| 4 | (C) | \$5.50 | | | | | | | |
| V | Homemade Macaroni Cheese | \$5.50 | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Chicken Burger (crumbed pattie & lettuce) | \$6.00 | | | | | | | |
| V | | \$5.50 | HON | W TO PLACE YOUR LUNCH ORDER | | | | | |
| | (plus Celery, Carrot, Tomato, Cucumber) | | ON | LINE ORDERS ARE PREFERRED | | | | | |
| > | Hot Chicken & Mayo Roll | \$5.00 | | w.quickclig.com.au | - Day | DOT OF | | | |
| 1 | Pasta Bolognaise (with garlic bread) | \$6.50 | or | | | ARECT | | | |
| > | Add Cheese | \$0.60 | 1000 | a Lunch has as assulant well- | 1000 | ONEY | | | |
| 1 | Soup Chicken & Vegetable with buttered roll | \$6.00 | 100.00 | a Lunch bag or envelope write: | 100000 | HERE | | | |
| 100 | Caus Dumakis with buttared rell | 85.50 | CI | nilds Name: | PO | SSIBLE | | | |



Soup Pumpkin with buttered roll

Meatball Sub + salad

Childs Name: Classroom No:

Food: Drink:

Total (enclosed): \$

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2025 CALENDAR TERM 3

| Wk | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat | Sur |
|----|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|-----|-----|
| 4 | 11 Aug AdventureWorks Leadership W'shop | 12 | 13 AdventureWorks Year 6 - W'shop EARLY CLOSE | 14 Newsietter | 15 Year 6 Interschool Science Competition | 16 | 17 |
| 5 | 18 Aug CBCA Book Week | 19 | 20 YR 7/8 Lightning Carnival | 21 Jnr Campus 9:00am Book Week Parade Snr Campus Book Week Dress-up Day | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 6 | 25 Aug Year 10 Young Innovators Academy | 26 Author Visit PM – Years TBC | 27 Jnr Campus Assembly 3KB Year 3/4 Soapbox EARLY CLOSE | 28 Year 5/6 Soapbox Author Visit PM – Years TBC | Jnr Interschool Winter Carnival | 30 | 31 |
| 7 | 1 Sept Year 9 Camp | 2 Year 9 Camp | 3 Year 9 Camp | 4 Year 9 Camp | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | Interm Swimming Lessons | Interm Swimming Lessons | Interm Swimming Lessons EARLY CLOSE | Interm Swimming Lessons | Interm Swimming Lessons | | |
| 8 | 8 Sept Interm Swimming Lessons | 9 Interm Swimming Lessons | 10 Interm Swimming Lessons EARLY CLOSE | 11 R U Okay Day SALT Workshop Interm Swimming Lessons Newsletter Board Meeting | 12 Interm Swimming Lessons Snr Campus Assembly | 13 | 14 |
| 9 | 15 Sept Interm Swimming Lessons | 16 Interm Swimming Lessons | 17 Jnr Campus Assembly 1JA/CH Interm Swimming Lessons Primary Celebration of our Learning 4:00 – 6:00pm EARLY CLOSE | 18 Interm Swimming Lessons | 19 Interm Swimming Lessons | 20 | 21 |
| 10 | 22 Sept Interm Swimming Lessons | 23 Interm Swimming Lessons | 24 Interm Swimming Lessons Yr 9/10 Winter Carnival Yr 10 Young Innovators Academy Presentation 5:00 - 7:30pm EARLY CLOSE | 25 Interm Swimming Lessons | 26 Interm Swimming Lessons Students last day Footy Colours Day – Gold Coin Donation | 27 | 28 |
| Н | 29 Sept King's Birthday | 30 | 1 Oct | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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Emergency and Bushfire plans have been updated and completed.

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