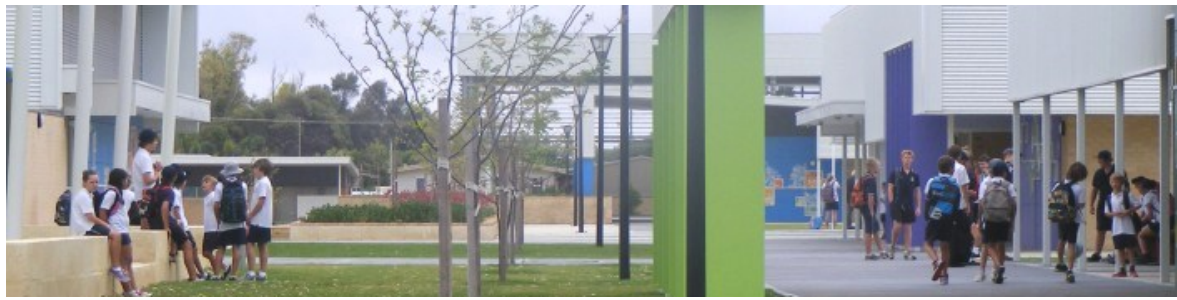


Important Dates

7 February Assembly

Term 1 Dates will be published as soon as finalised



DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

NEWSLETTER 3rd February 2017

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the start of the new school year. Dongara DHS has been a hive of excitement and in general we have had a very smooth start.



Welcome to our new students and their families. We have had an increase in student numbers and I am delighted to say this has been predominantly in the secondary school. We are currently reviewing the secondary timetable with a view to increasing teacher time to reduce class sizes.

Welcome to our new staff:
Mr Francois James-Health & PE teacher
Mrs Kobi Jeffery-Year 5 teacher
Mrs Sheryl Richards-returning from leave

cases filled with great equipment. This allowed the year 1 teachers to distribute the gifts at the start of the year. Thank you to CBH.



I remind parents to ensure that their children are attending school with all of the items listed on the 2017 personal items list. Some students are still without their Maths and Grammar books. Please purchase books from the front office as soon as possible.



Our new **Behaviour Expectation** posters have arrived and have been displayed around the school. I am sure you will notice them as they are modern and bright.

Our next whole school Assembly for **Year 1-10 students** will be in our Assembly Hall on **Tuesday 7 February** starting at 8.55am, to be hosted by **the 2017 Student Council**.

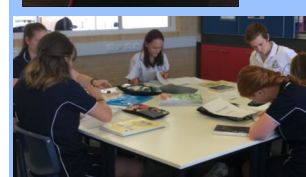
Kind Regards
Janine Calver

The staff were busy on the first two days of term with the 2016 Operational Plan review as well as mandatory online learning. The staff participated in a fun team building game which many are planning to use with the children.



Our **Census** is in two weeks and after this has been completed I will share our student numbers in the next newsletter.

Thank you **Mr Grant Eva** for bringing to school the **CBH** donated year 1 pencil



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Administration Notes

School Contributions & Charges

Invoices will be posted out to parents around **week 3**. Upon receiving this invoice, payment can then be made directly to the school. **EFTPOS facilities are available**. Alternatively Direct Debit details are included on your invoice.

2017 Secondary Assistance Scheme

The Western Australian Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary school (years 7-12) costs comprising of Contributions and Charges allowances.

- \$115 Clothing allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian or the school
- \$235 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the school

To be eligible for the allowance the parent/guardian must hold one of the following:

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

Parent/Guardian must be the holder of a card that is valid during first term. Claims cannot be made using a student's Centrelink Card.

Applications close Friday 7th April 2017

Student Details

In order to keep our data base of student contact details correct, please notify the office if you have made changes to any of the following details over the holidays:

- House and/or mobile phone number
- Address details
- Emergency contact details
- Medical details.

Absentees

Thank you to the parents who ring and notify the office in the morning when their child/ren are unwell or absent from school for a particular reason. This avoids having to supply an explanation note upon their return to school and alleviates the office sending you letters concerning unexplained absences.

The office phone number is **9927 0100** and there is an answering machine to leave a message if the office is unattended, alternatively you can SMS your child/ren's absence to **0437 206 549**, please include your child/ren's name in your message. Absences can also be sent via our Skoolbag app. If you haven't already downloaded our Skoolbag App, directions are further in the newsletter.

Truant Students

Students with lunch passes are not permitted to frequent shops or bakeries at lunch time as the pass only permits them to travel between their home and the school. Lunch passes are specifically for students to have lunch at their own home. Students wishing to buy their lunch can do so from the school canteen. Students caught down town without proper authority could face in-school detention for truancy.

Pre-Primary - Year 6 Maths Books Year 5 & 6 Grammar Books

There are still some students who we

have not yet received Book order forms for. If you are unsure whether you have ordered a Primary Maths or Grammar book for your child/ren, or if you have not yet placed an order please call into the office ASAP.

Dental Van News

The Dental Van is currently at Dongara DHS. Parents of ALL DDHS Students will shortly receive an appointment time and are requested to attend this appointment with their child before any work can commence..

Skoolbag App

If you already have the Dongara DHS Skoolbag app you will need to reset your Push Notifications to your child's current class by tapping:

More Setup Push Notifications tap on the classes you would like to receive notifications for.

Through the Dongara DHS Skoolbag App, school newsletters and important notifications are sent straight to your smartphone/tablet. Parents are also able to send Absentee notifications or change contact details directly through this app.

Please download and install our Skoolbag by searching for **Dongara DHS** in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store (free to download). You can also use the link below to view the instructions to download the App www.skoolbag.com.au

Dongara DHS Newsletter

In an effort to minimise the impact on the environment this will be the only time you will receive a paper version of our fortnightly newsletter. Commencing in week 4, our newsletters will only be available for viewing on the Dongara DHS website or via our Skoolbag app each fortnight. If we have your email address on file you will receive an email with a link to take you directly to the Newsletter and/or a notification from Skoolbag if you have our Skoolbag app downloaded on an device.

Families without Internet Access can still receive a paper edition of the Newsletter if requested. Please complete the tear off slip below & return to the office ASAP so you do not miss out on the Dongara District High School Newsletter.

Please choose an option & return to the Dongara DHS office

Family Name: _____

• I Do NOT have Internet access & require a Paper Newsletter to be given to: Child's Name: _____

• I would like to receive a Newsletter notification email at: Email Address: _____