

Important Dates

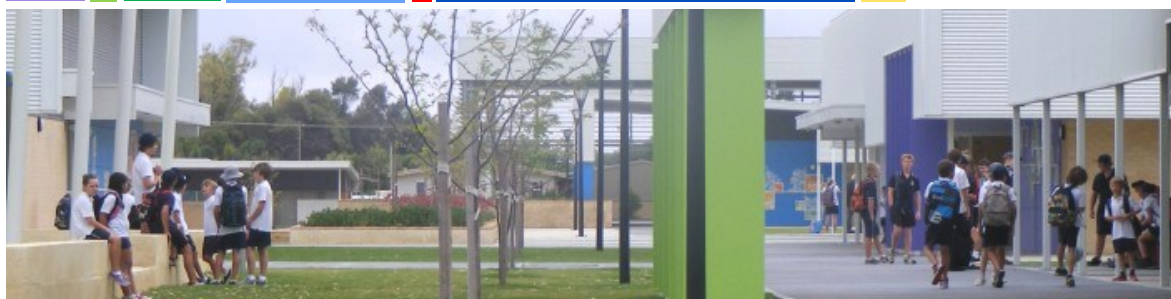
12 March
Full Moon

13 March
Swim Trials

14 March
OLNA Testing

15 & 16 March
Young Writers
Geraldton

17 March
Year 1– 12 Surf
Carnival



DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

NEWSLETTER 9th March 2017

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Congratulations to the following students who have been peer elected as the 2017 House Captains:

IRWIN

Yr 3: Amber Edmonds, Thomas Wellstead

Yr 6: Abbie Collins, Hamish Keatley

Secondary: Myah Te Aho, Thomas Collins

LEANDER

Yr 3: Teale Jeffery, Luke Ganfield

Yr 6: Raine Jeffery, Kodi Giltrow

Secondary: Ainslie Masotto, Kylan Elliot

MILO

Yr 3: Lexi Price, Blair Haultain

Yr 6: Raven Pearce, Jesse Giltrap

Secondary: Jasper Poot, Chelsea Waters

NHARGO

Yr 3: Scarlett Biglands, Byron Chapman

Yr 6: Mareta Hall-Hovell, Mitchell Keene

Secondary: Natalia Morozov, Brodi Wickes

The first big role for our **2017 House Captains** is the Surf Carnival that will

be held on Friday 17 March. Remember to slip, slop, slap and wear your House colours! **We are in urgent need of parent volunteers.** Please call Mr James if you can help out!

We wish **Abbey Carter** and **Raine Jeffery** all the best at the **State Surf Life Saving Championships**. The girls recently qualified at the Country Championships.

Congratulations to our students who played in the **Grand Final U13 and U16 BWA Country Championships**. The U13 boys were Runners Up and the U16 Girls were Champions.



We recently had a visit from the **SIDE Coordinator** and **English teacher**. Both ladies were very complimentary of our **year 11 and 12 SIDE students**, commenting they were very mature and committed to their studies. This year sees a number of students pursuing an ATAR pathway. We wish them great success.

Next week a number of **year 6-8 Talented Young Writers** will travel to Geraldton to attend an academic extension opportunity.



A reminder to parents that children **should not be at school before 8.30 am**. After 8.30am we can provide a full duty of care. We are focussing on a procedure for play between 8.30-8.55am. This will be taught to the children by their class teacher. Procedure charts have been displayed on the windows of the Front Office and will soon be in classrooms.

Our next whole school Assembly for **Year 1-10 students** will be in our Assembly Hall on **Tuesday 21 March** starting at 8.55am, to be hosted by **year 4** and **Mr Tapscott**.

Kind Regards
Janine Calver

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Administration Notes

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

Certificate of Achievement Recipients

Year 1	Abby Wilson, Toby Barron, Matthew Gillam, Molly Sherer, Brylee Rosman, Angus Dawson, Zeeva Burton, Aerin Scatena, Dhekota Wallace
Year 2	Hayley Toia, Karissa Pavelka, Mary-Kate Bedford, Jacob Cann, Zachariah Wilson, Dustin French,
Year 3	Keelley James, Melakia Carter, Lexi Price, Connor-James Atkins, Cassandra Baxter
Year 4	Toby Couper, Mia Jones, Brianna Pavelka, Chelsea Hulme, Dusty Radford, Jack Lawson
Year 5	Alla Shehan, Noah Gardner, Sienna Peacock, Monique Holmes, Lisa Werner, Amity Mark, Jenetta Dwyer
Year 6	James Edmonds, Keshi Boase, Mannelle Wilson, Kodi Giltrow, Zarlee Gawor, Jay Poot, Breeanna Banks
Year 7	Kerry-Ann Gall
Year 8	Seth Schleicher, Rueben Steel, Kade Duthie, Katie Wells, Clay Kriston, Skye Letts, Paige Jones
Year 9	Samantha Oliver

Year 10 Daniel Munday, Sarah-Louise Stemm, Natalia Morozov, Jackson Button, Jasper Poot, Jesse Harrison

Year 11 Thomas Collins, Dannielle Kriston, Brodi Wickes, Kristy Perkusich, Elizabeth Sternick

Year 12 Caitlyn Rogers

Academic Task Force Skills Development Program

The Academic Task Force are offering a Skills Development Program for students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 at various schools in Perth during the April school holidays.

Courses available in:

- NAPLAN Preparation
- Essay Writing
- Maths & English
- Learning Skills

Interested parents are able to request a brochure from the school office.

Fantastic Student Work - Year 10 Cross Curricula Task

Year 10 English and Science teachers, Mrs Berger and Mrs Ganfield have planned a cross-curricula task for their students.

Using the text, 'Hunger Games', by Suzanne Collins (a science-fiction drama) and the DVD (produced by Phillip Messina and directed by Tom Stern) as stimuli, the students are required to design their own mutant drawing upon their scientific knowledge.

They are then to image themselves as a tribute (contestant) in the dome (arena) and explain how the mutant will be of use to them when fighting for survival against twenty three opponents.

The task will draw upon their imagination and scientific knowledge of genetic engineering, stem cells and human genome project along with their application of Australian English Conventions.

If the students are as excited about the task as the teachers are, the experience should be awesome.

Example: The Jabberjay is used for

surveillance. It is a bird that can remember human conversations and repeat them later. The Capital used them to spy on the rebellious Districts. Later, after mating with common mockingbirds, the Jabberjay became the Mockingjay. While it can no longer produce human words, it can remember and repeat human melodies and sounds.

Tracker Jackers are mutated wasps, designed to be especially deadly and persistent. When disturbed, they will chase their victims for great distances, refusing to give up until they have had their revenge. Their venom is a powerful psychedelic narcotic, and a few stings can kill an adult human.

Results of this task will be published in a later newsletter, so stay tuned!

Surf Carnival

This year's Surf Carnival (years 1-12) is on **Friday 17th March 2017** at South Beach. This is a year 1-12 Carnival for Junior and Senior students, all students having the opportunity to compete in a minimum of four events.

The Carnival will start at 9am and finish at approximately 1-2pm. All students are required to be in their house bays and ready to compete by 8.50am. House bays will be located close to the surf club or approximately 300m south of the surf club.

The children will need to bring:

- Hat/cap
- Sunscreen
- Towel, bathers, rash vest
- Faction T-shirt
- Lunch, Snacks, drinks (lots of water)
- **NO glass bottles**

Parent Help is the key ingredient for success at our carnivals. Parents can help in many ways, judging events, organising equipment, encouragers, First Aiders, finish line holders and supervisors with Swimming Qualifications. Can you help make our Carnival a success? If so, please contact the school ASAP.

Further information is available on Skoolbag and was sent home attached to the last newsletter.