

Important Dates

18 August
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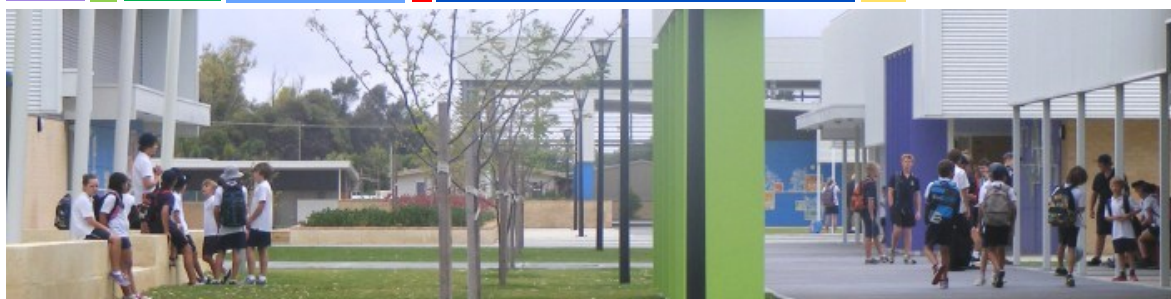
21 - 25
Book Week

21 - 23
Yr 11 Aspire Camp

23 August
Jumps & Throws
Carnival

24 August
Yr 4 - 12 Athletics
Carnival

25 August
PP - Yr 3 Athletics
Carnival



DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 17th August 2017

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last Saturday evening was the **Year 10-12 School Ball "Under the Stars"**. What a fantastic evening we had. The students and their guests looked spectacular. Congratulations to **Dannielle Kriston** and **Levi Weinman** who were **Belle and Beau of the Ball**. Thank you to **Mrs Downes**, the **student organising committee**, **Christine Waters** for the 3 course sit-down meal, **year 8 and 9 students** who served us or took photos and our past students **Ryan Pereira** and **Lester Drummond** as DJs.



We are very proud of **Mitchell Keene** who represented WA at the **School Sports National Cross Country Competition** in **Tasmania** last weekend. Mitchell placed 21st and improved on his personal best by 30 seconds. **WELL DONE MITCHELL!**

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

I cordially remind parents that you have a **legal responsibility** to explain students absences. You

can call the **Front Office**, use the **Skool Bag App**, send an **email** or a **note**. Did you now that:

Absences from Year 1-10	Equivalent School Missed
Average 0-1 day missed per 20 days	0-6 months
Average of 5 Days per term	1 Year
1 Day Per Week	2 Years

Congratulations to **Karissa Pavelka** who won the **Mingenew Expo Train Safety Art Competition** for the Year 2 category.



Well done to our **Write a Book in a Day** teams who started writing at 8am and finished their books at 5pm. We now wait until November for the outcome. All books written are donated to children's hospitals around Australia.

Parents and students, please ensure that children are wearing their **helmets** when on bikes and scooters. I also ask that parents reinforce and practise **road rules** with their children as we have received a number of concerns from members of the community where children have not been taking care on the roads.

The **2017 NAPLAN Student Reports** have arrived. Over the next couple of weeks the class teachers will be analysing the student data to contribute to planning for the future. We hope to send the reports home in week 7 or 8.

Congratulations to **Katie Wells** from year 8 who has been short listed for a place in the **2017 Randolph Stow Awards for Young Writers**. Katie will find out which award she has won at a gala presentation evening on 24 August.



Katie Wells with Mrs Berger.

Next week will see us hold our **House Jumps/Throws at school, PP-3 and 4-12 Athletics Carnivals at the Rec Centre oval**. All the best to students, parents and staff from:

IRWIN, LEANDER, MILO
and **NHARGO.**

Come along to our **YOH Fest Soup and Sweets Night Fundraiser on September 1st**. Tickets are **\$10** and can be purchased from the Front Office.

Our next whole school Assembly for **Year 1-10 students** will be held on **Tuesday 5 September** and will be hosted by **3F and Mrs Forsyth**.

Kind Regards

Janine Calver

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Certificate of Achievements

Yr 1	Brylee Rosman, Connor, Mehew, Violet Allan, Isla Goedecke, Kobi Pearse, Eli Mettam, Oliver Wellstead
Yr 2	Noah Groves, Jacob Cooper, Max Giles
Yr 3	Judd Cruickshank, Nathan Banks, Jacob Masters, Teale Jeffery, Lucy Lawrence
Yr 4	Joachim Kilby, Mia Jackson, Samantha Sternick, Stirling Ramsden, Lincoln Parker
Yr 5	Mrs Jeffery's Class, Samuel Shute, Kalani Eva, Lisa Werner, Tristan Gillis
Yr 6	Christian Gale, Mareta Hall-Hovell, Bree Chalmers, Clay O'Brien, Lacey McGinnis, Layla Davis
Yr 7	Abby Tilbrook, Cobie Hobson, Jake Buck, Carla Smith, Kate Willis, Mary Barker, Cameron Murdoch, Harry Calver, Jasmine Neil, Kaleb Plozza
Yr 8	Kade Duthie, Adam Shute, Maddy Atkins, Nikita Dekin, Katie Wells, Paige Jones, Isaiah Evans
Yr 9	Domenico Palamara, Jeaselle Hilfers, Khaylan Vick, Sarah McKendry, Mykala Chalmers, Samantha Oliver
Yr10	Max Denton, Jesse Harrison, Jayme Quadrio

Student Council and House Captain Photographs

How to Access Fotoworks Web Gallery to Purchase Photographs specifically for Student Council and House Captains.

Step 1:

Go to website www.fotoworks.com.au

Step 2:

Select the 'Order Online' option in the top right followed by 'Sports & Specials' button

Step 3:

Click on the 'School Gallery' link on the menu on the left. You will then see a list of schools in alphabetical order. Select your School's crest or image (as shown)



Step 4:

Once you select your school, you will need to enter your school's access code **DDHS207** which will give you access to all the Sports & Specials photos and any Extra photos taken on Photo Day.

Step 5:

Make your selections and 'add cart' and proceed to completing order online.

High Notes at DDHS

This year the Western Australian Opera is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. As part of the celebration they are travelling throughout the Midwest and were delighted to perform at DDHS. Two opera singers, Rebecca Bunn and Lachlann Lawton, accompanied by pianist Chris Milbourn performed for us on Tuesday 15th of August. The students enjoyed the experience of viewing an interactive live opera performance.



Aboriginal Meeting Area

We are currently in the process of developing an Aboriginal Meeting Area that will be connected to the School Horticultural Garden. We are creating a space and forum for students, teachers, community members, guest speakers and Aboriginal Elders to share information, make connections and to be immersed in an Aboriginal cultural experience.

We would like to acknowledge the generosity of **Russell Collins** who has been instrumental in erecting a feature wall for our Aboriginal Meeting Area which we intend to paint a mural on. With the assistance of **Tyler White** (a past student of ours), Russell prepared the site, completed the form work of the wall and installed it all free of charge. We are extremely grateful for the amount of time he has spent assisting us with this project.

We would also like to thank **Gavin Botica** and **Mark Johnson** from **Central West Concrete** who very kindly donated the concrete used to make the wall and acknowledge **InSitu** who donated materials for it. We are very fortunate to have such strong community support.



YOH Fest Raffle Results

Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket in our Scratchie Board Raffle. Congratulations to our winners:

- 1st **Janet Ross**
- 2nd **Russell Hilfers**

National Science Week

This week is National Science Week. We have a great competition happening PP-year 12 Re-invention competition-Turn rubbish into something useable. Mrs Ganfield has been running lunchtime "Makerspace" with secondary students to complete their entries. The entries are due to class teachers by this Thursday.



Student Update Forms

Student update forms were sent home with all Semester 1 reports. Please **complete and return** to the office as soon as possible. It is very **important** that you have correct contact details for your children in case of emergencies.

Even if your details have not changed, we ask that the form is returned **ASAP**.