

## Important Dates

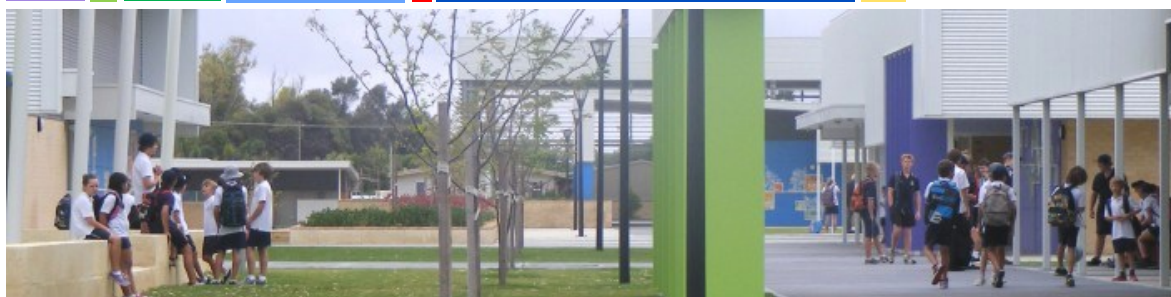
**11 October**  
School Development Day

**12 October**  
Students Commence Term 4

**13 October**  
Yr 7 Immunisations  
Yr 6 Young Writers

**14 October**  
7/8/9 Young Writers

**15 October**  
K/P Wildlife Rescue Incursion



# DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

*An Independent Public School*

NEWSLETTER 24th September 2021

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have reached the **end of term 3** and I wish all of our students, their families and staff a **safe and relaxing holiday**. The following documents will be brought home by the children this **Friday: Year 7-12 Progress Reports, Attendance Certificates and House Point Certificates**.

I am delighted to announce to the school and wider community that our secondary school is one of **three finalists** in the prestigious **2021 Governor's STEM Awards**. Winners will be announced at a ceremony at Government House in **November**. **Mrs Ganfield, myself and Matthew Vermeer** (Yr 9) will attend the ceremony. The judges have visited us to learn more about our STEM programs and now we wait for the outcome.

We were pleased to welcome **Tyra, Mary and Makenzie** from the **Curtin Medical School Alumni Ambassador team** to our school. They spoke to our **year 7-12 students and staff** about **pathways to medicine for rural students**, and of their own journeys. The presentation was interactive and motivating. Mary and Makenzie are both past students of Dongara DHS.

Congratulations to our **four Numero Teams** that competed in the 2nd round of the Mid West Numero Competition. Our teams **placed 2nd and 4th** with all four teams in the **top 6** schools for each of the four individual challenges. There were **18 schools** that competed. Thank you to **Mrs Owen** for her support and the parents who drove the teams to **Geraldton**.



Thank you everyone who contributed to **Open Night**. It was great to see a very large majority of our students and their families touring our wonderful school.



OPEN NIGHT 2021



Congratulations to our **Interschool Athletics** team on their outstanding results. We received the **Overall Shield, Secondary Shield, Primary Shield** and the **Team Games Trophy**. Well done to our team and thank you to **Mr James, Mrs Jenkins, Mrs Clinch** and the many **parents** who made it possible for our team to compete in **Jurien Bay**.



Well done to the **year 7-12 students** who have achieved **Good Standing** and participated in reward day excursions to the foreshore.

There are **31 Students and 5 staff** at **DHS Country Week**. We will promote their successes in the next newsletter and on our **Facebook and Insta pages**.

We say farewell and thank you to **Ms Lodge** and **Mrs Gilbert** as they finish their contracts at Dongara DHS.

Our next whole school **Assembly** for **year 1-12 students** is on **Thursday, 21 October** and will be hosted by year **4/5** and **Ms Owen**.

Kind Regards  
*Janine Calver*



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## Thank You Roger Arnold

Dongara District High School would like to **congratulate Roger Arnold** on his **retirement**. Roger has been our right hand man for as long as we can remember for all our building maintenance work. He would make himself available for urgent repairs at a moment's notice. We will miss him calling through admin regularly when completing maintenance after school. **Thank you** Roger for being so reliable and making Dongara DHS a priority in your workload.

## Thank you Beach Energy

We were successful in receiving a **Community Grant** from **Beach Energy** for **\$19,000**. We have ordered **24 Premium Virtual Reality (VR) Class Goggles** which will be used to support our programs from **K-12**. We are hoping that they will be here for our **School Development Day** on **Monday 11 October** so that staff can be trained to use them and we can get them into our classrooms as quickly as possible.

VR Goggles/lessons provide an engaging, immersive experience for students of all ages and allows them to view and understand subjects and topics through personal experience. The immersion and engagement students gain from VR dramatically increases their ability to understand and retain information.

**THANK YOU  
BEACH ENERGY.**



## Thank you Bendigo Bank and GOPP

Thank you to **Bendigo Bank** and **GOPP** for their generous **donation of \$1000** which has gone towards improving our **horticulture centre**.

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## Interschool Athletics Results

### Champions

Yr 4 Girls	Jocelyn Vick
Yr 4 Boys	Jett Wallace (tie)
Yr 5 Girls	Dhekota Wallace
Yr 6 Girls	Mary-Kate Bedford
Yr 7 Boys	Mathew Moore
Yr 8 Girls	Grace Butcher
Yr 10 Boys	Jesse Giltrap
Girls 800m	Mary-Kate Bedford

### Runner Ups

Yr 4 Girls	Aleah Brindal (tie)
Yr 4 Boys	Evan Chapman (tie)
Yr 5 Boys	Marley Jackson
Yr 5 Girls	Ani Ruakere
Yr 6 Boys	Jai Keene
Yr 7 Girls	Ryder Marsden (tie)
Yr 7 Boys	Kiesha-Lee Gall
Yr 9 Girls	Beau Willis
Open Girls	Tayla Cann
Open Boys	Carla Smith
	James Happ

### Record Breakers

Yr 7 Boys Discus - Mathew Moore  
Yr 7 Boys Triple Jump - Mathew Moore  
Primary Mixed Leaderball

### Overall Shield

Dongara 813  
Jurien Bay 742  
Morawa 575  
Carnamah 235

### Primary Shield

Dongara 158  
Morawa 115  
Jurien Bay 113  
Carnamah 52

### Secondary Shield

Dongara 425  
Jurien Bay 411  
Morawa 314  
Carnamah 97

### Team Games Shield

Dongara 158  
Jurien Bay 156  
Morawa 116  
Carnamah 90



## Kindy / Pre-Primary

Well done to all the Kindy and Pre-Primary students for being Responsible, Respectful and trying to achieve their best when playing in the playground. This fortnight's prize **winners** were **Marshall Parker** for being responsible by sharing his bike at the Friendship Stop, **Harper Crofts** for being responsible by playing nicely with her friends, **Daina Niikkula** for being responsible by helping to set up the obstacle course without being asked and **Zayn Criddle** for showing respect by pushing a friend on the swing. Well done to these children for playing nicely in the playground.