

Important Dates

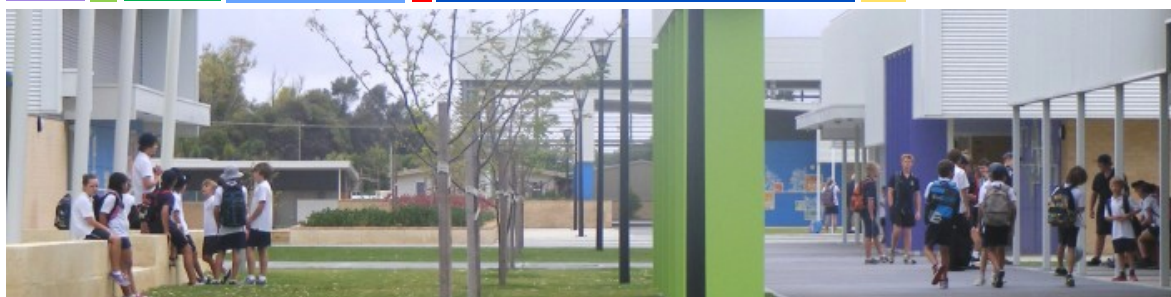
8 March
Swim Trials Geraldton

10 March
Hockey Clinic

16 March
Harmony Day

17 March
OLNA Numeracy
Year 10-12

18 March
Incursion - Nexus
Bernard Mangakahia
P-6



DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

NEWSLETTER 5th March 2021

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have reached the middle of term 1. The first 5 weeks have just flown by. Some of our **Year 10-12** students have been sitting their **OLNA** (online literacy and numeracy tests) which will contribute to their **WACE** (WA Certificate of Education) attainment.

A reminder that **Year 7-12 study classes** are held each **Monday** in H2 with **Mrs Flannery** from **3.05 - 4pm**.



Art and Photography Excursions

Yr 7-10



We have had a number of **excursions** that have allowed our students to experience meaningful off site learning opportunities. These have included **Yr 6 E4** to the **Geraldton Museum**, **Yr 6** and **8/9 Young Writers** to **Champion Bay SHS**, **Yr 9/10 Photography** and **Yr 7/8 Visual Arts** around town.

Our **Newsletters** were recently **recognised** by the Mid West Education Regional Office as being **'INNOVATIVE'**.

The School Board recently ratified the **2021 Operational Plan focus Areas:**

Literacy

Whole School: Use of Brightpath
K-2: Writing - 7 Steps to Writing Success, Sounds - Write Phonics
Reading - decodable books
3-6: Writing - paragraphing
7-12: PEEL paragraph method, DDHS literacy cover sheet all learning areas

Health & Wellbeing

Whole School: Zones of Regulation-Self Regulation, Restorative Practices, Focus on refining the PBS Matrix, RESPECT (including kindness), Cyber Safety
STEAM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics
Whole School: Increased community links. Common understanding and use of design process language in all technology subjects
K-2: STEAM - integrate in all subjects, data collection (Science Enquiry, Human Endeavour)
3-6: Integrate in all subjects
7-12: Cross curricula links

Our **2021-2023 Business Plan** is available for parents in the **Connect Library**. It will soon be available for public viewing at https://www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline/school_planning.do?schoolID=4131&pageID=AD25

Focus Area 3 of our Business Plan is about building community connections. One strategy is to **involve families** in **goal setting** to **improve attendance** by working in partnership to develop attendance plans for children at risk. Our **target is to achieve 90% regular whole school attendance**. This is how families can support us to achieve our target.

When is it **OK** to not go to school?

An OK reason is one that **prevents** your child from getting to school. This could include:

- when your child is sick or unwell
- attending cultural or religious observances such as sorry time and funerals
- an unavoidable natural event such as flood waters or a cyclone
- an unavoidable medical appointment
- The principal decides if the reason given for your child's absence is acceptable.

It's **NOT OK** to miss school if your child:

- is celebrating a birthday
- is going on a family holiday
- is visiting family and friends
- has slept in or had a big weekend
- is looking after other children
- has sport or other recreational activities that have not been approved by the school
- has appointments such as haircuts and minor check ups
- If possible, routine medical and other health appointments should be made either before or after school, or during the school holidays.

Congratulations to the **Aubrey** family on the birth of their son, **Marshall**.

Our next whole school Assembly for **Year 1-12 students** will be on **Tuesday 30 March** and will be hosted by **Year 3/4C**.

Kind Regards
Janine Calver

"Achieve with Honour"
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Certificates of Achievement

Congratulations to all the Certificate recipients from our Assembly held on Tuesday, 2nd March.

- Yr 1 Jack Prunster, Maria Manners
Jackson Shields, Ella Stokes-Droz
- Yr 2 Everleigh Craine, Charlie Rayner, Amber Ganfield
- Yr 3 Evie Bristow, Lily Mouchemore, Raesita Hobbs
- Yr 4 Jacob Giles, Karitah Brooks, Emmy Toia, Levi Prunster
- Yr 5 Oliver Wellstead, Kiara Beatts-Rattray, Frankie Biglands, Emmi Chandler, Evan Dabrowski, Toby Barron
- Yr 6 Peta Bicker, Amy Taylor, Kent Bristow, Tahnee Moore
- Yr 7 Harlan Burton, Tyler Mitchell, Darcy Criddle, Charlie Johns
- Yr 8 Baylee Lawson, Amelia Colomb, Grace Butcher
- Yr 9 Kai Butcher, Samuel Shute, Clover McBrydie
- Yr 10 Jessica Jolley, Latrai Rawlings, Shaye Geel, Layla Davis

Aussie of the Month

Aussie of the Month recipients for the virtue of "kindness" were:

- Year 1-3: **Jack Prunster**
Year 4-6: **Zoe Suarez**
Year 7-12: **Samuel Shute**

Year 6 / E4 Geraldton Excursion

Students from E4 visited the Spy Espionage exhibit at the Geraldton Museum as part of their HASS studies on Government.



They also visited the Alinta Wind Farm.



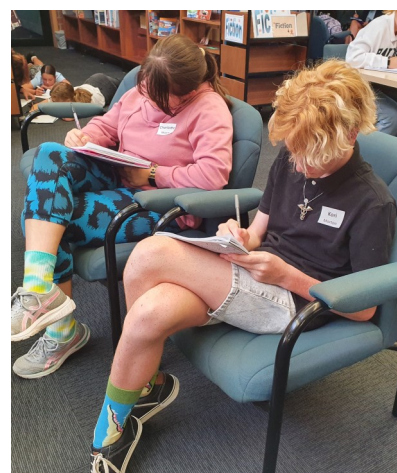
Year 6 Young Writers

Year 6's attending the Young Writers Program in Geraldton with Author Deb Fitzpatrick.



Secondary Young Writers

Year 8/9 students attending the Young Writers Program in Geraldton.



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 fortnights **prize winners** were **Aaliyah Murray** for showing respect by letting a friend join in with her play, **Joshua O'Brien** for being responsible by playing nicely with his friends, **Louie George** for being responsible by playing nicely on the swings and **Thorstein Haug** for being responsible by eating his lunch nicely at the table. Congratulations to all the prize winners.