

## Important Dates

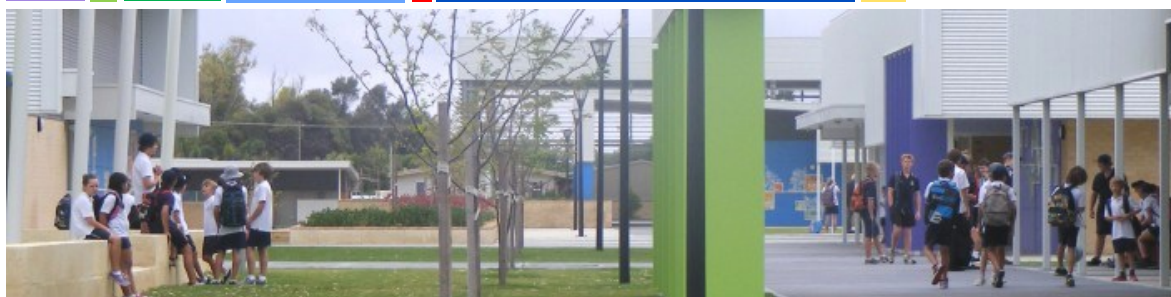
**11 May**  
NAPLAN online testing begins

**13 May**  
11/12 First Aid Course  
St John Ambulance

**14 May**  
5/6 Basketball Slam  
Geraldton

**19 May**  
Assembly - Inrwin/  
Nhargo

**19 May**  
School Board Meeting



# DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

*An Independent Public School*

NEWSLETTER 7th May 2021

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our year **9-12 students** attended a seminar presented by Katie from **Youth Focus**, who delivered part of the **Mental Notes** education program which helps young people understand that mental health issues can impact anyone and the help that is available. More information about **Youth Focus** can be found at

<https://youthfocus.com.au/>

In **week 9** we will be hosting a week long visit from **Headspace**. Part of the visit will include a parent session. Headspace is the **National Youth Mental Health Foundation** providing early intervention mental health services to 12-25 year olds. Headspace can help young people with mental health, physical health (including sexual health), alcohol and other drug services, and work and study support.

<https://headspace.org.au>

Thank you to **Carla Smith**, our year 11 student councillor, who accompanied me to the community **ANZAC Service**.



## LEST WE FORGET

Did you know there is such a thing as Super Size Scrabble? The students in **3M** have been playing this amazing literacy game.



This week has been abuzz with lots of **Mother's Day** activities. It was lovely to see the many Mums, Nanna's and Aunties who attend the special days in **K-PP**.



A big thank you to our **P&C** for the annual Mother's Day Stall and raffles.

A reminder that **assemblies** will be held on a **Wednesday** this term. Our next whole school **Assembly** for **Year 1-12 students** is on **Wednesday 19 May** and will be hosted by the **Year 7-12 Irwin and Nhargo Home Rooms**.

Kind Regards  
*Janine Calver*

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY FROM  
THE STAFF AT DONGARA DHS.**



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## Certificates of Achievement

Congratulations to the following students:

Yr 1	Henley Jeans
Yr 2	Neytiri Staley, Dirk Whyatt, Lexi Barron, Rachel Whitmarsh
Yr 3	Kimberley Hutchcraft, Thomas Long
Yr 4	Darcy Melbin, Declan Wilson, Maale Taylor
Yr 5	Nate Butcher, Connor Mehew, Jett McKenzie
Yr 6	Oliver Risinger, Dustin French, Zachariah Wilson, Hayden Couper
Yr 7	Isla Geel, Kiesha-Lee Gall, Kaleb Musulin, Amber Edmonds
Yr 8	Joachim Kilby, Andrew Henry
Yr 9	Seth Vermeer, Matthew Vermeer
Yr 10	Jessica Jolley, Aiden Neimanis
Yr 12	Tegan Brooks

## NAPLAN Testing

NAPLAN online testing commences on Tuesday, **11th May** for **Year 3, 5, 7 & 9** students.

All students are required to bring their own **earphones** or **earbuds** to complete this online testing.

## School Fees

Contributions and Charges are **now due**. Payment can be made directly to the school and **EFTPOS** facilities are available. Alternatively **Direct Debit** details are included on your invoice.

## Mother's Day

Some of our secondary students volunteered to assist with the assembling of Mother's Day gifts in **D Block** this week.



## Student Attendance

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.

**PLEASE HELP US  
REACH OUR  
ATTENDANCE TARGET  
OF 90% OR GREATER!**

## Student Activities



Here are some of our Year 11/12 **Cert II Hospitality** students hard at work. **Mrs Jenkins** delivers a full Cert II on site at Dongara DHS.

## Third Party Services Consent Form

An **email** has been sent out to all parents with a link to complete a **Third Party Services consent form** for the use of **apps** and **websites**.

This is due to our new **ICT Policy** for Primary and High School students which contains information on Third Party Services. This is a recent **mandatory requirement** for all WA public schools. Students will be **unable** to engage in the chosen online programs until **parental permission** has been provided.

We ask that you please **complete the consent form** as soon as possible so students are able to engage in the use of the apps.