

Important Dates

15 November
Governors STEM Awards

19 November
K & Y4 Pirate Day
Full Moon

22 November
Swimming Lessons Begin

24 November
School Board Meeting

26 November
Last day for Year 11s



DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are half way through the term and things are as busy as ever. Our PBS and Aussie of the Month focus is on **Self Discipline**.

Mrs Ganfield, Matthew Vermeer (yr 9) and I will be at **Government House** on **Monday** attending the **2021 Governors STEM Awards**. Our secondary school is **one of three finalists** in this prestigious award. I can't wait to inform our school community of the outcome of the awards. It is an honour to be a finalist and I am very **proud** of our **secondary students** and **staff**.



On behalf of our school chaplain **Mark Craine** I inform you that Mark will be taking leave until the end of **semester 1, 2022**. I take this opportunity to **sincerely thank** Mark

for the significant contribution he has made to our school and wider community. Mark is a **'Champion'** for our students through the pastoral care support he provides to them and their families, and he has been a great support to many staff. We wish Mark **all the best** during his time away from Dongara DHS.

What a great afternoon we all had last Friday at the **'P&C Splash & Dash Fun Run.'** Congratulations to **students, parents** and **teachers** who got out there and made our day such a blast! A huge thank you to our special guests **Sergeant Neil** and **Constable Steven** from the Dongara Police. **Mr Tapscott** and I thank you for the wonderful opportunity of being **slimed**. We loved it.

A massive thank you to all our **parent helpers**, the day would not be possible without you and to **Mr James** for helping with the sports equipment. Thank you to all the students who **fundraised** our **biggest amount yet** for a Fun Run. From **Friday 12th Nov** you will need to log on to your profile pages and click "Order Prizes" and follow the prompts. You only have until **Wed 17th Nov** to do this so don't forget to remind the grown ups in your home to help you.

A special thank you to the **P&C** and especially **Mrs De Beaux** for making the 'Splash n Dash' happen.



FUN
RUN



Well done to our school community for choosing **Respect** at our **Remembrance Day assembly**. Thank you to **5P** for their great work planning and hosting the assembly and to all students in the school for contributing to the magnificent **poppy wall**. It was great to see a repost of one of our **photos** on the Public Education WA **Facebook page**.



Our next whole school **Assembly** for **year 1-12 students** is on **Thursday, 2 December** and will be hosted by LOTE and Music students.

Kind Regards
Janine Calver

"Achieve with Honour"

At DDHS we... Choose Respect, Be Responsible, Achieve our Best

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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** and **Zayne Criddle** for being responsible by looking after a friend when they hurt themselves playing. **Louie George** for being responsible by sharing nicely and **Harper Crofts** for being responsible by helping a friend on the monkey bars. Well done to these children for playing nicely in the playground.

Certificates of Achievement

Congratulations to the following students who received Certificates at **yesterday's assembly**:

Yr 1 Demi Spencer
Yr 2 Charlie Rayner
Charlie Waters
Amber Ganfield
Yr 3 Shiannah Thompson
Koby Delane
Leah Groves
Breeze Voigt
Kaley Owens
Yr 4 Digby Johns
Emily-Rose Richards
Yr 5 Jayden Duff
Marcus James
Charlotte Kirkland
Yr 6 Fraser Haddow
Zachariah Wilson
Skye Hutchcraft
Annabelle Smith
Jacob Cooper
Amy Taylor
Yr 7 Mackenzie Davis
Yr 8 Joachim Kilby
Grace Butcher
Yr 9 Kai Butcher
Samuel Shute
Yr 10 Mannelle Wilson
Yr 11 Kerry-Ann Gall

Secondary Assistance Scheme

The WA 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 8th April 2022

Lost Property Box

The lost property box outside the canteen is **FULL**. If your child is missing a jumper or any other items of clothing, please come down and check the box.

Attendance

Congratulations to **A2, B1, D4, C1, C2, E2** and **E3** for receiving attendance certificates for **90%** or greater attendance this term.

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:

- your child is unable to attend because they are sick
- attending cultural or religious observances such as sorry time and funerals

- an unavoidable medical appointment
- an unavoidable natural event such as flood waters or a cyclone

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 appointment such as haircuts and minor check ups

The Principal decides if the reason given for your child's absence is acceptable.

Creative Writers From D3

An example of sizzling starts from Mrs Mark's D3 Class:

How to Catch a Unicorn

Have you got a unicorn in your back yard pooping candy and making your kids have sugar rushes? Well have I got a terrific solution for you.

Arlie Pearse

Have you ever had an ugly unicorn that poops out toxic lollies that your kids eat and you have to clean up their spew? By the sounds of that you've had enough, read on and follow the instructions to catch it.

Izabelle Jeffery

How to Catch a Dragon

Have you ever had a dragon in your yard scaring off the postie? Well read this to find out how to catch a dragon.

Lily Mouchemore

Tomorrow is the pet show. You want to blow the judges away, but you don't have a pet (except your boring goldfish Jerry)! Here are some steps on how to catch one.

Coden Spencer