

## Important Dates

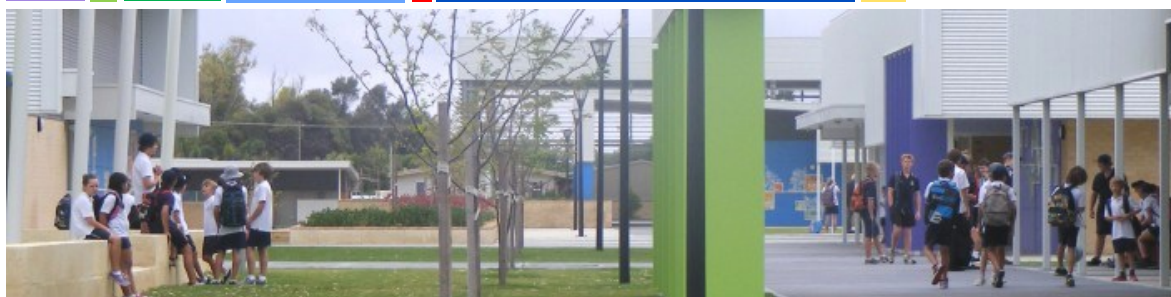
**23 August**  
Book Week Starts  
11/12 ODE Camp

**25 August**  
Book Week Dress Up  
K/PP Town Library

**26 August**  
Write a book in a day

**27 August**  
Fathers Day Stall

**30 August**  
10-12 OLNA Writing



# DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

*An Independent Public School*

NEWSLETTER 20th August 2021

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

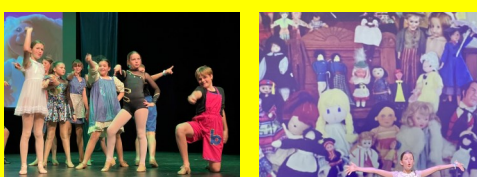
We have had a huge couple of weeks with the **Mingenew Expo**, **YOH Fest Midwest heats** and **Science Week**. I hope that you have been following our social media posts on **Facebook** and **Instagram** as we have shared lots of student pics.



**Thank you** to the staff who planned excursions for our year 4, 4/5, 6 and 11/12 students to attend the **Mingenew Expo** to learn about agriculture and food production. **Congratulations** to the girls in 4T who **won a raffle** and are **donating** products back to our learning areas.

**Welcome** to **Ms Lodge** who will be in the primary school this term.

The **Kindylympics** were a great success with lots of children proudly representing their factions. It was lovely to see so many **parents** supporting this great **annual event**.



## YOH FEST



Last **Friday** evening our **YOH Fest Team** performed at the **YOH Fest Midwest heats** at the **QPT**. They were magnificent and certainly were the **crowd favourite**. A gigantic thank you to **Mrs Downes**, staff and **parents** involved. Of course the **biggest accolade** goes to the **YOH Fest Team**. We find out on **17 September** if we have been selected for the **finals**.

This week has been all about

**National Science Week** and we have immersed students in lots of special science experiences. These included the **Great Jelly Bean Tasting Experiment**, **Chapman Valley Fish Park**, **Grasshopper** and **Mealworm** eating, **Making Sandwiches** for a **Friend** and **coding robots**. **Thanks**



## Science Week

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

Our next whole school **Assembly** for **year 1-12 students** is on **Monday, 6 September** and will be hosted by **4T** and **Mr Tapscott**.

Kind Regards  
*Janine Calver*

*"Achieve with Honour"*  
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## Book Fair Week

The final tally for **sales** from Book Fair Week is **\$5,981.15**. This will give the school approximately **\$1,500** in **Scholastic Rewards**. Well done to everyone involved!

## Certificates of Achievement

**Congratulations** to the following students who received Certificates at **Monday's Assembly**:

Year 1	Alexander Whitmarsh Elijah Taylor Matilda Baxter Rory Griggs
Year 2	Reef Porteous Izack Smith
Year 3	Holly Picking Kayla Sherlock Violet Porteous Lakyn Jeans Ty Gilmour
Year 4	Erin Risinger Miss Owen's Class Mrs Tapscott's Class
Year 5	Savannah Scott Mason Gilmour Mrs Pereira's Class Miss Owen's Class Mrs Jeffery's Class
Year 6	Noah Groves Ani Ruakere Jacob Cann Fraser Haddow
Year 7	Riley Neimanis Jayda Lewis Ned Buist Gareth Stokes Amber Edmonds
Year 8	Skylah Wilson Baylee Lawson
Year 9	Josiah Graham Jaimilee Wilson
Year 10	Ebony-Rae Hood
Year 12	Jasmine Headland Blake Hill

## Aussie of the Month recipients:

Karis Bamford - Junior Primary  
Jayden Duff - Upper Primary  
Ned Buist - Secondary

For the virtue of **Tolerance**.

## Book Week

Book week is here; **August 23-27**. This years theme is "**Old, Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds**". **Dress up day** for the whole school is **Wednesday, 25 August**. There will be **prizes** on the day!!



## ATTENDANCE

Please ensure that you explain your child/s absence as soon as possible. We are aiming for **90%** regular attendance and are just short of this **@ 87%**. Attendance is a team effort so come on board!

### 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.

## Kindylympics 2021

On Friday, **13th August** the Kindy children participated in the Kindylympics which was opened by our **local Sports Star Robyn Patten**, when she **lit** the Kindylympic **cauldron** with the **Olympic flame**. The morning was a **great success** due to the **enthusiasm** from the **High School Mascots** with their helpers, Primary Faction Leaders who helped run the events and the **photographers** who recorded special memories from the day.

The theme for our games was to **'Join in and Have Fun'**. It was fabulous to see everyone in their faction colours, all the children and parents having a go, everyone **cheering** for their team members and most importantly **having fun**. The children were very proud to be awarded a **gold medal** by **Mrs Davey**. **Thank you** to everyone for participating in such a special event.

