

Important Dates

29 December
Y9 Aspire Camp

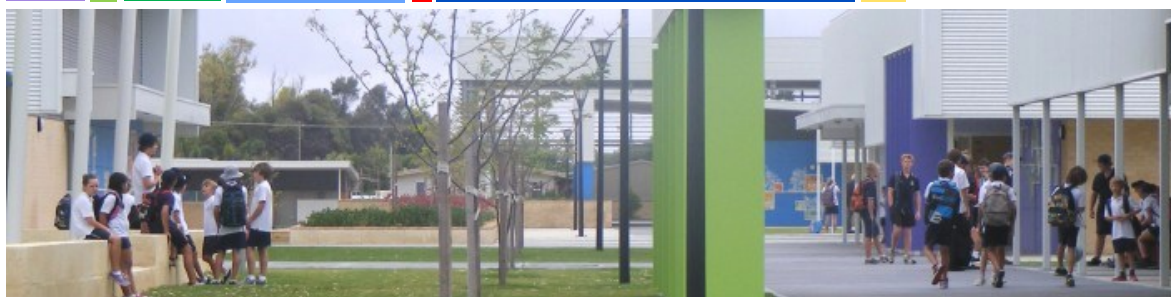
2 December
Assembly LOTE/Music

6 December
Y6 Orientation Day

9 December
Reports Distributed
Volunteer Thank You
Morning Tea

15 December
7-11 Presentation
Assembly
Y6 Dinner Dance

16 December
Coote Cup Assembly



DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

NEWSLETTER 26th November 2021

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are at the end of week seven with only **three weeks** to go before the end of the school year. **Reports** will be **distributed to parents** via students at the start of **week 10**. This will provide parents with an opportunity to meet with **teachers** to celebrate successes and discuss concerns. **Next year** we will be transitioning to **electronic** Student Achievement **Reports**.

Mrs Ganfield Matthew Vermeer (yr9) and I were very fortunate to visit **Government House** recently. This was for the **2021 Governor's STEM Awards** in which our secondary school was a **finalist** in this prestigious award.



FINALIST



Governor's
School Stem
Awards 2021

Ahoy there! **Kindy Green** and Year **4T** had a fabulous day being **pirates**. We worked together to make **treasure maps**, **skull and cross bone flags**, played with canon ball playdough, untied pieces of eight from knotted rope and generally had a swell time! Our big buddies (the most helpful and kindest pirates we have ever met), bid their farewells and sailed off for

some pirate grub. After a few **sea shanties** and a **pirate jig** we hunted treasure. We had a swashbuckling time together!



Pirate Day!

School Vaccination Program

Parents/carers can visit healthywa.wa.gov.au to book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment for their child if they:

- haven't yet received a COVID-19 vaccination; or
- were unable to receive their second dose COVID-19 vaccination.

Please note that a second dose Pfizer vaccine should be delivered 3 to 6 weeks after the first dose. For further information on COVID-19 vaccination, visit [Roll Up For WA](#).

The Department of Health **thank** schools for **participating** in the COVID-19 vaccination program for students in 2021. Dongara DHS was very pleased to be able to support our participating families with the process.

District High Schools add so much positive value to the social development of students. At Dongara DHS we have many **buddy classes** where secondary students **mentor** primary students. The **year 8** English students and **Ms Elder Thies** shared their poetry and prose written tasks with the **year 3** students and **Mrs Mark**. It was delightful to see everyone so fully engaged.



We have a **very busy** few weeks ahead so open up your **dairies** and make sure our school **events** are listed.

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"
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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.

P&C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Dongara District High School P&C Christmas Raffle.

\$10 per ticket

First prize - \$1500 Cash

Second Prize - \$300 Cash

Third Prize - \$200 Cash

Tickets are available from DDHS front office, P&C committee members or the school canteen.

**Drawn Friday December 17th
Just in time for Christmas!**

Attendance

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.

Year 7 2022 Transition Day

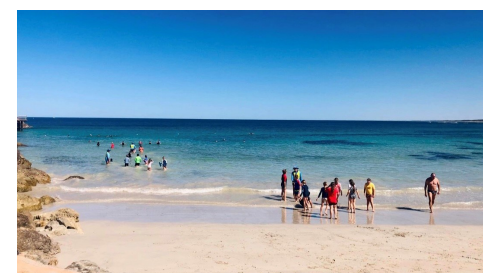
Monday 6 December is our 2022 year 7 transition Day for students remaining at Dongara DHS. This day provides the year 6 students with a taste of secondary school. We will also be welcoming our new prospective 2022 year 7 students from Mingenew PS.

Volunteer Morning Tea

On **Thursday, 9 December** we will be formally thanking our school volunteers by hosting a morning tea. Volunteers will be contacted and invited to attend. If you do not hear from the school by **Monday 6 December** please call us on **9927 7200** and we would be delighted to include you.

Swimming Lessons

Our in term swimming lessons commenced on Monday and the weather has been perfect. Thank you to Tracey and the swimming instructors. Mr Aubrey has done a great job coordinating the swimming lesson from the school side of things.



P&C SPLASH & DASH

A massive thank you to everyone who supported our Splash & Dash event! We had a great day and **raised** a total of **\$9,622.79**.

We want to especially congratulate our **highest fundraising** class **B1**, Mrs Watson & Mrs Wynne **1/2** class who raised **\$1,555.00**. We would also like to **congratulate** our highest fundraiser **Kylade Newby** who fundraised **\$506.00**.