

Important Dates

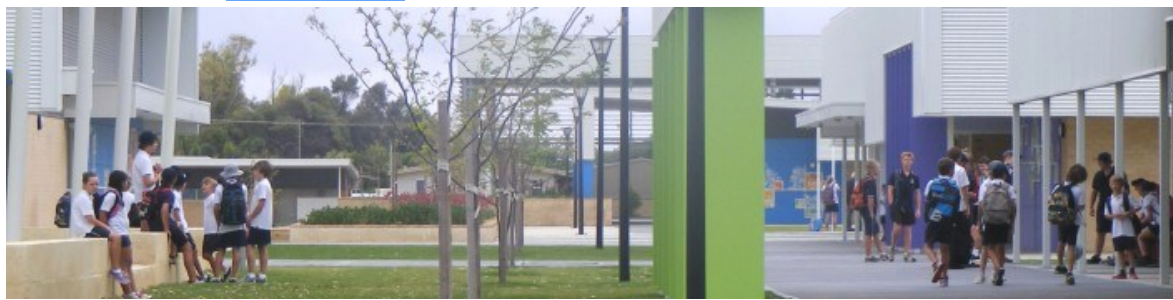
21 February
Secondary Study Class

22-23 February
School Psychologist

28 February
Swim Trials

28 February
10-12 OLNA Writing

1-3 March
School Psychologist



DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

NEWSLETTER 18th February 2022

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are at the end of week 3 and have settled into the business of teaching and learning. The student **census** was held last Friday and our **Semester 1** enrolled student numbers were entered as **396**. We have **263 students in K-6** and **133 students in 7-12**. This is a decrease in primary numbers and an increase in secondary numbers.

Our secondary English teacher, **Ms Hayward** has arrived safe and sound and started her first week with us. Welcome Ms Hayward!

Our staff reviewed the 2021 Operational Plans and selected the **2022 Focus Areas**. These were presented to the **School Board** this week. The 2022 Focus Areas are:

- Literacy** - Writing
 - Health & Wellbeing** - Resiliency & Respect (Whole School)
 - STEAM** - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics
- K-2**

Writing - spelling and planning all staff seven steps

STEAM- cross curricula links & tasks **3-6**

Writing- vocabulary

STEAM- community partnerships **7-12**

Writing- subject specific focus

STEAM—cross curricular links & tasks

Thank you to everyone for supporting the recent **COVID** directives for public schools. Our **School Board** had a WebEx meeting this week, our staff meeting was also WebEx. Please be sure that you have your devices set up at home for WebEx in case we move to remote learning. <https://www.webex.com/downloads.html>

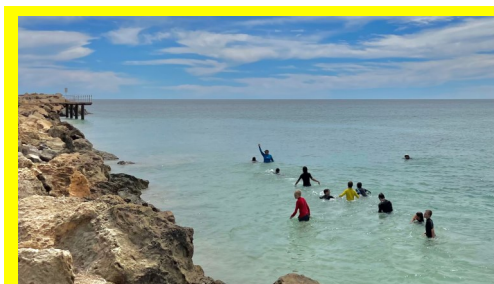
Our **School Board** have invited the school community to enter the design competition for **new sport shirts**. A Connect Notice has been sent home with information and design templates. We would love to get lots of designs. The deadline for these is **4 March**.



Thank you to the **DDHS P&C Canteen** for the lovely Valentines Day food. We were so spoilt.



It may have been hot this week but our year **7 & 8 students** were not



Year 7 & 8 Physical Education-Aquatics.

complaining about having their PE lesson at the **Granny's Beach** on a 41c degree day.

We are planning how we will hold **assemblies** to be able to recognise student achievement every three weeks. Stay tuned for information.

I hope you able to stay **cool** during this heat wave.

Kind Regards
Janine Calver

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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**.

School Phone Number 9927 7200

Please check that you are not using our old school phone number. We changed our phone number some time ago and the redirection service has now ended.

Please update the number on your phone. Some of our school documents require updating and this will occur over the next few weeks.

Secondary Study Class

Every **Monday 3:05 - 4:00pm** in **H Block**, all secondary students welcome to attend.

Student Contact Details

In order to keep our database of student **contact details** correct, please **notify the office** if you have made **changes** to any of the following details over the holidays:

- **House and/ or mobile phone number**
- **Address details**
- **Emergency contact details**
- **Medical details.**

Connect

Connect is a free and very safe integrated online environment developed by the Department of Education WA for staff, students and parents in public schools. It allows students online access to learning content, to submit completed work and to email their teacher. It allows a similar view for parents, with some subject assessment results and attendance. It is also a secure method for providing parents with important notices from Dongara DHS.

The free **ConnectNow** app can be downloaded from the Google Play or Apple App Store and will let you receive Connect notices as push notifications, however please be aware, you will have limited access to the full Connect content using only the app. The school suggests that you log into Connect via the following website <http://connect.det.wa.edu.au> on any device or desktop computer to access the full content.

Parents not using Connect should have received an email inviting you to join and register your account, please note this Connect email will come from the automated email address: ldmadmin@education.wa.edu.au

If you have any queries or do not have a Connect Log in, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the front office.

Connect Help Information can be found in the Library section once you have logged into Connect.

We hope that you enjoy the Connect experience and see it as an exciting new way for you to stay in touch with your child's school journey

Year 5/6 Class (E3)

On Friday **11th February**, the Year **5/6s** in E3 took part in a **webinar** run by the **eSafety Commissioner** and the Department of Education WA.

Students **virtually** joined **hundreds** of other **schools** from around WA to learn about being **eSafe**, identifying what to consider when creating and sharing content; and understanding how posts and comments can affect themselves and others.



B Block

The **Year 1s** have started biological science. We have been learning about the external features of living things! Last week we went on a "I Spy" hunt for living things with magnifying glasses in hand. We found lots of plants, ants, a spider and even a feather from a bird.



Vacant Position

Independent Public School -
Mid West Education Region
Dongara District High School
Cleaner 00003796

Level 1, \$987.00 - \$1,006.60 (pro-rata) per week (GS (Misc.) GA 2021)

3 hours per afternoon from
3.00pm to 6.00pm.

Please follow this link to apply.
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