

Dongara

District High School

An Independent Public School



School Report 2021

PRINCIPAL

I am pleased to present to the school and wider community the Dongara DHS 2021 School Report. 2021 was a challenging year for our school community with increased health and social measures implemented to minimise the COVID19 risk in Western Australia. However, at Dongara DHS we were able to continue a relatively uninterrupted teaching and learning program, with completion of carnivals, Open Night, year 12 Valedictory, Presentation Night, Presentation Assembly, and the Coote Cup. Many of our extra curricula activities went ahead such as year 6 Camp, Country Week, and the Outdoor Education Camp. Our staff were not able to access as much offsite professional learning as desired, instead we engaged in virtual sessions or session delivered by teacher experts from our school. A highlight for our school was being selected as one of three finalists in the WA Governor's 2021 STEM Awards in the category of Excellence in Secondary School Leadership.

FINALIST



Governor's
School STEM
Awards 2021

Our students and staff continued to demonstrate their resilience and flexibility in during the pandemic. Our parents and friends of the school continued their support and trust in our staff and for this I am grateful. I acknowledge the wonderful efforts of our cleaning and grounds staff who worked so hard to ensure our learning spaces and playgrounds were kept clean and safe.

I thank the School Board and P&C for their unwavering support of our school. Both groups worked hard to promote our school in a positive way to the wider community. I congratulate our students for their efforts in 2021 and for choosing respect, achieving their best, and being responsible. This shows that our students are achieving with honour. Finally, to our amazing staff, I thank them for their dedication, commitment, compassion, and empathy. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful team.

I hope that you find our School Report informative and view it as an open and transparent document, highlighting our successes and our plans for improvement.

Janine Calver

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

At the July 2021 AGM, I was re-elected for another term as Chair of the Board. I feel very honoured to be entrusted by the Board once again to help and leader within the school community. Being a member of the Board offers many opportunities and experiences in the school that we may never have a chance to be part of, such as attending the School Operational Plan review day, staffing selection panels, award ceremonies, and much more. The board meetings offer many important discussions and involvement in school decision making. My favourite part of these meetings is hearing the school successes and the students at Dongara DHS always make me incredibly proud, displaying what our school community is about. It is always a pleasure to see the students demonstrating our school-wide expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Achieve.

Last year saw the pressures of COVID ease and our students became more resilient and independent. Parents were spending less time on the school grounds which made for an exciting Open Night where students showcased their work in classrooms. It was nice for the Board to be able to resume attendance at school functions, as it is always an honour to represent the school as members of the Board.

I thank our students, principal Mrs Janine Calver, staff and my fellow Board members for their work and dedication during 2021. I know our staff and students are strong and capable, so I have no doubt we are going to see continued success for our student.

Kristy Butcher



SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Dongara District High School is a proud Independent Public School in the Mid-West Education Region.

We provide comprehensive academic programs and supplement these with a very high standard of delivery. We offer our students the opportunity to participate in extension programs using online learning through SIDE for years 11-12 and on-site delivery of PEAC in Geraldton for years 5-6. Year 6 students are provided with a comprehensive transition program in readiness for entering secondary school. We partner with UWA through the ASPIRE program which supports our academic year 9 and 11 students to identify university pathways.

Programs with a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) focus are features of our curriculum initiatives. We have partnerships with local business, industry and agencies (CSIRO). We operate a comprehensive on-site Vocational Education Program for years 9-12. Non ATAR year 11 and 12 students can enrol in Certificate II/PAIS either on-site through a Hospitality Cert II or at Central Regional TAFE. A school horticulture centre has been established for year K-12 and we are a Stephanie Alexander School Garden School. A small number of year 11 and 12 students are enrolled in a mixed mode delivery including studying through SIDE, enabling them to follow an ATAR pathway with additional support provided by our highly qualified and motivated secondary teachers.

Our students have access to state-of-the-art facilities including interactive whiteboards in every primary classroom and specialist facilities in the secondary school. At the end of 2012 we saw the completion of a \$30 million facilities upgrade. We have over 250 computers/iPads for student use.

We have a vibrant cultural program and have participated very successfully in The Rock Eisteddfod Challenge, Waikakiri Dance Competition, YOH Fest and Croc Festival. In 2021, Dongara DHS was one of three state-wide finalists in the WA Governor's STEM Awards for Excellence in Secondary STEM Leadership.

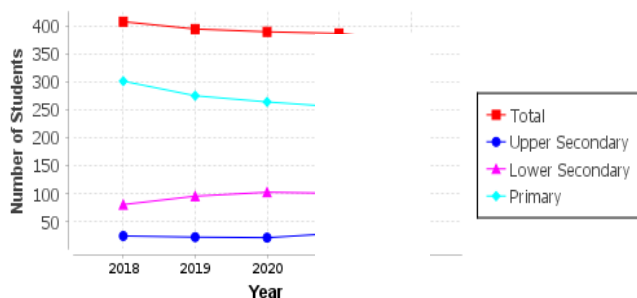
There is a high level of parent involvement in the school. Regular P&C meetings are made up of a core of enthusiastic and committed parents. A pro-active unincorporated School Board plays a vital role in the formulation of the school vision, goals, policies, and monitors the operation and outcomes of the School Business Plan.



STUDENT NUMBERS AND CHARACTERISTICS

Sem 1 2021 Census

Semester 1 Student Numbers



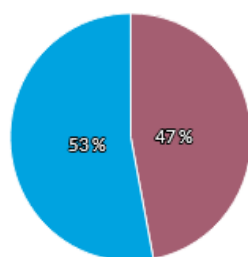
Enrolment Trends

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Primary (Excluding K)	301	275	264	255
Lower Secondary	81	96	103	101
Upper Secondary	25	23	22	30
Total	407	394	389	386

Year Group	Gender	Total	Non Aboriginal	Aboriginal
KIN	Male	10	9	1
KIN	Female	12	11	1
PPR	Male	15	14	1
PPR	Female	14	10	4
Y01	Male	17	14	3
Y01	Female	15	14	1
Y02	Male	16	14	2
Y02	Female	9	7	2
Y03	Male	18	18	0
Y03	Female	15	14	1
Y04	Male	6	5	1
Y04	Female	26	25	1
Y05	Male	25	22	3
Y05	Female	19	18	1
Y06	Male	23	23	0
Y06	Female	23	21	2
Y07	Male	18	16	2
Y07	Female	13	10	3
Y08	Male	17	17	0
Y08	Female	9	7	2
Y09	Male	17	13	4
Y09	Female	11	8	3
Y10	Male	10	9	1
Y10	Female	6	5	1
Y11	Male	10	9	1
Y11	Female	8	5	3
Y12	Male	7	7	0
Y12	Female	6	5	1
Total	Male	209	190	19
Total	Female	186	160	26

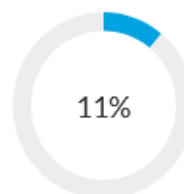
Total enrolments: 401

Boys 212
Girls 189



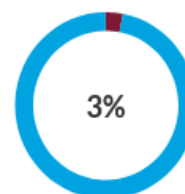
Full-time equivalent enrolments: 388.6

Indigenous students



Language background other than English

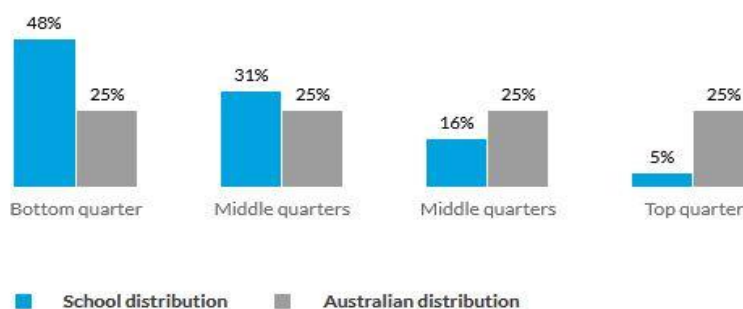
- Yes (3%)
- No (96%)
- Not stated (0%)



Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA)

School ICSEA value: 952
Average ICSEA value: 1000
School ICSEA percentile: 24

Distribution of Socio-Educational Advantage (SEA)



Percentages are rounded and may not add to 100

The school has seen an increase in secondary enrolments and retention as a result of positive publicity regarding student and staff achievement as well as a focus on academic excellence and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics).

Primary numbers have decreased due to small cohorts moving through the school. This may be due to transiency and/or economic climate. The school is in partnership with Day Care, Playgroup, and the Community Health nurse to ensure that all pre-Kindy enrolments are accounted for.

The school Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) is 952 which places us on the 24th percentile of educational advantage.

WORKFORCE

	No	FTE	AB'L
Administration Staff			
Principals	1	1.0	0
Deputy Principals	2	2.0	0
Program Coordinators	1	1.0	0
Total Administration	4	4.0	0
Teaching Staff			
Level 3 Teachers	3	2.0	0
Other Teaching Staff	30	21.0	0
Total Teaching Staff	33	23.0	0
School Support Staff			
Clerical / Administrative	7	3.8	0
Gardening /	1	0.8	0
Other Non-Teaching	19	14.2	1
Total School Support Staff	27	18.8	1
Total	64	45.8	1



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Student Attendance Primary

	Attendance Category			
	Regular	At Risk		
		Indicated	Moderate	Severe
2020	71.7%	19.4%	6.8%	2.2%
2021	65.1%	24.8%	7.8%	2.3%
Like Schools 2021	65.3%	21.8%	8.9%	4.0%
WA Public Schools	71.0%	19.0%	7.0%	3.0%

Student Attendance Secondary

	Attendance Category			
	Regular	At Risk		
		Indicated	Moderate	Severe
2020	53.3%	23.7%	14.1%	8.9%
2021	49.3%	24.3%	14.0%	12.5%
Like Schools 2021	46.6%	26.7%	15.1%	11.6%
WA Public Schools	51.0%	26.0%	14.0%	9.0%

Due to COVID19, attendance rates were impacted in 2021. Our Business Plan goal was for 90% attendance, and we achieved 81.75% compared to Like Schools 80.2% and WA Public Schools 83.1%. Our attendance rates were also impacted by family holidays and disengaged students. Strategies that the school used to improve student attendance were:

- Attendance Certificates to students with 100%, 90% and above attendance
- Attendance Certificates to Classrooms and Home Rooms with 90% or above attendance
- Electronic absentee forms for parents via Outreach and Connect
- Health and wellbeing checks by Classroom teachers and Home Room teachers via phone calls/emails
- Health and wellbeing phone calls from Principal and Deputy Principals
- Information about good attendance in Newsletters
- Home visits by the DDHS Attendance Officers
- Development of attendance plans with families
- Attendance Officers from Regional Office worked with families
- Participation Officers from Regional Office worked with disengaged Senior School students



Student Achievement and Progress

NAPLAN

At or above the minimum standard

Year	Reading %	Writing %	Spelling %	Grammar %	Numeracy%
3	94%	97%	85%	94%	94%
5	86%	82%	89%	89%	95%
7	90%	65%	81%	68%	94%
9	90%	81%	90%	81%	95%

Data analysis of our stable cohort showed that value was added (progress) to student results for our stable cohorts in all tests, with the exception of year 7 writing. More value (progress) was added to:

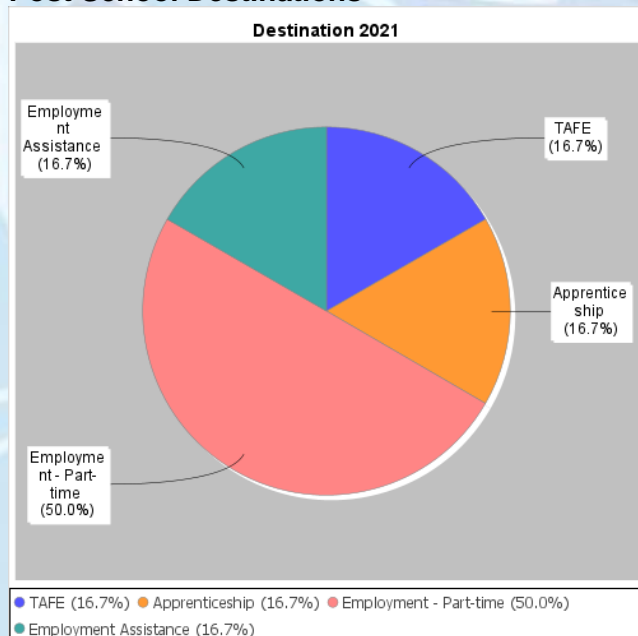
- Year 5 stable cohort in grammar and punctuation, reading, and spelling compared to like schools, WA public schools, and Australia
- Year 7 stable cohort in reading and spelling compared to like schools, WA public schools, and Australia
- Year 9 cohort in punctuation and grammar reading, writing, spelling, and numeracy

Lower than expected Year 7 data was impacted by students who had newly enrolled in the school between their year 5 and 7 NAPLAN testing. The school did not have sufficient time with these students to be able to add significant value.

Year 12 outcomes including VET (Vocational Education and Training)

- WACE achievement 2021 - 63%. The stable cohort achieved well with the WACE impacted on by new enrolments. The stable cohort WACE achievement was 83%.
- Cert II Hospitality achievement - 83%
- Certificate of Commendation from the Minister of Education and Training, and the Director General, Department of Education for improved WACE completion and Year 12 progress and achievement in 2021

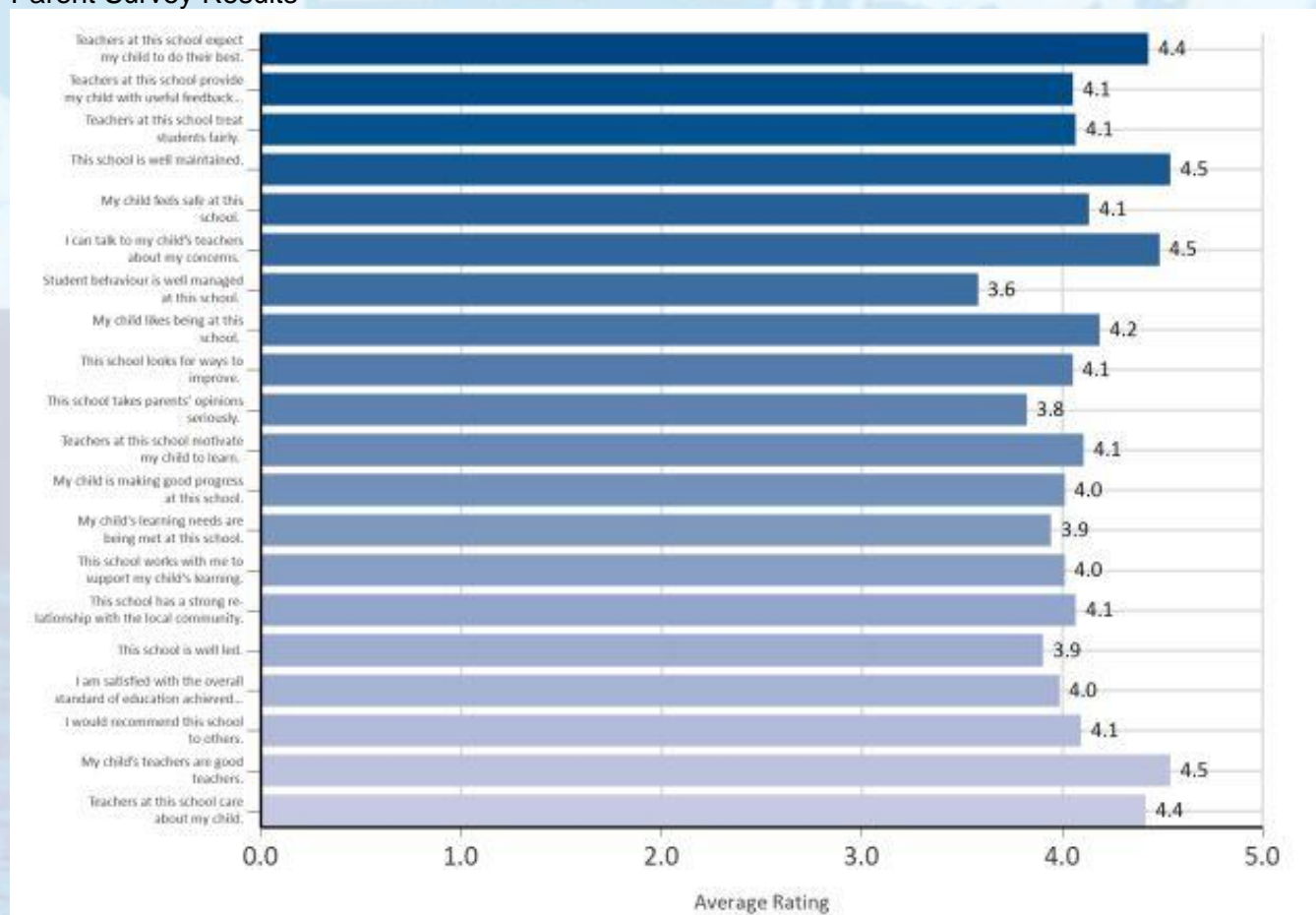
Post School Destinations



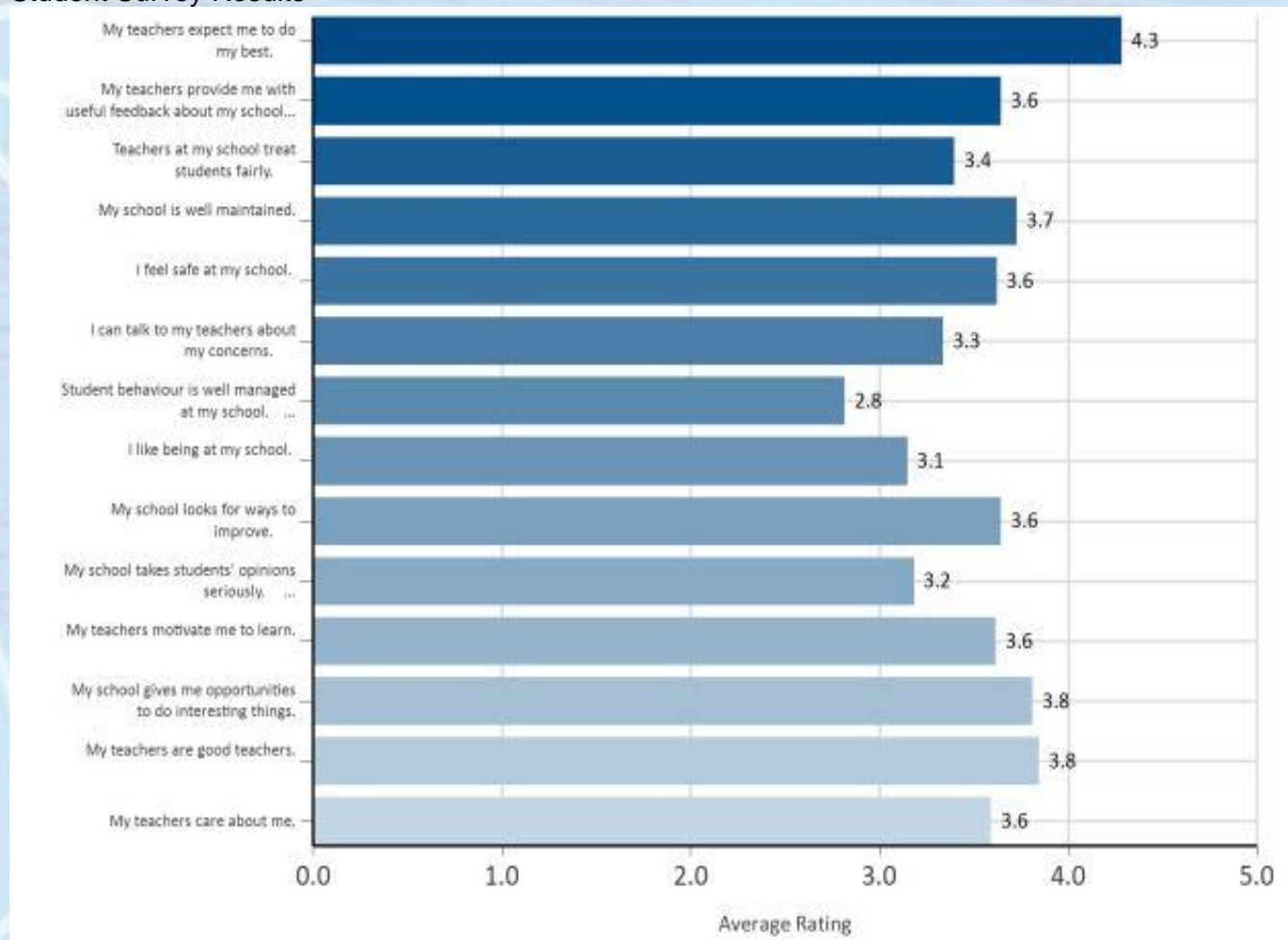
ACHIEVE WITH HONOUR

Parent/student/teacher satisfaction with the school

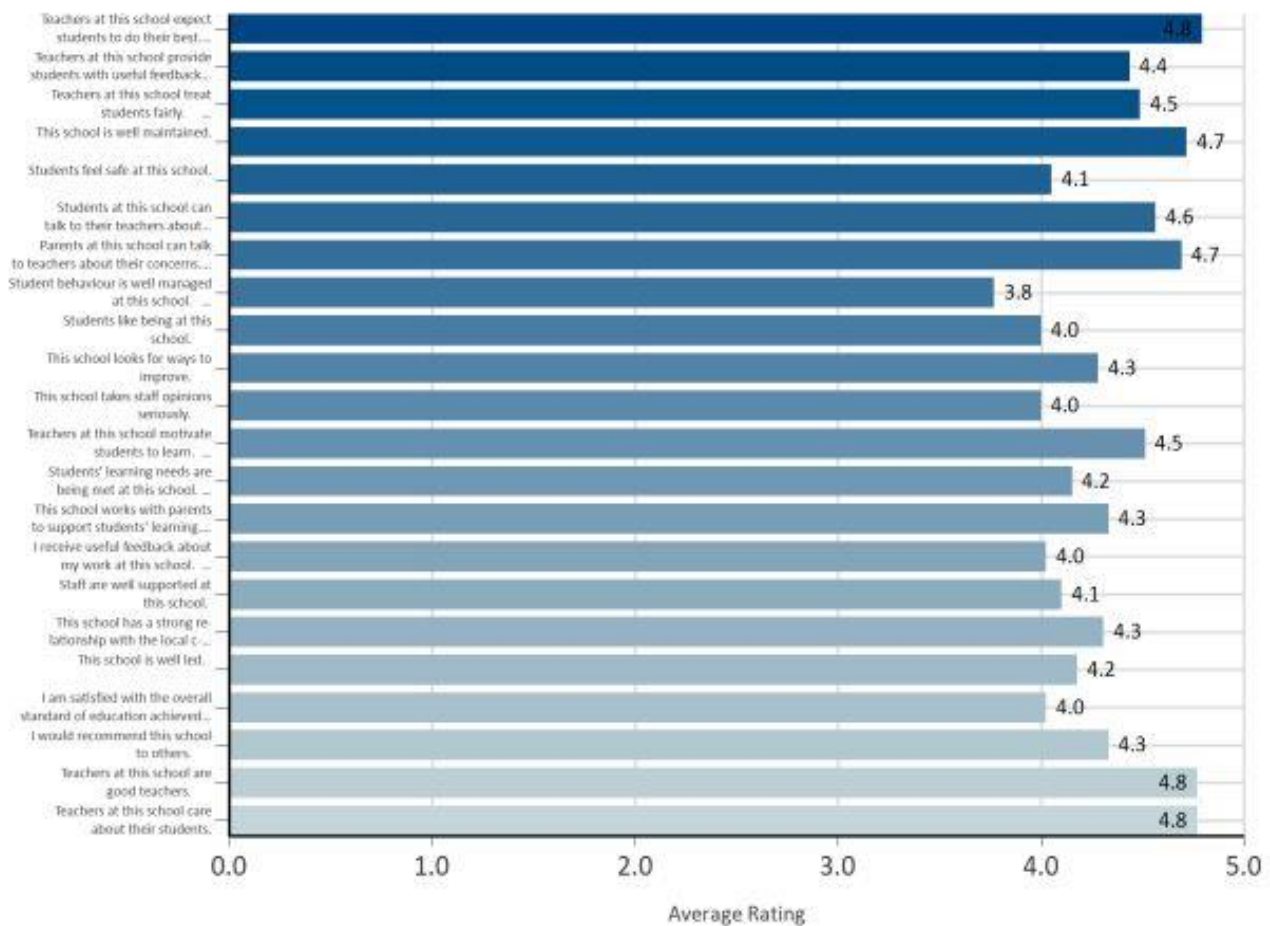
Parent Survey Results



Student Survey Results



Staff Survey Results



The School Board reviewed the National School Opinion Survey (NSOS) and compared it with the 2020 data. They were, in general, pleased with the results noting an upward trend in many ratings. Behaviour continued to be a focus area for the students and the school undertook a smaller survey to gather additional information around student concerns. Some of the new data contradicted the NSOS, and we believe that semantics in the NSOS made an impact on student opinions. Behaviour and student wellbeing continues to be a focus area for the school, led by the PBS and Health/Wellbeing leadership groups.



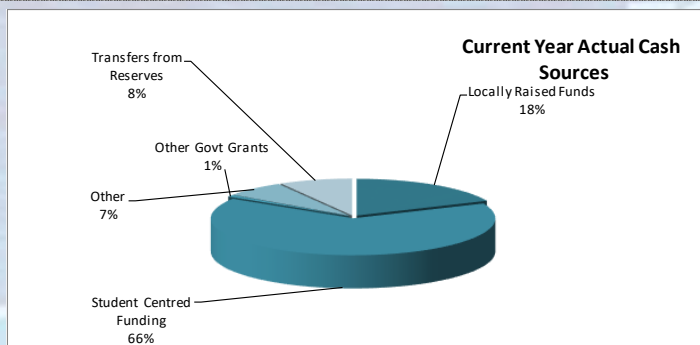
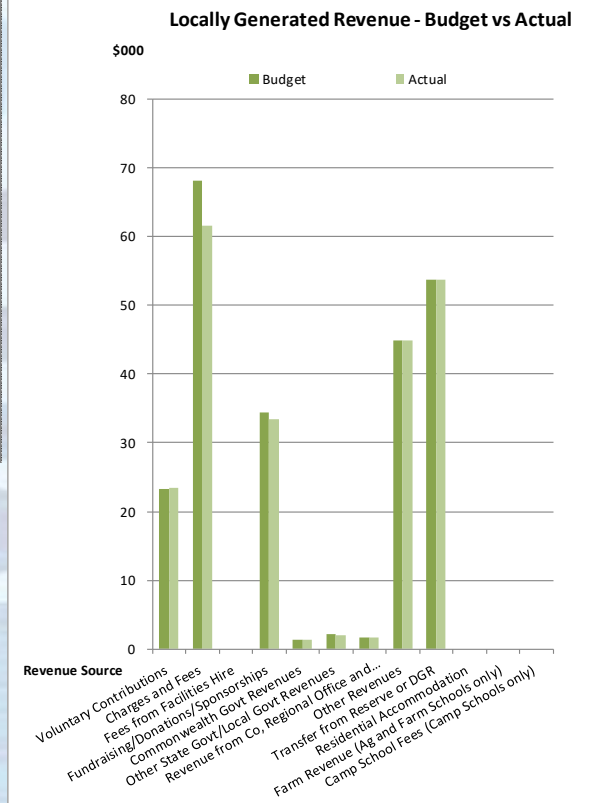
School Income by Funding Source



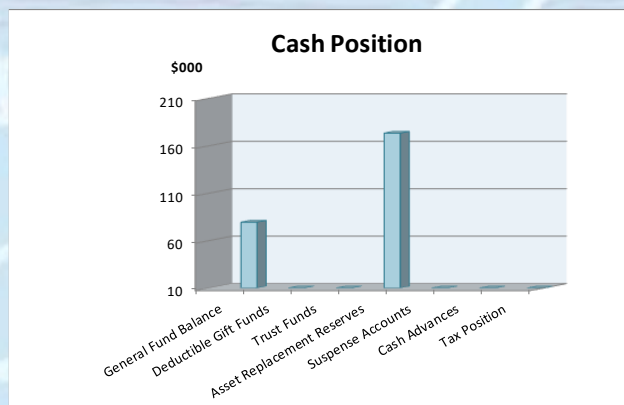
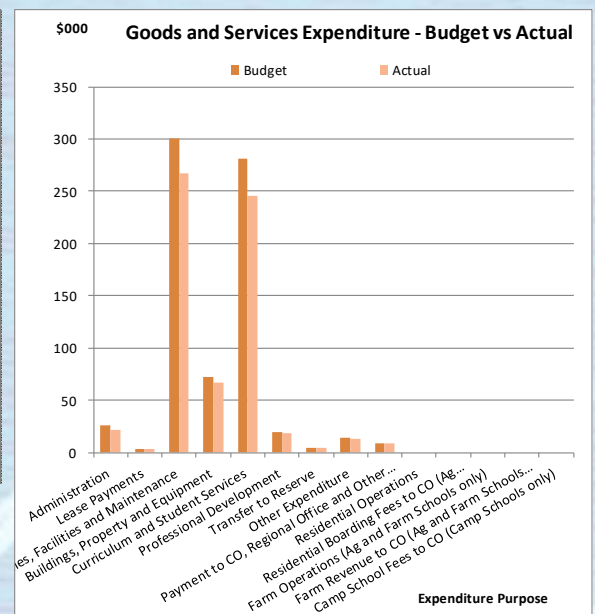
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Financial Summary as at
31.12.2021

Revenue - Cash & Salary Allocation	Budget	Actual
1 Voluntary Contributions	\$ 23,214.00	\$ 23,366.25
2 Charges and Fees	\$ 68,201.00	\$ 61,549.40
3 Fees from Facilities Hire	\$ -	\$ -
4 Fundraising/Donations/Sponsorships	\$ 34,381.00	\$ 33,486.15
5 Commonwealth Govt Revenues	\$ 1,297.00	\$ 1,296.62
6 Other State Govt/Local Govt Revenues	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,000.00
7 Revenue from Co, Regional Office and Other Schools	\$ 1,615.00	\$ 1,615.00
8 Other Revenues	\$ 44,828.00	\$ 44,811.95
9 Transfer from Reserve or DGR	\$ 53,746.00	\$ 53,745.89
10 Residential Accommodation	\$ -	\$ -
11 Farm Revenue (Ag and Farm Schools only)	\$ -	\$ -
12 Camp School Fees (Camp Schools only)	\$ -	\$ -
Total Locally Raised Funds	\$ 229,382.00	\$ 221,871.26
Opening Balance	\$ 85,599.00	\$ 85,598.57
Student Centred Funding	\$ 421,297.00	\$ 421,296.79
Total Cash Funds Available	\$ 736,278.00	\$ 728,766.62
Total Salary Allocation	\$ 5,393,109.00	\$ 5,393,109.00
Total Funds Available	\$ 6,129,387.00	\$ 6,121,875.62



Expenditure - Cash and Salary	Budget	Actual
1 Administration	\$ 25,826.00	\$ 21,437.12
2 Lease Payments	\$ 2,916.00	\$ 2,890.74
3 Utilities, Facilities and Maintenance	\$ 300,142.00	\$ 267,532.31
4 Buildings, Property and Equipment	\$ 71,836.00	\$ 67,164.07
5 Curriculum and Student Services	\$ 281,430.00	\$ 246,054.71
6 Professional Development	\$ 19,374.00	\$ 18,575.28
7 Transfer to Reserve	\$ 4,312.00	\$ 4,312.00
8 Other Expenditure	\$ 14,448.00	\$ 12,921.10
9 Payment to CO, Regional Office and Other Schools	\$ 8,461.00	\$ 8,461.00
10 Residential Operations	\$ -	\$ -
11 Residential Boarding Fees to CO (Ag Colleges only)	\$ -	\$ -
12 Farm Operations (Ag and Farm Schools only)	\$ -	\$ -
13 Farm Revenue to CO (Ag and Farm Schools only)	\$ -	\$ -
14 Camp School Fees to CO (Camp Schools only)	\$ -	\$ -
Total Goods and Services Expenditure	\$ 728,745.00	\$ 649,348.33
Total Forecast Salary Expenditure	\$ 4,968,403.00	\$ 4,968,403.00
Total Expenditure	\$ 5,697,148.00	\$ 5,617,751.33
Cash Budget Variance	\$ 7,533.00	



Cash Position as at:	
Bank Balance	\$ 249,673.38
Made up of:	
1 General Fund Balance	\$ 79,418.29
2 Deductible Gift Funds	\$ -
3 Trust Funds	\$ -
4 Asset Replacement Reserves	\$ 173,259.46
5 Suspense Accounts	\$ 3,124.63
6 Cash Advances	\$ 100.00
7 Tax Position	\$ 6,029.00
Total Bank Balance	\$ 249,673.38

School Priority Areas

Identified school priority	Progress against priority	Planned actions
Literacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole School: 7 Steps to Writing Success, Brightpath • K-2: Sounds Write Phonics, Reading-decodable books • 3-6: Writing-paragraphing • 7-12: PEEL paragraph method, DDHS literacy cover sheet all learning areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most Primary teachers completed 7 steps and implemented strategies with success • Brightpath used in Primary classes • Teaching and non-teaching staff upskilled in Phonics (COVID impact reduced PL) • Built on supply of decodable books • Secondary staff used PEEL and literacy cover sheet- improved outcomes in paragraph writing year 7-12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary teachers to complete 7 Steps and formally implement strategies. • Brightpath to be used in Secondary classes • Use of OLNA resources for student success • Continued focus on paragraph writing year 3-12 • Tier 1/2/3 in Writing
STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole School: Increased community links, common understanding & use of design process language in all technology subjects • K-2: Integrate in all subjects, data collection (Science Enquiry, Human Endeavour) • 3-6: Integrate in all subjects • 7-12: Cross curricula links 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of common design process- whole school • Real Life Cross Curricula activities K-10 implemented with success • Partnerships with community enhanced • Enterprise activities i.e Horticulture Preserves small business in community • 2021 Governor's STEM Award Finalists for excellence in secondary school leadership • Year 6 Winners Synergy Mid West Solar Car Challenge • Year 8 R/Up Winners Synergy Mid West Solar Car Challenge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan collaborative activities at the start of each term and self-reflect for improvement at the end of each term • Build on local community and wider partnerships • Return to entry of 1st Lego League Robotics
Health & Wellbeing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole School: Self-Regulation (Zones of Regulation), Restorative Practices, Refining the PBS Matrix • RESPECT (including kindness), Cyber Safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restorative Practices used regularly by Administration with many staff also using • Year 4-12 reviewed the Matrix and provided feedback to PBS Team • NSOS indicate Parent satisfaction rates at 4.12 on average • The lowest parent score of 3.6 was the same Category as for students, "Student Behaviour is well managed at this school." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PBS Team to review Matrix and consult with school community • Focus on improved attendance • Access to Self-Regulation PL for all staff • Use Year 5-11 Student Behavior Survey data to review and implement change to address student concern (management of behaviour).

2021 ANNUAL AWARDS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Principal Janine Calver welcomes new and returning staff and students.

We start the 2021 school year with **285** students in **Kindy to Year 6** and **131** in **Secondary**.

Student Council 2021

Year 12 Nikita Dekin

Year 11 Carla Smith

Year 9 Kai Butcher

Year 8 Grace Butcher, Andrew Henry,
Charlotte Moore

Year 7 Jayda Lewis, Indianna Scott

Year 6 Jai Eva, Hayley Toia

Year 5 Angus Dawson,
Abigail Marsland

House Captains 2021

Year 3

Irwin: Izabelle Jeffery, Ty Gilmour

Leander: Phoebe De Beaux,
Logan Tong

Milo: Arlie Pearse, Lakyn Jeans

Nhargo: Jade Wilson,
Codan Spencer

Year 6

Irwin: Mary-Kate Bedford,
Ryder Marsden

Leander: Ani Ruakere,
Annabelle Smith

Milo: Lilah Vick, Max Giles

Nhargo: Zoe Suarez, Jai Keene

Secondary

Irwin: Keely Robinson,
Seth Schleicher

Leander: Carla Smith,
River Sandells

Milo: Jasmine Hedland,
Samuel Henry

Nhargo: Clay Bicker, Flynn Honan

Year 1 – 12 students spend the day at **South Beach** for our **Surf Carnival**, with **Champions & Runner-Up Champions** over all year levels. **Surf Carnival Results:**

1st Nhargo 483 points

2nd Milo 469 points

3rd Leander 390 points

4th Irwin 355 points

Year 4 Iron Girl

1st Jocelyn Vick

2nd Emmy Toia

Year 4 Iron Boy

1st Evan Chapman

2nd Jackson Jeffery

Year 5 Iron Girl

1st Dhekota Wallace

2nd Emmi Chandler

Year 5 Iron Boy

1st Max Waters

2nd Sebastian Bedford

Year 6 Iron Girl

1st Mary-Kate Bedford

2nd Zoe Suarez

Year 6 Iron Boy

1st Jasper Campbell-Chaplin

2nd Jai Keene

Year 7-9 Iron Girl

1st Grace Butcher

2nd Shyla Bishop

Year 7-9 Iron Boy

1st Kai Butcher

2nd Toby Couper

Year 10-12 Iron Girl

1st Jasmine Headland

Year 10-12 Iron Boy

1st Samuel Henry

2nd Flynn Honan

Champion Girls

Yr 1 Olivia Melbin

Yr 2 Amber Ganfield

Yr 3 Izabelle Jeffery

Yr 4 Milla Samulkiewicz

Yr 5 Dhekota Wallace

Yr 6 Mary-Kate Bedford

Yr 7 Kiesha-Lee Gall

Yr 8 Grace Butcher

Yr 9 Shyla Bishop

Yr 10 Layla Davis

Yr 11/12 Jasmine Headland

Runner Up Champion Girls

Yr 1 Lucy Couper

Yr 2 Bella Potts

Yr 3 Breeze Voight

Yr 4 Jocelyn Vick

Yr 5 Emmi Chandler

Yr 6 Karissa Pavelka

Yr 7 Lilly Shehan, Jayda Lewis

Yr 8 Asha Suarez

Yr 9 McKenna Maunsell-Namana

Yr 11/12 Kerry-Ann Gall

Champion Boys

Yr 1 Luke Moore

Yr 2 Charlie Waters

Yr 3 Kobi Delane

Yr 4 Jackson Jeffery,
Evan Chapman

Yr 5 Cadarn Fisher

Yr 6 Jai Keene

Yr 7 Matthew Moore

Yr 8 Bailey Delane

Yr 9 Kai Butcher

Yr 10 Jesse Giltrap

Yr 11/12 River Sandells

Runner Up Champion Boys

Yr 1 Toby Edmonds

Yr 2 Kelton Bass

Yr 3 Logan Tong

Yr 4 Digby Johns

Yr 5 Max Waters

Yr 6 Jasper Campbell-Chaplin

Yr 7 Darcy Giltrow
 Yr 8 Toby Couper
 Yr 9 Josiah Graham
 Yr 10 Flynn Honan, Kodi Giltrow
 Yr 11/12 Samuel Henry

Certificates for Aussie of the Month, a program focusing on values and virtues are awarded at our whole school Assemblies.

Student Council members hold **colour days** throughout the year and **raise money** for **various charities**.

We have had visits from **SIDE** and **RLS teachers** who have been working with our **Year 11 and 12** General Studies and ATAR students.

Many of our **local businesses** have agreed to host students for **work experience** this year.

The school participated in **National Simultaneous Story time**, primary staff and students engaged in many activities around the book **"Give Me Some Space"** by Philip Bunting.

We recognised **Ride to School Day** and the **National Day against Bullying and Violence**.

Our **Newsletter** was recognised by the Mid-West Education Regional office as being **'innovative'**.

Year 6 and **Year 8/9** students attended the Young Writers program in Geraldton during Term one. They met with Author **Deb Fitzpatrick**.

Red Apple Week was once again successful with many adults in the school receiving a Red Apple in appreciation for a job well done.

Award Certificates are given to students to acknowledge their high attendance for each term.

Study classes were once again offered for **secondary** students on **Monday** afternoons.

Geraldton Regional TAFE presented an **information session** to interested **Year 10 and 11** students and parents regarding TAFE opportunities in 2021.

Year 6 students visited the **Geraldton Museum** to explore the **Espionage Exhibit** as part of their **HASS** studies on **Government**.

Kindy students enjoyed **'Welcome to Your Faction Day'**. There were lots of fun activities and races between the Houses.

A group of **Year 6** and **8** students competed in the **Synergy Schools Solar Challenge** at **Champion Bay SHS**. Our **Year 6** team **won** the Primary School Challenge, and our **Year 8** team came **2nd** in the Secondary School Challenge.

We celebrated **Harmony Week** with lessons in classes and an **incursion** from **MANA** about the **Polynesian Culture**.

The 2021 **Year 7-10 Curriculum Information Evening and Expo** evening was a great success with many families in attendance.

Year 3 - 12 students travelled to **Carnamah** for the **Interschool Swimming Carnival**. We **won** the **Outright Shield** and came **2nd** in the **Handicap Shield**.

Yr 4 Champion Girl	Jocelyn Vick
Yr 4 Runner up Girl	Emmy Toia
Yr 5 Champion Girl	Frankie Biglands (Tie) Abigail Marsland

Yr 5 Runner up Boy	Nate Butcher
Yr 6 Runner up Girl	Zoe Suarez
Yr 7 Runner up Boy	Beau Willis
Yr 8 Champion Girl	Grace Butcher
Yr 8 Runner up Girl	Asha Suarez
Yr 9 Champion Boy	Kai Butcher
Yr 9 Runner up Boy	Liam Gall
Yr 11/12 Champion Boy	James Happ
Yr 11/12 Runner up Girl	Carla Smith
200m Freestyle Medals	
Open Girls	Grace Butcher
Open Boys	Kai Butcher

We welcomed some students from **Kalbarri DHS** after the impact of **Cyclone Seroja** on their town.

We commemorated **ANZAC Day**, in partnership with **Dongara RSL**, at the War Memorial Park.

Our students were involved in activities for **National Sorry Day** and **National Reconciliation Week**.

We were privileged to be **one of five** regional schools to work with the Edith Cowan University **Digital Technologies** and **Cybersecurity Outreach Program**.

We have started a new enterprise project under the guidance of **Mrs Yvonne Jenkins**. Our **Patch Preserves** are now available for **purchase** at the **Shire of Irwin** and the **Dongara/Denison Visitors Centre**. The preserves are made using produce **grown** by our **students** in the school **horticulture centre**.

Mrs Calver, **Mrs Ganfield**, and **Mrs Watson** attended the **STEM Enterprise Showcase** at the **Perth Convention Centre**. We were able to display our wonderful **STEM** teaching and learning programs.

Year 6 students enjoyed Camp at **Broome** for the annual **Year 6 Camp**.

Our Year **5/6 Basketball** Slam Series Teams made the **finals** of the Mid-West competition. The girls placed **2nd** by 1 point, and boys placed **4th**.

Book Fair Week was held in the **Library**. Families were invited to have a **picnic lunch** and the **canteen** provided a special lunch deal.

The **House Cross Country** was held on **Tuesday, 22nd June**. Congratulations to all the winners:

Champions

Year 1 Girl	Olivia Melbin
Year 1 Boy	Toby Edmonds
Year 2 Girl	Haleia Coyne
Year 2 Boy	Rylan Samulkiewicz
Year 3 Girl	Izabelle Jeffery
Year 3 Boy	Logan Tong
Year 4 Girl	Zoe McDonald
Year 4 Boy	Evan Chapman
Year 5 Girl	Dhekota Wallace
Year 5 Boy	Angus Dawson
Year 6 Girl	Mary-Kate Bedford
Year 6 Boy	Jai Eva
Year 7 Girl	Kiesha-Lee Gall
Year 7 Boy	Mathew Moore
Year 8 Girl	Grace Butcher
Year 8 Boy	Toby Couper
Year 9 Girl	Jaimilee Wilson
Year 9 Boys	Liam Gall
Year 10 Boy	Kodi Giltrow
Year 11+ Girl	Kerry-Ann Gall
Year 11+ Boy	River Sandells

Runner Ups

Year 1 Girl	Demi Spencer
Year 1 Boy	Luke Moore
Year 2 Girl	Everleigh Craine
Year 2 Boy	Ollie Patten
Year 3 Girl	Bella Duff
Year 3 Boy	Koby Delane

Year 4 Girl	Darcy Melbin
Year 4 Boy	Jackson Jeffery
Year 5 Girl	Emmi Chandler
Year 5 Boy	Sebastian Bedford
Year 6 Girl	Karissa Pavelka
Year 6 Boy	Jasper C-Chaplin
Year 7 Girl	Jayda Lewis
Year 7 Boy	Darcy Giltrow
Year 8 Girl	Asha Suarez
Year 8 Boy	Riley Vanderschuit
Year 9 Girl	Shyla Bishop
Year 9 Boys	Kai Butcher
Year 10 Boy	Flynn Honan
Year 11+ Girl	Carla Smith
Year 11+ Boy	James Happ

We welcomed **Ms Jasmine Elder Thies** as our **Year 7-11 English** teacher for **Semester 2**.

NAIDOC Week celebration activities included **yarning circles** and **sand paintings**. Our **Pre-Primary students** constructed **shelters** for Pooh Bear in the bush, made of **sticks** and **bark**.

Our **Year 7/8** and **5/6 Netball teams** participated in the **Midwest Netball Carnival** in **Geraldton**. Our **secondary students** also travelled to Carnamah to compete in **Football** and **Netball** against other District High Schools in the region.

Milla Samulkiewicz from Year 4 qualified for the **WA Country Gymnastics** team and competed in **Darwin**. She placed **4th overall** in State Level four.

The **Eneabba Interschool Cross Country** was held on **Friday, 30th July**. There were **278 competitors** from 17 schools: 10 Primary Schools, 4 District High Schools, 1 Senior High School, 1 SOTA & 1 Catholic Primary School.
9 years Boys 1500m - 35 competitors
1st Evan Chapman

3rd Digby Johns

9 years Girls 1500m - 23 competitors

2nd Zoe McDonald
8th Milla Samulkiewicz
9th Darcy Melbin

10 years Boys 1500m - 27 competitors

1st Angus Dawson
4th Sebastian Bedford
8th Matthew Gillam

10 years Girls 1500m - 20 competitors

2nd Dhekota Wallace
6th Emmi Chandler
9th Abigail Marsland
10th Aerin Scatena

11 & over Boys 2000m - 23 competitors

2nd Jai Eva
6th Jai Keene
7th Jasper Campbell-Chaplin
10th Hayden Couper

11 & over Girls 2000m - 21 competitors

2nd Mary-Kate Bedford
6th Karissa Pavelka

12 years Boys 2000m - 7 competitors

4th Mathew Moore
6th Darcy Giltrow

12 years Girls 2000m - 8 competitors

4th Indianna Scott
7th Keisha-Lee Gall

13 years Boys 2000m - 9 competitors

1st Toby Couper
5th Owen Scatena

6th Bailey Delane

13 years Girls 2000m - 6 competitors

2nd Grace Butcher
4th Chelsea Hulme

14 years Boys 2500m - 13 competitors

3rd Liam Gall
5th Kai Butcher
8th Noah Gardner

14 years Girls 2500m - 9 competitors

6th Tayla Cann

8th McKenna Maunsell-Namana
15 & over Boys 2500m - 9 competitors

2nd River Sandells

5th Kodi Giltrow

6th James Happ

15 & over Girls 2500m - 3 competitors

2nd Kerry-Ann Gall

3rd Carla Smith

Champion Primary School Shield

Dongara District High School

Champion Secondary School Shield

Dongara District High School

Our school was selected to be a part of the **Olympics Unleashed** program. The students heard from **Natalie Burton** and **Luci Marsh** about their Olympic journey and how to build resilience and the importance of setting goals.

Athletics Carnival Results – students from Pre-Primary to Year 12 participate in athletic events over 3 days

Results

1st Leander 1034

2nd Milo 995

3rd Nhargo 922

4th Irwin 881

Champions

Yr 1 Boy: Toby Edmonds &
(Tie) Harry Mouchemore 13

Yr 1 Girl: Olivia Melbin 16

Yr 2 Boy: Charlie Waters 16

Yr 2 Girl: Amber Ganfield 11

Yr 3 Boy: Iziayah Hodder 24

Yr 3 Girl: Breeze Voigt 19

Yr 4 Boy: Jett Wallace 24

Yr 4 Girl: Jocelyn Vick 21

Yr 5 Boy: Marley Jackson 19

Yr 5 Girl: Dhekota Wallace 21

Yr 6 Boy: Jai Keene 19

Yr 6 Girl: Mary-Kate Bedford 29

Yr 7 Boy: Mathew Moore 50

Yr 7 Girl: Indianna Scott 40

Yr 8 Boy: Deon Finlay 35

Yr 8 Girl: Asha Suarez 41

Yr 9 Boy: Liam Gall 48

Yr 9 Girl: Tayla Cann 36

Yr 10 Boy: Jesse Giltrap 56

Yr 10 Girl: Bree Chalmers 40

11/12 Boy: River Sandells 39

11/12 Girl: Carla Smith 56

Runner Ups

Yr 1 Boy: Luke Moore 6

Yr 1 Girl: Lucy Couper &
(Tie) Maria Manners 8

Yr 2 Boys: Aiden Bowran 8

Yr 2 Girl: Lexi Barron &
(Tie) Norah Vick 8

Yr 3 Boy: Koby Delane 18

Yr 3 Girl: Izabelle Jeffery 13

Yr 4 Boy: Evan Chapman 15

Yr 4 Girl: Milla Samulkiewicz 16

Yr 5 Boy: Sebastian Bedford 11

Yr 5 Girl: Frankie Biglands 16

Yr 6 Boy: Jasper Campbell-Chaplin 13

Yr 6 Girl: Zoe Suarez 14

Yr 7 Boy: Beau Willis 39

Yr 7 Girl: Kiesha-Lee Gall 32

Yr 8 Boy: Bailey Delane 29

Yr 8 Girl: Grace Butcher 40

Yr 9 Boy: Noah Gardner 31

Yr 9 Girl: McKenna M-Namana 34

Yr 10 Boy: Kodi Giltrow 23

Yr 10 Girl: Shaye Geel 28

11/12 Boy: James Happ 35

11/12 Girl: Kate Willis 24

Distance Events Champions

PP Boys Enduro Louie George

PP Girls Enduro Angelique Plozza

Yr 1 Boys Enduro Toby Edmonds

Yr 1 Girls Enduro Olivia Melbin

Yr 2 Boys Enduro Charlie Waters

Yr2 Girls Enduro Amber Ganfield

Yr 3 Boys Enduro Koby Delane

Yr 3 Girls Enduro Izabelle Jeffery

Open Boys 400m River Sandells

Open Girls 400m Chelsea Hulme

Open Boys 1500m Liam Gall

Open Girls 1500m Grace Butcher

Yr 4 Boys 800m Evan Chapman

Yr 4 Girls 800m Darcy Melbin

Yr 5 Boys 800m Angus Dawson

Yr 5 Girls 800m Dhekota Wallace

Yr 6 Boys 800m Jai Eva & Jai Keene

Yr 5 Girls 800m Mary-Kate Bedford

Runner Ups

PP Boys Enduro Nicholas Bowran

PP Girls Enduro Emmi Shehan

Yr 1 Boys Enduro Harry Mouchemore

Yr 1 Girls Enduro Lucy Couper

Yr 2 Boys Enduro Louis Corcoran

Yr2 Girls Enduro Neytiri Staley

Yr 3 Boys Enduro Logan Tong

Yr 3 Girls Enduro Ivy Pizzey

Open Boys 400m Jesse Giltrap

Open Girls 400m Grace Butcher

Open Boys 1500m Toby Couper

Open Girls 1500m Chelsea Hulme

Yr 4 Boys 800m Digby Johns

Yr 4 Girls 800m Aleah Brindal

Yr 5 Boys 800m Matthew Gillam

Yr 5 Girls 800m Aerin Scatena

Yr 6 Boys 800m Jasper C-Chaplin

Yr 6 Girls 800m Zoe Suarez

Some of our **Year 6** students entered the **Write A Book in A Day** competition with support from **Mrs Davey** and **Mrs Jeffery**.

Year 11/12 **Outdoor Education** students and Staff rode bikes to **10 Mile Beach** for a **3-day camp**.

31 secondary students and **5 staff members** attended **Country Week** in Perth. The **girl's netball** and **boys' basketball** teams won in their divisions. The **boys' basketball** and **volleyball** teams received the **sportsmanship awards** for their divisions. One of our **badminton** teams placed **second** in their division. Thanks to **Mr James, Mrs Jeffery, Mr Downes** and **Mark Craine** for looking after our students.

We received a **Community Grant** from **Beach Energy** for **\$19,000** and will purchase **24 Virtual Reality Goggles** to support **K-12 STEM**.

The **2021 Interschool Athletics Carnival** was held in Jurien Bay.

Overall Shield

1st Dongara DHS - 813

Primary Shield

1st Dongara - 158

Secondary Shield

1st Dongara DHS - 425

Team Games Shield

1st Dongara DHS - 158

Champions

Yr 4 Girls Jocelyn Vick
Yr 4 Boys Jett Wallace (tie)
Yr 5 Girls Dhekota Wallace
Yr 6 Girls Mary-Kate Bedford
Yr 7 Boys Mathew Moore
Yr 8 Girls Grace Butcher
Yr 10 Boys Jesse Giltrap
Girls 800m Mary-Kate Bedford

Runner-Up Champions

Yr 4 Girls Aleah Brindal (tie)
Yr 4 Boys Evan Chapman (tie)
Yr 5 Boys Marley Jackson
Yr 5 Girls Ani Ruakere
Yr 6 Boys Jai Keene
Ryder Marsden (tie)
Yr 7 Girls Kiesha-Lee Gall

Yr 7 Boys Beau Willis
Yr 9 Girls Tayla Cann
Open Girls Carla Smith
Open Boys James Happ

New Records Set

Yr 7 Boys Discus - Mathew Moore
Yr 7 Boys Triple Jump - Mathew Moore
Primary Mixed Leader ball

In celebration of **National Book Week** staff and students dressed up as their favourite literary characters. The theme for 2021 was '**Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds**'.

Four Numero Teams competed in the 2nd round of the **Mid-West Numero Competition**. Our teams placed **2nd** and **4th** with all four teams in the **top 6** schools for each of the four individual challenges. There were **18 schools** that competed. Thank you to **Mrs Owen** for her support and the parents who drove the teams to **Geraldton**.

Our **Secondary school** was one of **three finalists** in the **2021 Governor's STEM Awards**.

The **Curtin Medical School Alumni Ambassador Team** spoke to our **year 7-12** students and staff about **pathways to medicine for rural students**. Two of the team members were past students of Dongara DHS.

We welcomed **Ms Bianca Lucas** who is teaching Physical Education in the Primary School this Term.

Mrs Alison Noble from **Central Regional TAFE Mid-West** spoke with **Year 10 and 11** students and **parents** regarding TAFE opportunities in **2022** including combined School/TAFE programs.

Our **Year 4-6** and **11-12** students attended the **Mingenew Expo** to learn about agriculture and food production.

Thank you to the **Bendigo Bank** and the **GOPP** for their generous **donation of \$1,000** which has gone towards improving our horticulture centre.

Our students Celebrated **National Science Week** with a range of activities and excursions.

Our **YOH Fest** Team performed at the **Midwest Heats** at the Queens Park Theatre.

We said **goodbye** to our **Year 12 students** at a **Valedictory Assembly**, followed by a **Graduation Dinner** later in the evening. The **Yr 12 Award Winners** were:

General English **Seth Schleicher**
Essential Maths **Nikita Dekin**
Outdoor Education **Jasmine Headland**
D&T Wood **Seth Schleicher**
Cert II Hospitality **Blake Hill**
ADF Long Tan Leadership **Seth Schleicher**
ADF Future Innovator **Adam Shute**
Citizenship Award **Blade Hill**
Ampol All Rounder **Nikita Dekin**

Students engaged in the **Jump Rope for Heart** fund raiser organised by **Mr Luke Aubrey**.

The **P&C** hosted a **Splash and Dash Colour Run**. It was a very successful day enjoyed by students, staff, parents, and our local police officers.

50 students from **Years 3-12** competed in the **Australian Mathematics Competition** organised by **Ms Liz White**. **3** students received a **Distinction Certificate**, **12** students received a **Credit**, and **24** students received a

Proficiency Certificate. The award for **Best in School** and was awarded to **Coden Spencer**.

DDHS staff invite **volunteers** who assist in the school to a **Thank You Morning Tea**.

As the year draws to a close, classes participate in many different activities as **end of year reward excursions**.

Presentation Award ceremonies are held over 2 days, for all years.

General Excellence Award Winners

Yr 1	Harry Mouchemore
Yr 2	Allie Wynne
Yr 3	Coden Spencer
Yr 4	Lily De Beaux
Yr 5	Aerin Scatena
Yr 6	Oliver Risinger
Yr 7	Eamon Robb
Yr 8	Andrew Henry
Yr 9	Kori Morton
Yr 11	Samuel Henry

Special Merit Award Winners

Yr 1/2W	Dirk Whyatt
Yr 1G	Jack Bone
Yr 2W	Lexi Barron
Yr 3M	Logan Tong
Yr 3/4C	Jacob Giles
Yr 4T	Jocelyn Vick
Yr 4/5O	Zahli Bass
Yr 5P	Angus Dawson
Yr 5/6J	Charlotte Kirkland
Yr 6O	Jacob Cann
Yr 7	Isla Geel
Yr 8	Joachim Kilby
Yr 9	Samuel Shute
Yr 10	Jack Tugby
Yr 11	Kerry-Ann Gall

Literacy Award Winners

Yr 1/2W	Haleia Brooks
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Yr 1G	Maria Manners
Yr 2W	Rachel Whitmarsh
Yr 3M	Sienna Meredith
Yr 3/4C	Phoebe De Beaux
Yr 4T	Amali O'Brien
Yr 4/5O	Lilly Botica
Yr 5P	Frankie Biglands
Yr 5/6J	Amy Taylor
Yr 6O	Laura Gillam
Yr 7	Darcy Criddle
Yr 8	Asha Suarez
Yr 9	Bailey Cooper
Yr 10	Layla Davis
Yr 11	James Whitmarsh

Citizenship Award Winners

Yr 1/2W	Everleigh Craine
Yr 1G	Lucy Cooper
Yr 2W	Charlie Rayner
Yr 3M	Lily Mouchemore
Yr 3/4C	Stella Redbond
Yr 4T	Emmy Toia
Yr 4/5O	Darcy Melbin
Yr 5P	Abby Wilson
Yr 5/6J	Lilah Vick
Yr 6O	Kent Bristow
Yr 7	Eamon Robb
Yr 8	Grace Butcher
Yr 9	Liam Gall
Yr 11	Carla Smith

Numeracy Award Winners

Yr 1/2W	Toby Edmonds
Yr 1G	Banjo Barr
Yr 2W	Amber Ganfield
Yr 3M	Lakyn Jeans
Yr 3/4C	Breeze Voigt
Yr 4T	John Manners
Yr 4/5O	Max Ganfield
Yr 5P	Matthew Gillam
Yr 5/6J	Karissa Pavelka
Yr 6O	Mary-Kate Bedford

Yr 7	Keiran Aubrey
Yr 8	Owen Scatena
Yr 9	Kai Butcher
Yr 10	Shaye Geel
Yr 11	Jake Buck

Other Awards

History Award Primary – Sebastian Bedford

History Award Secondary – Tristan Gillis

Yr 6 Science Award – Hayley Toia

Yr 6 Science Award – Olivia Whitmarsh

Aboriginal Education Award Primary – Amy Taylor

Encouragement Award – Zoe Suarez

STEM Award Lower Primary – Kelton Bass

STEM Award Upper Primary – Jai Eva

STEM Lower Secondary – Kiesha-Lee Gall

STEM Upper Secondary – Kai Butcher

Soroptimist Award Primary – Isabel Boyd

Soroptimist Award Secondary – Charlotte-Louise Moore

ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership & Teamwork Award – Kodi Giltrow

ADF Long Tan Future Innovators Award – Jack Tugby

Performing Arts Award – Laura Gillam

At our **final assembly** for 2021 we **farewelled** leaving **staff and students**.

Students accumulating **Personal House Points** allows **Nhargo** house faction to win the **Coote Cup** for **2021** and **Irwin House** received the **Team Spirt Award**.

Staff were nominated for the **WA Education Awards**: **Mrs Calver**, Principal of the Year; **Ms Crudeli**, Secondary Teacher of the Year; and **Mrs Johnson**, Education Assistant of the Year.