

## Important Dates

**21 November**  
SciTech - Primary  
Year 9 Career Taster

**22 November**  
Yellow Day

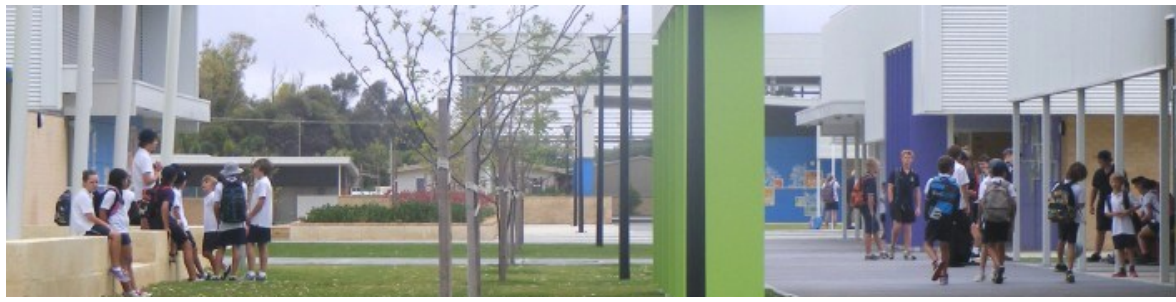
**25 November**  
Last day for Y11s

**29 November**  
Y9 Aspire Camp

**1 December**  
Assembly - E2

**5 December**  
Y6 Orientation Day

**8 December**  
Reports Distributed



# DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

*An Independent Public School*

NEWSLETTER 18th November 2022

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mrs Calver is on a well-earned **Long Service Leave** break for the next two weeks and I will be stepping in to support as **Acting Principal**. We are halfway through Term Four and the teachers and students are working hard. Our **PBS** and **Aussie of the Month** focus is on **Diligence**.

The **School Board** recently approved adjustments to the **School Behaviour Plan** and the **School Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Plan**. Parents can access these in the **Parent Connect Library**.

Six students from **Year 8** participated in the **Minister's Innovative Challenge** in 2022. Over the past 4 weeks, teams of Year 8 students from **20 selected schools** have been participating in the inaugural Minister's Innovation Challenge. On **Monday**, The Hon **Sue Ellery**, Minister for Education and Training, will announce the **top three** ranked teams and award their prizes. Thank you, **Miss Belcher** and **Miss White** for supporting the Year 8 Team.

Four **Year 9 boys**, together with the assistance of **Ms Fisher** competed in Stage 2 of the **School Entrepreneur of the Year Tournament** on **Saturday**.

Congratulations to **Abby Tilbrook** who was nominated for the **Central Regional TAFE VETDSS Awards** in the category of **Trade Based Training Student** and also **Student of the Year**. Thank you to **Mrs Calver** who accompanied Abby to the awards ceremony at TAFE.

Students from PP to Year 11 were lucky enough to have the **Western Australian Symphony Orchestra** perform at our school. Some of our primary and secondary students were fortunate to **try the instruments**. Thank you to **Mr Aubrey** for organising the Performance.

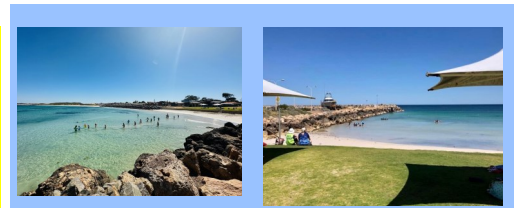


Our **Year 9** students completed their first **OLNA** (Online Numeracy Literacy Test). This test is completed in three parts; Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Their **final results** will be published with their **school reports**.

Well done to our school community for choosing **Respect** on **Remembrance Day**, the whole school took a minute of silence. Thank you to all students in the school for contributing and taking the opportunity to complete learning experiences around this significant day.

We had **one Year 12** student complete his **WACE Exams** on site in week 5. We also had our **Year 11 ATAR** students complete a week of **ATAR exams** at the Anglican Church Hall. We wish all the **Year 11 and 12** students the best with their results.

Students from PP to Year 6 participated in **school swimming lessons** at **Granny's Beach** over the last two weeks. **Thank you** to **Mr Aubrey**, the swimming instructors and the school staff for ensuring lessons ran smoothly.



Today, our **Year 10** students have participated in a **STEM Taster Program** through **Central Regional TAFE** in **Geraldton**. The students had the opportunity to select a career pathway to explore and spend the day as a TAFE student with a lecturer to gain experiences and discover learning opportunities in their chosen STEM program.

Congratulations to our four Year 6 students who travelled to Perth to compete as **Numero state finalists**. The students came 7th out of 18 schools in Perth and 7th out of 90 schools in WA. A big thank you to Mrs Owen for attending the **Numero Challenge** and training the students.

Our next whole school **Assembly** for Year 1-12 students is on **Thursday, 1st December** and will be hosted by **Year 5 - Mrs Bedford** and **Mrs Pereira's** class.

Kind Regards  
*Rhiannon Downes*

*"Achieve with Honour"*  
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## Year 5 Science

In Science, the Year 5s have been investigating the properties of gas. Our experiments showed us that gas can take up space, gas can flow, and gas can fit into any container. We had fun looking at the reactions of mixing substances together to see what gas gets produced! (It was carbon dioxide!!)



## Kindy/Pre-Primary - 2/11/22

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 Jack Lee for being responsible by eating his lunch with good manners, Kaitlyn Moore for being responsible by helping the Kindy children learn mini-ball and David Ganter for achieving his best by co-operating with friends and making a bug hotel when playing.

## Community Health Nurse

**Gastroenteritis**, or 'gastro' is a common condition in children of all ages. It occurs when the bowel is infected by a virus or bacteria. Symptoms include diarrhoea, vomiting, stomach cramps and sometimes, fever. Most cases in children are not serious, but it is very important to make sure that a child with gastro receives enough fluid.

If your child has gastro, keep them away from school for 48 hours after vomiting and diarrhoea have stopped.

If symptoms persist, see your family doctor.

The easiest way to prevent gastro is to make sure everyone in the family washes their hands regularly, especially before eating and after going to the toilet.

## Yellow Day / Jeans for Genes

On **Tuesday, November 22nd** come to school dressed in jeans and a yellow top. Gold coin donation goes to the Children's Medical Research Institution.



## Kindy / Pre-Primary - 16/11/22

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 are Sally Bechard for showing respect by using good manners at lunch time, George Taylor for being responsible by managing his belongings after swimming lessons and Hendrix Haug for being responsible by playing nicely at the water trolley. Congratulations to this week's prize winners.

## Kindy / Pre-Primary News

Thank you to Richard Snook and Sheryl Maidment for repairing our craypots. We are enjoying playing and catching crayfish from our dinghy.

## Pirate Day

Ahoy there! Kindy students from A1 and A2 had a fabulous day being pirates. With an abundance of activities, including treasure maps, skull and cross bone flags and canon ball playdough, everyone had a swell time! After a few sea shanties and a pirate jig we hunted treasure. We had a swashbuckling time together!

## Certificates of Achievement

- Yr 1 Xavier Morrison, Toby Wynne Nyssa Jones, El Gio Purba, Angelique Plozza, Jayden Vinci
- Yr 2 Harris Botica
- Yr 3 Dirk Whyatt, Isabella Brooks, Jax O'Brien
- Yr 4 Thomas Long, Kimberley Hutchcraft, Olivia Taylor, Skylah Crofts, Leah Groves
- Yr 5 Jackson Jeffery
- Yr 6 Sara Nayar, Sarah Boyd, Sienna Whyatt
- Yr 7 Ben Brooks, Fraser Haddow, Peta Bicker
- Yr 8 Tiago Smith, Kaleb Musulin, Joel Ashworth
- Yr 9 Navarre Robb, Baylee Lawson Chelsea Hulme, Jack Cameron, Noah Gardner
- Yr 10 Ella Webb, Kiara Tilbrook, Kori Morton, Samuel Shute,
- Yr 11 Jack Tugby, Ebony-Rae Hood Lacey McGinnis

## Swimming Teachers Needed!!

**Urgent** call for **parents** who may be interested in becoming a **swimming teacher!** Complete a 2 day Austswim or RLS Course, Bronze Medallion is **not required**. Due to a teacher shortage we **may not have swimming lessons next year**.

## Volunteer Morning Tea

On **Wednesday, 7 December** we will be formally **thanking** our school **volunteers** by hosting a **morning tea**. **Volunteers invitations** will go out next week.

## P&C Christmas Raffle

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**\$10 per ticket**

**1st Prize - Abrolhos Adventure or \$1000 Cash**

**2nd Prize - Ocean Addiction Charter or \$500 Cash**

**3rd Prize - New Leaf Connect Burnt Barrel Meat Feast or \$150 Cash**

**Drawn Wednesday 30 November**