

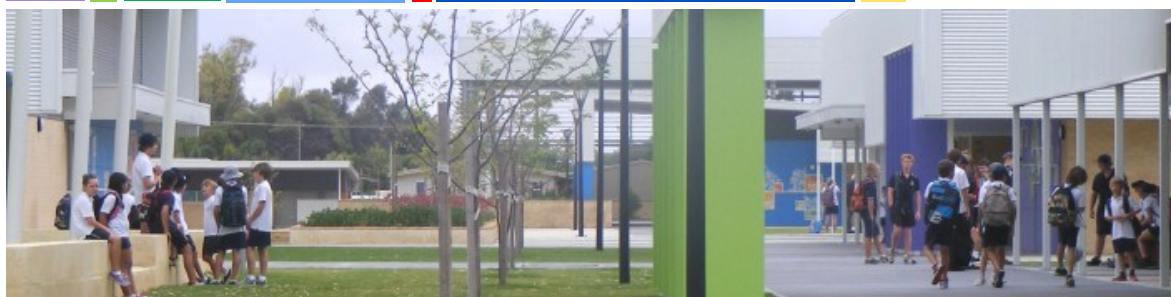
Important Dates

25 January
Admin Office Opens

26 January
Australia Day Public Holiday

31 January
Class lists posted on Admin windows from 1pm

1 February
Students Commence



DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

NEWSLETTER 16th December 2022

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have reached the end of our school year. **Thank you** to everyone for their valuable contribution during 2022. Best wishes to departing staff and families.

On behalf of the school community I **thank** the following staff who have completed contracts or are retiring; **Mrs Kathy Couper, Mrs Robyn Stephen, Mr James Hartley, Ms Denise Guymer, Mrs Kylie Wynne, Ms Monique Hall, Mrs Joyce Reynolds and Mrs Robyn Sweetman** (retiring). Special mention of **Mrs Donelle Forsyth** who is retiring after **30 years** as a teacher at Dongara DHS. We also say a **short term farewell** to **Mrs Owen** (Sem 1), **Ms Owen** (2023) and **Mrs Wellstead** (Term 1) as they are taking well deserved Leave.

Congratulations our **1st Lego League Team** who competed at the **WA Finals** at **Curtin University**. The team of **Eamon, Tyson, Ned and Darcy** received the **Breakthrough Award**. Another excellent achievement for our secondary students and our whole school focus on STEM. **Thank you** to **Mrs Ganfield**.



Our secondary Home Ec students, **Mrs Jenkins** and **Ms Stokes** once again kindly made **Christmas treats** for the residents and staff of **Blake House** and **5 Gums Medical Practice**.



The **year 6** students and staff celebrated the end of the children's primary school education with a fabulous **Dinner Dance** and a trip to the **Aquarena** for those with Good Standing. Congratulations year 6's and all the best for year 7.



CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 6 STUDENTS

On Tuesday evening we held our **PP-6 Presentation Night** with classes entertaining us by performing to "Number 1 Hits from the Past." We also recognised the **achievements** of all students, presented special awards and announced the **2023 Student Councillors**. Then on Wednesday we held our year **7-11 Presentation Assembly** where we recognised the achievements of all students, presented special awards and

announced the 2023 Student Councillors. **Photos are further into the newsletter.**

Year **7-10** students with Good Standing attended an excursion to **Granny's Beach** to celebrate the end of the school year.



Congratulations to **MILO** who received the **2022 Coote Cup**. Leander and Nhargo drew for 2nd with Irwin placing 3rd. The recipients of the Team Spirit award were **NHARGO**.



WELL DONE TO MILO.

WINNERS OF THE COOTE CUP

On behalf of the Dongara DHS staff, I wish our students, families and the wider community a **merry Christmas** and a safe and relaxing holiday.

Kind Regards
Janine Calver



To the Dongara DHS community...

Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

"Achieve with Honour"

At DDHS we... Choose Respect, Be Responsible, Achieve our Best

13 Cave Way, Dongara, WA, 6525 | T: (08) 9927 7200
E: Dongara.dhs@education.wa.edu.au | W: www.dongaradhs.wa.edu.au

News from E3



Last term our class wrote a letter each to Peter and Farah from Shire of Irwin. They came and visited us today. Peter is a Community Services Manager and Farah is a Community Development Officer. Our class, E3 have been learning and discovering more about littering and rubbish, and that was what we wrote to them about in our letters. They could have written a letter back, but they decided to come and visit us. We asked them some questions. People suggested some new builds, like a new fishing place and swimming place so people wouldn't be fishing and swimming in the same area.. There is now a group called the Green Team at our school and they also asked some questions about them. We asked about a shark net, and they said that will cost a lot of money. We asked about what they are going to do to the foreshore, they said they might build a new playground and they might put a new chain on the jetty. At the end they gave us some recycling bags. We appreciate that they spent their time with us, and we enjoyed it.

By **Azaria Marsden**

On the 23rd of November Peter, the Community Services Manager and Farah, the Community Development Officer from the Shire of Irwin came and talked with my class and the Green Team. Peter and Farah talked about the shire's future plans and some reasoning for the tip charge. I didn't ask a question but some good questions by others were about what Peter and Farah's duties are, what happens to general waste, and also plastic waste. The visit was good, it was very informational, and I was glad we got to share everybody's ideas. Peter and Farah took notes and were glad they got to visit and get ideas for the future. In time I hope to see some of our ideas integrated into the shire's plans for the future.

By **Tate Lawrence**

Today we had Peter and Farah visit our classroom. They had come to give us a reply for our letters we wrote to them last term. We had an amazing time with lots of questions. Firstly, they introduced themselves and what their roles are for the Shire of Irwin. Peter is a Community Services Manager, and Farah is a Community Development Officer. Then we all had a chance to ask questions about their jobs and the future. Most questions were about what buildings and playgrounds were being planned to be built in the future. Peter and Farah were telling us about the cost of things. Did you know that a shark net would be \$250000? Overall, I personally think that as being a member of the Green Team, it was very interesting and I would love to be a part of events and fundraising to help out the environment.

By **Allis Duffy**

Today we were visited by two people from the Shire of Irwin, they were Peter (Community Services Manager) and Farah (Community Development Officer). They came because we had sent them some letters about our concerns for Dongara's environment. We were also joined by some members of the Green Team. The meeting ended up going for an hour and we had lots of discussion. Peter and Farah answered questions about what we had written in our letters. We started talking, they wanted to hear our opinions on stuff and what we want to see in Dongara's future. Overall, in my opinion I think the meeting was an amazing thing for us and they tried their best to answer every question to the best of their ability. As a member of the Green Team, I would like to see some of our ideas come into our community and hopefully work.

By **Abby Wilson**

Hi my name is Zara and today on Wednesday 23rd November, Peter and Farah came to school because we wanted them to answer our questions and discuss the points we made in our letters regarding what we could do in the future about plastic pollution, what we would buy to help the community and what fundraising we would do for the town. I am a member of the Green Team at school. I asked them if we could have a clean-up Dongara day and if we could have a poster competition. Some people in my class asked if we could have a pontoon, a shark net for when the tiger shark comes, different coloured bins for different type of waste with brail, and I came up with an idea for a movie

fundraiser and we could sell cookies. Lastly it felt good to discuss what would happen in the future and what we will expect later on in life and our ideas might come to light.

By **Zara Crofts**

Pixies Prints - Uniform Shop

Pixies Prints will be **closed** for the Christmas break from Wednesday the **21st December 2022** until Tuesday **17th January 2023**. We will be reopening at our **new location** at the **Point Leander Shopping Centre (Opposite Foodworks)**

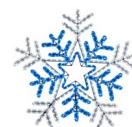
We would like to **thank** the **school community** for their continued **support** and look forward to providing a greater range of products and services.

We would like to wish you all a **Merry Christmas** an enjoyable holiday with Family and Friends.

Kindy/Pre-Primary

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 **Charlette Ausburn** for being responsible by sharing the bikes nicely. **Evie Bradley** for being responsible by eating her lunch and using her manners. **Talon Staley** for being responsible by packing away the equipment without being asked.

We also had a special end of year draw and all the tickets that the children had earned over the year were included. Well done to **Jesse Lawson** for showing respect by sharing the hand bike, **Emily Chitty** for being responsible by going around the obstacle course safely and **Charlette Craggs** for being responsible by sitting at the lunch table nicely. Congratulations and well done to these children for playing nicely in the playground.



Certificates of Achievement

Congratulations to the following students:

| | |
|-------|---|
| Yr 1 | Zahlia Thomson, Nate Long, Wyatt Hutchcraft, Mitchell Davis. |
| Yr 2 | Anna Hughes, Levi Couper, Mitchell Duffy, Xavier Cashin. |
| Yr 3 | Alvaro Purba, Hai Cung, Max Stimpson. |
| Yr 4 | Mercedes Nicholson, Eli Morton, Shiannah Thompson, Violet Porteous. |
| Yr 5 | Max Ganfield, Xavier Watson. |
| Yr 6 | Charlotte Kirkland, Emmi Chandler, Cadarn Fisher, Charlie McDonald |
| Yr 7 | Sienna Niikkula, Jakob Nayar, Peta Bicker, Dustin French |
| Yr 8 | Dakota Ierachi, Tiago Smith, Amber Edmonds, Hoang Cung, |
| Yr 9 | Mia Jones, Jack Cameron |
| Yr 10 | Tristan Gillis, Sam Shute |

2022 Presentation Ceremonies

General Excellence Award

| | |
|-------|------------------|
| Yr 1 | Toby Wynne |
| Yr 2 | Demi Spencer |
| Yr 3 | Allie Wynne |
| Yr 4 | Coden Spencer |
| Yr 5 | Lily De Beaux |
| Yr 6 | Oliver Wellstead |
| Yr 7 | Jamison Aubrey |
| Yr 8 | Eamon Robb |
| Yr 9 | Slade Nicholson |
| Yr 10 | Kori Morton |

Special Merit Award

| | |
|-----------|------------------|
| Yr 1/2W | Brendan Richards |
| Yr 1S | Adam Hughes |
| Yr 2/3W | Jack Prunster |
| Yr 3C | Neytiri Staley |
| Yr 3/4O | Charlie Waters |
| Yr 4/5 WF | Logan Tong |
| Yr 5P | Amali O'Brien |
| Yr 5/6M | Zara Crofts |
| Yr 6O | Christian Austin |
| Yr 7 | Max Giles |
| Yr 8 | Tiago Smith |
| Yr 9 | Joachim Kilby |
| Yr 10 | Ella Webb |
| Yr 11 | Alleyah Gidgup |

Literacy Award

| | |
|-----------|------------------|
| Yr 1/2W | Bay Gordon |
| Yr 1S | Thorstein Haug |
| Yr 2/3W | Haleia Brooks |
| Yr 3C | Amber Ganfield |
| Yr 3/4O | Sienna Meredith |
| Yr 4/5 WF | Darcy Melbin |
| Yr 5P | Zebb Markey |
| Yr 5/6M | Matthew Gillam |
| Yr 6O | Frankie Biglands |
| Yr 7 | Kent Bristow |
| Yr 8 | Kiesha-Lee Gall |
| Yr 9 | Charlotte Moore |
| Yr 10 | Samuel Shute |
| Yr 11 | Lacey McGinnis |

Citizenship Award

| | |
|-----------|-----------------|
| Yr 1/2W | Zayn Criddle |
| Yr 1S | Mitchell Davis |
| Yr 2/3W | Pippa Fish |
| Yr 3C | Ocea Downes |
| Yr 3/4O | Arlie Pearce |
| Yr 4/5 WF | Luke Milner |
| Yr 5P | Leah Mouchemore |
| Yr 5/6M | Abby Wilson |
| Yr 6O | Makayla Baxter |
| Yr 7 | Kent Bristow |
| Yr 8 | Ned Buist |
| Yr 9 | Charlotte Moore |

Numeracy Award

| | |
|-----------|-----------------|
| Yr 1/2W | Olivia Melbin |
| Yr 1S | Nicholas Bowran |
| Yr 2/3W | Maria Manners |
| Yr 3C | Eli Boonzaaier |
| Yr 3/4O | Stella Redbond |
| Yr 4/5 WF | Phoebe De Beaux |
| Yr 5P | Zahli Bass |
| Yr 5/6M | Toby Barron |
| Yr 6O | Angus Dawson |
| Yr 7 | Tilly Samuel |
| Yr 8 | Keiran Aubrey |
| Yr 9 | Mitchell Scott |
| Yr 10 | Bailey Cooper |
| Yr 11 | Mannelle Wilson |

Primary History Award

Jayden Duff

Secondary History Award

Tristan Gillis

Aboriginal Education Award

Isla Goedecke

Geraldton Uni Encouragement Award

Tahlia Morton

STEM Lower Primary

Lexi Barron

STEM Upper Primary

Sarah Boyd

STEM Lower Secondary

Ned Buist

STEM Upper Secondary

Slade Nicholson

Primary Soroptimist Award

Lilly Botica

Secondary Soroptimist Award

Charlotte Moore

ADF Future Innovators Award

Kori Morton

Hospitality Award

Alleyah Gidgup

Dongara District High School extends grateful thanks to our sponsors:

Irwin Districts Historical Society
Geraldton University Centre
Cockburn Cement
Iluka Resources
Soroptimist International
Australian Defence Force
Dongara DHS P&C
Dongara DHS Canteen
Dongara IGA
Dongara Lions Club
Dongara Charities
Shane Love MLA
Hon Martin Aldridge
Hon Darren West
Hon Sandra Carr
Hon Steve Martin
Australian Defence Force

2023 Student Council

| | |
|-------|---|
| Yr 5 | Phoebe De Beaux Arlie Pearce Codan Spencer |
| Yr 6 | Lily De Beaux Charlie Downes Ruby Oliver |
| Yr 7 | Jayden Duff Payton Webb |
| Yr 8 | Kent Bristow Campbell Wass |
| Yr 9 | Keiran Aubrey Darcy Criddle Tiago Smith Tyson Wilson |
| Yr 10 | Ella Webb |

Admin Office Dates

A reminder that students commence on **Wednesday, 1 February 2023**. The office will open from **Wednesday, 25 January**. Class lists will be posted on the admin windows from **1-4pm** on **Tuesday, 31 January 2023**.

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.

Application forms are available at the front office.

Applications close Friday 6th April 2023

Coote Cup Results

Milo were the winners of the **2022 Coote Cup** and **Nhargo** were the recipients of the **2022 Team Spirit Award**. Congratulations to Milo and Nhargo students and staff.

1st Milo 1,216.5
=2nd Leander 1,150
=2nd Nhargo 1,150
3rd Irwin 1,121

Laptop Bags

Laptop bags are for sale in the front office for \$20.



Australian Mathematics Comp

DDHS results in the Australian Mathematics Competition 2022

The results of the annual Australian Mathematics Competition held in August have demonstrated that Dongara DHS students can achieve fantastic results in Mathematics. Hundreds of thousands of students from over 40 countries entered.

Students from Year 3 to Year 12 competed on the same day, making it possibly one of the largest single events on the Australian Education calendar. The AMC was introduced in 1978 and has become the major school mathematics enrichment event and benchmark for mathematical ability throughout the Pacific and South East Asia. It tests everything from basic numeracy skills through to advanced problem solving.

Dongara DHS entered 43 students. 4 students received a Distinction certificate, 11 students received a Credit and 23 students received a Proficiency Certificate. All other students who competed received a Certificate of Participation and every entrant was provided with an individual performance report.

The 23 students who received a **Proficiency Certificate** were:

From Year 3: Kelton Bass, Haleia Brooks, Ocas Downes, Amber Ganfield, Jax O'Brien.
 From Year 4: Evie Bristow, Phoebe De Beaux, Isabelle Jeffery, Arlie Pearce.
 From Year 5: Lily De Beaux, Darcy Melbin, Luke Milner, Amali O'Brien, Jack Wellstead.
 From Year 6: Makayla Baxter, Frankie Biglands, Emmi Chandler, Cadam Fisher, Charlotte Kirkland, Abby Wilson.
 From Year 6: Keiran Aubrey and Tiago Smith.

Our 11 students who received a **Credit Certificate** were:

From Year 3: Eli Boonzaier, Pippa Fish, Allie Wynne.
 From Year 4: Sienna Meredith, Lily Mouchemore, Stella Redbond.
 From Year 5: Zahli Bass, Xavier Watson.
 From Year 7: Jamison Aubrey and Kent Bristow.
 Year 9: Mitchell Scott.
 Year 10: Kori Morton.

Our 4 students who received a **Distinction Certificate** were:

From Year 4: Breeze Voigt and Coden Spencer
 From Year 6: Matthew Gillam and Oliver Wellstead

The award for **Best in School** (for the 2nd year in a row) which is for the student across Dongara District High School who achieved the highest standardised score is Coden Spencer.

Start Dates for 2023

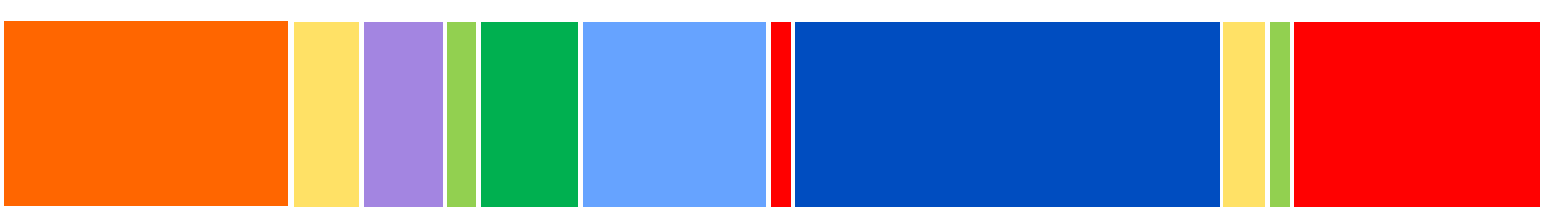
25 January
Admin Office Opens

26 January
Australia Day Public Holiday

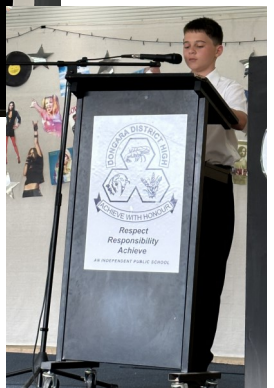
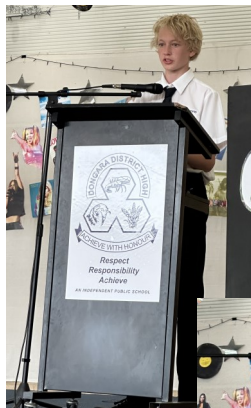
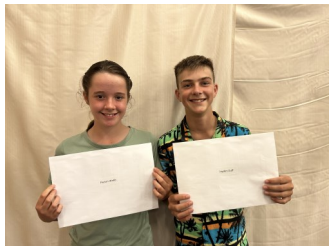
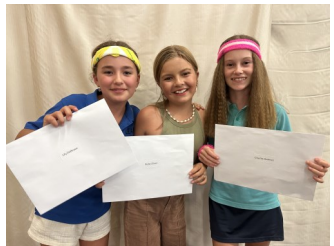
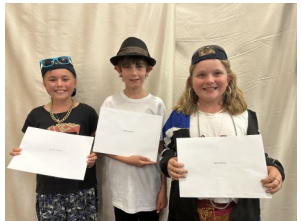
31 January
Class lists posted on Admin windows from 1pm

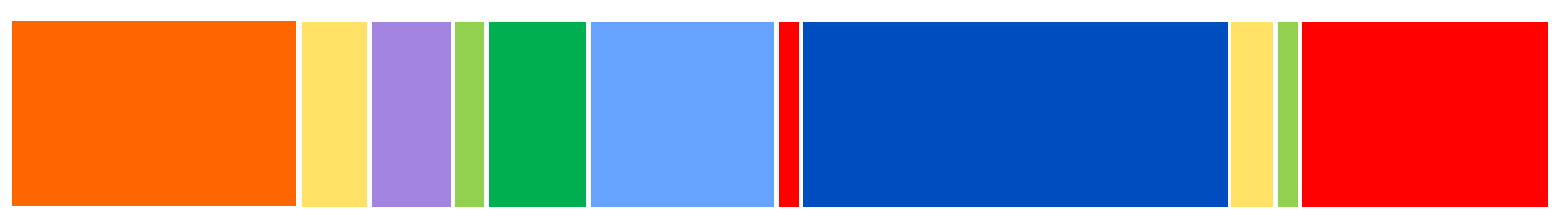
1 February
Students Commence

Merry Christmas



PP-6 Presentation Night





7-11 Presentation Assembly

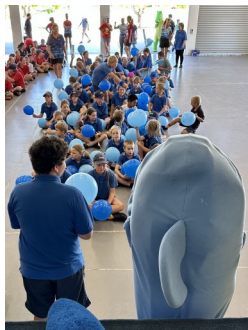


1ST MILO



Coote Cup

2ND LEANDER



2ND NHARGO & Team Spirit



3RD IRWIN

