

## Important Dates

**20 February**  
Student Council  
Meeting E3

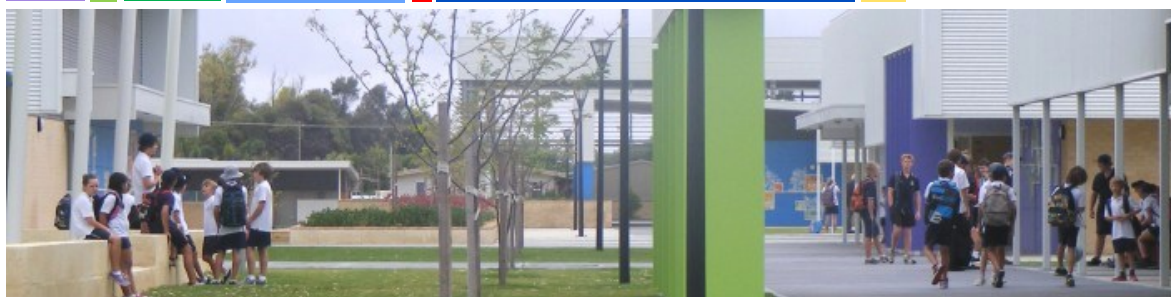
**21 February**  
School Board Meeting

**22 February**  
Young Writers Y6

**23 February**  
Young Writers Y7/8

**24 February**  
Young Writers Y9+

**28 February**  
Assembly - Milo/  
Nhargo



# DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

*An Independent Public School*

NEWSLETTER 10th February 2023

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the start of the **2023** school year at **Dongara DHS**. We have had a large number of **new students** and their families join our school community as well as students returning from other schools. **Welcome to you all!**



Did you see year 4/5 on the Public Education WA Intsa post?

We have some **new staff** joining our teaching and learning team this year and they are:

**Mr Bailey**– Physical Education

**Mrs Ellery**– Year 3

**Mrs Thuijs**– Year 2/3

**Mrs Dixon**– Year 6

**Mrs Sugg**– Special Needs EA

**Mrs Wellstead** will return next term to teach year 2/3 and **Mrs Owen** will return next semester. We have commenced a selection process for a **permanent** secondary English teacher and are pleased that **Ms McFarlane** is our **English teacher** this term.

Congratulations to **Layla Davis** from year 12 who was awarded **two**

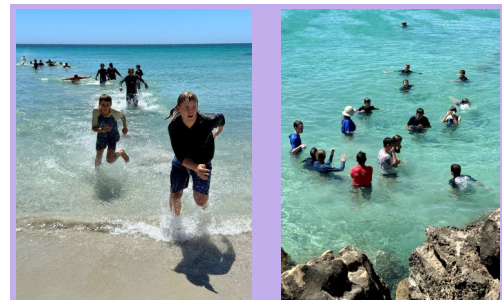
**scholarships** and sailed on the **Training Ship Leeuwin** from **Albany** to **Fremantle** over the holidays. Not only did Layla have a once in a lifetime experience she was credited with **WACE points**.

We have had a great start to the term, here are some day 1 pics.



community that we **do not** currently have a **Chaplaincy Service**. **YouthCare** are working hard to recruit a Chaplain. I sincerely thank **Ana**, our previous Chaplain for the wonderful support she provided last term. Our **School Psychologist** has developed a student self referral process for our older students. He will be visiting Home Rooms soon to discuss this with our **year 7-12** students.

How **wonderful** has the **weather** been this week. Most of our year **7-12** students and **staff** enjoyed their outside **PE classroom** at **Grannies Beach** this week.



Congratulations to **Dongara DHS** students who competed in the **Regional Surf Carnival** at **South Beach**. Also to our **U13B, U15G, U18G & U18B** at **BWA Country Champs**.

Our next whole school **Assembly** for Year 1-12 students is on **Tuesday, 28 February** and will be hosted by **Nhargo & Milo Home Rooms**.

Kind Regards

*Janine Calver*

It is with **regret** that I inform our school

*"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.

Application forms are available at the front office.

Applications close **Friday 6th April 2023**.

## Secondary Study Class

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

## Primary Maths Books

Order forms for the **2023 Maths Books** have gone home this week. Please return the **order form** with **payment** to the office before **Friday 10th February**. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS.

## Student 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 already 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: [idmadmin@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:idmadmin@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

## Truant Students

Students with **lunch passes** are **not** permitted to frequent **shops** or **bakeries** at **lunch time** as the pass only permits them to travel between their **home** and the **school**. Lunch passes are specifically for students to have lunch at their **own home**. Students wishing to **buy** their lunch can do so from the **school canteen**. Students caught down town without proper authority could face in-school **detention** for **truancy**.

## Laptop Bags

We have laptop bags for sale in the front office for **\$20**. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS.

## Year 7 & 10 Immunisations

Parents will soon be receiving information via Parent Connect regarding the **immunisation schedule** for 2023. This year parents will be asked to **register on line**. We ask that you please register online in a timely manner when the information is sent to you.

## Canteen

Our wonderful Canteen will be selling **Valentine's Day delicacies** on Tuesday 14th February, starting as **cheap as 50c**.

