

Important Dates

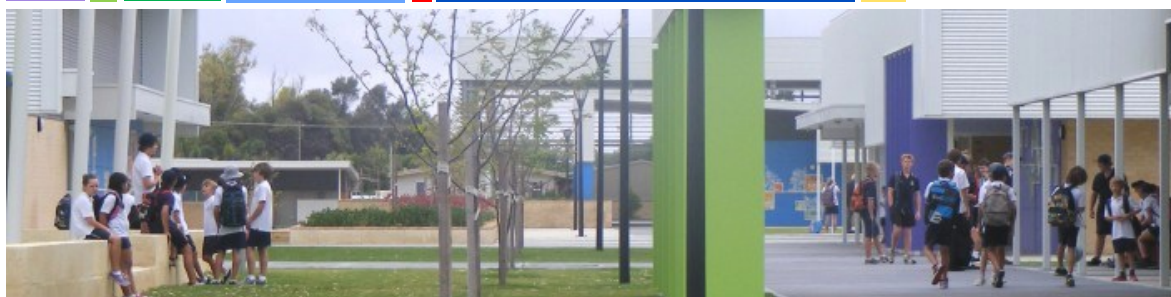
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YOH Fest
State Finals

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Year 1-11 Assembly

3 November
Bandanna Day

11 November
Remembrance Day



DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

NEWSLETTER 24th October 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to the **97 parents** who completed the **National Opinion Survey**. We saw an increase in parent responses and the **School Board** is appreciative of your feedback.

Our **Year 6 Write a Book in a Day (WABIAD) Team** have been **shortlisted** for this year's awards. The winners of **WABIAD** will be announced on **Thursday 9 November**.



Our school's application was successful in **Round 3 (LED lighting)** of the **Schools Clean Energy Technology Fund**. This will involve replacement of existing lighting with LED lighting throughout the school, excluding any rooms where ceilings are unsuitable.

Exciting news for our school and a huge thank you to **Mrs Griggs** for **writing** and **submitting** the **successful** application.

The **YOH Fest Dance Team** will perform in the **State Finals** in **Mandurah** this **Friday**. We wish them all the very best. They held a very successful **Soup & Sweets Night** raising **\$1700**. The team received generous support from **Dongara Charities, Ready Set Grow Dongara, Dongara IGA, Pixies Prints, Dongara Mitre 10, DDHS Canteen, DDHS P&C, James Oliver, Tegan**

Bicker, Raquel Penn and Sharon Johns-Browning. Thank you very much!



A number of our **year 9 students** have attended **Career Tasters** courtesy of **Central Regional TAFE** and the **WA Government**. The new **Year 9 Career Taster Program (CTP)** aims to inspire secondary school students to become 'career curious' about further study opportunities and potential careers.



FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2023

How will you be acknowledging the great work of a teacher at our school? Here is a link with some resources.

[World Teachers' Day - 27 October 2023 \(worldteachersday.edu.au\)](https://worldteachersday.edu.au)

We had a wonderful **Open Night** with lots of **families** visiting our **school**. Well done to our **students** and **staff** for showcasing

the amazing programs at our school. **Thank you** to the **Canteen** and **P&C** for the scrumptious food.



Our **Year 12 Class of 2023** were recognised at a **Valedictory Assembly, morning tea and Leavers Dinner** last Friday. We said **farewell** to the **year 12s** and wished them all the best for their futures away from **Dongara DHS**. **Thank you** to **Mrs Downes, staff** and **Southerly's Tavern**.



We wish **Mrs Leslie James** a relaxing time over the remainder of **Term 4** and **2024** as she takes well deserved leave.

Our next whole school **Assembly** for **Year 1-11** students is on **Friday 27 October**, hosted by **D4**

Kind Regards
Janine Calver

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Bandanna Day

Bandanna Day will be held on the **3rd** of **November** to raise money for **Canteen**, an organisation that supports young people impacted by cancer. **Bandannas** will be on **sale** from the **school canteen** and the **front office** as well as some pop up stalls run by our **student council**. **Bandannas** can be purchased for **\$5**. If your child wishes to be involved in the day but does not wish to wear a bandanna they can support the cause by wearing **crazy or colourful socks** for a **gold coin donation**. **Thanks** in advance for supporting a great cause!



Year 6 Science

The **year 6's** in **Mrs Jeffery's** class, are **investigating chemical and physical changes**. Currently, we are conducting an experiment to see if we can **slow down the rusting process** (chemical change) by putting **nails** in **different environments**. Some have been coated with **paint** or **Vaseline**, and others are in **salt water** or **vinegar**. We are looking forward to seeing if our **hypotheses** are **correct**.



Year 9/10 Rec Pursuits

The **year 9/10 Recreational Pursuits** took to the **Rec Centre** to try their hand at **skating**. It was pleasing to see everybody attempt the somewhat challenging skill- some with more success than others! Lots of **leadership on display** as well with students helping each other and picking each other up after a few spills.



Year 9/10 Outdoor Ed

The **year 9/10 Outdoor Education** class took advantage of the near 40 degree heat on **Monday** and headed to the **beach** to hone their **surfing skills**. After a brief refresher on the beach on how to pop up onto the board there was lots of success out in the water and lots of **smiles** and **laughs** along the way.



Lost Property Box

Please check the lost property box if you are missing any uniform items.



Incursion

Primary School Incursion **Loose Parts** Week 4 **Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd October** for Kindy to Year 6 students.

The cost for this incursion will be **\$7.00 per student** unless school fees are paid.

Loose parts incursion is for **Kindy to Year 6**. For this **incursion** the **students** will be supplied with an abundance of flexible, adaptable resources and the possibilities are endless. **Children** have fun using their **imagination** and **creativity** with **loose parts**.



2024 Planning

If your child/ren **WILL NOT BE ATTENDING Dongara District High School** in **2024**, please notify **Administration staff** as soon as possible. This information is vital in **planning for 2022**.

2023 Year 12 Presentation Ceremony

Year 12 General English Award:

Alleyah Gidgup

Year 12 Outdoor Education Award:

Jack Tugby

Year 12 Materials, Design & Technology Award - Wood:

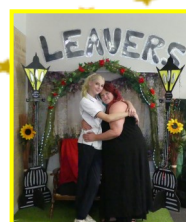
Mannelle Wilson

Year 12 STAR Award:

Jack Tugby

Year 12 AMPOL Best Allrounder Award:

Mannelle Wilson



2023 Open Night

