

Important Dates

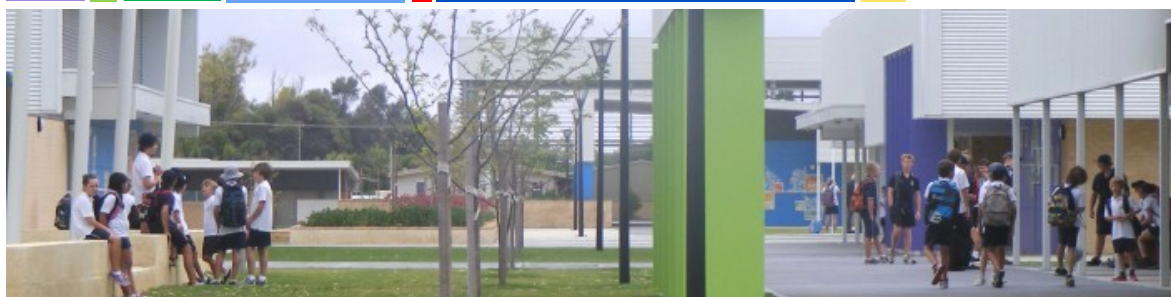
11th August
Try a Trade

14th August
Kindy Welcome to
your Faction Day

19th August
Book Week Dress
Up Day

25 August
Jumps and Throws

27 August
PP-12 House
Athletics Carnival



DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

NEWSLETTER 8th August 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Sorry for the delay with the first newsletter for Term 3. We have had a lot of student activities over weeks 1-3 and decided to delay publishing so that we could share student successes with you.

A **Connect Notice** was sent to all families last week regarding the consultation for our **Draft Management and Prevention of Bullying Policy**. Feedback is due by **28 August** via email to dongara.dhs@education.wa.edu.au

A reminder to all families to please leave the **school play areas** in a timely manner at the end of the school day. Our staff, including cleaners, continue to work after the siren sounds.



Our **Cross Country Team** recently participated in a regional carnival at **Eneabba**. The results are on the next page of this newsletter. **Thank you** to all participants, parents who travelled and provided lifts and to **Mr Bailey, Miss Owen and Ms Tsang**. Well done team!



If families are planning to take their children out of school during term for a **family holiday**, please email me with your circumstances. Otherwise, this may be recorded as an **unauthorised vacation**, impacting on **Good Standing**.

It is great to see so many students choosing **RESPECT** by wearing full school uniform. If you are **unable** to source uniforms there are some **pre loved** available via the **P&C**. Wearing our school uniform is part of **Good Standing**.

Congratulations to **Olivia Kittow** and **Amber Ganfield** from year 6 who were invited to try out for the **12s State School Girls Netball Team**. **Olivia** has been selected into the **Squad** with the team being announced next week. **Olivia** is the only girl from the **Midwest** in the squad of 21 and just 1 of 3 regional girls. **Olivia** will know next week if she made the team.



We are so fortunate to have **Saxon** our **Therapy Dog** working in the school accompanied by his wonderful handler **Kylie Wynne**. **Saxon** has a very important role in supporting the **social and emotional learning** of our students.



The **Bullying No Way: National Week of Action** is next week. This year's theme is **'Be bold. Be kind. Speak up.'** There will be a variety of additional awareness activities in classrooms.



Our **YOH Fest Team** will be competing at the **Midwest Heats** at the **Queens Park Theatre** on **Tuesday 19 August**. Our **Choir** will also be performing. Please come along and support us! Tickets are available online via [Events » City of Greater Geraldton Queens Park Theatre](#)

Our **next assembly** for **year 1-12** is on **Thursday 21 August** and will be hosted by **D3**

Kind Regards
Janine Calver

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Certificate of Achievement

Congratulations to the following students who received **Certificates of Achievement**.

Year 1	Malakai Homes-Schimanski Mileena-Rose Scidone
Year 2	Rosie Aubrey Flynn Gunning
Year 3	Hayden Hathaway Henco Van Der Westhuizen Lasika Diya Sivakumar
Year 4	Holly Bamford Oscar River-Scott
Year 5	Casey Evans Indiana Bailey Demi Spencer Matilda Baxter Kayn Skaife
Year 6	Neytiri Staley Reef Porteous Rylan Samulkiewicz

2026 Planning

If your child **WILL NOT** be attending **Dongara DHS** in **2026**, and you have **not** already advised the front office, please notify **administration staff** as soon as possible. **This information is vital in planning for 2026.**

Book Week 2025

Book Week is week 5, **August 15th - 22th**. This years theme is:

"Book an Adventure"

Dress up day for the whole school is **Tuesday 19th August**.



2026 Kindy Enrolment

Kindergarten Enrolments are now due back for **2026**. Children born between **1st July 2021** and **30th June 2022** are eligible to attend **Kindergarten** in **2026**. Parents are requested to collect an **application package** from the **school office**.

Eneabba Cross Country

The **Eneabba Interschool Cross Country** was held on **Friday 1st August**. There were **263 competitors** from **18 schools**, **10** Primary Schools, **4** District High Schools, **1** Senior High School, **1** Ag College, **1** Community College and Catholic College in **Eneabba**.

Yr3 Boys 1000m-33 Competitors
2nd Oscar Bailey

Yr3 Girls 1000m-34 Competitors
5th Evie Bradley

Yr4 Boys 1500m-30 Competitors
9th Xavier Morrison

Yr4 Girls 1500m-19 Competitors
9th Naveah Pianta

Yr5 Boys 1500m-24 Competitors
5th Coen Munro

Yr5 Girls 1500m-24 Competitors
10th Indiana Bailey

Yr6 Boys 2000m-17 Competitors
2nd Ollie Patten
10th Jax O'Brien

Yr6 Girls 2000m-21 Competitors
1st Olivia Kittow
5th Indi Criddle
9th Jessica Nayar

Yr7 Boys 2000m-8 Competitors
5th Isabel Sanju
6th Eli Morton
7th Logan Tong
8th Koby Delane

Yr7 Girls 2000m-7 Competitors
9th Isabel Sanju

Yr9 Girls 2500m-6 Competitors
6th Sara Nayar

Yr10& over Boys 2500m-11 Competitors
6th Campbell Wass
7th Jacob Cann
9th Tyson Wilson
10th Fraser Haddow

Yr10& over Girls 2500m-2 Competitors
1st Tilly Samuel

We placed **4th** in both the **Primary and Secondary Shields**.

Thank you to all involved!



Yr 9 Career Tasters

Last week the **Year 9** students participated in two Career Tasters as a part of the **Year 9 Career Taster Program**. They have now participated in 4 Career Taster workshops this year. Thank you to Ms Stokes for planning.

The first in **Horticulture**, the branch of agriculture where art, science and technology come together for plant cultivation. They created their own **kokedama** under the instruction of **Vivek Bhat** from **BCMI**, Central Regional Tafe. The second delivered by **Mark Davis** from **Yalagan** Registered Training showing career options in **building & civil construction, mining & extraction** and the **railway industry**. He emphasised the importance of safe working practices in Australian industry and students learned about uses of a selection of specialist safe working equipment including rigging and harnessing and applied them on a Mobile Training Trailer.



Term 3 Planner

WK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	21 July School Development Day	22 • Students Commence	23	24 • English RLS visit	25 • YOH Fest day/ night rehearsal • Chaplain • Schools Tree Day • Newsletter	26	27
2	28 • P&C Book Fair week • SIDE Math Apps • Study class	29 • Chaplain • RLS Math Methods • Y9 CTP Horticulture	30 • SIDE Visit • Constable Care • Deadly Thinking • International Day of Friendship	31 • Assembly – E4 • Chaplain • Deadly Thinking • Y9 CTP Yalagan • P&C AGM 6pm	1 Aug • Eneabba Cross Country • Chaplain • Primary Principal Day	2	3
3	4 • Nat Aboriginal & TSI Children's Day • Study Class	5 • Chaplain • Yr 4 PEAC Testing	6 • Young Writers Y6 • School Board Mtg • Aust Maths Comp	7 • Young Writers Y7/8 • Chaplain	8 • Newsletter • Chaplain	9 Full Moon	10
4	11 • Try a Trade • Bullying No Way Week • Study Class • Science Week	12 • Try a Trade • Chaplain • Int Youth Day	13 • Try a Trade	14 • Chaplain • RLS visit Chem • Student Council Mtg • Kindy Welcome to your faction day	15 • Chaplain	16	17
5	18 • Book Week • Study Class	19 • YOH Fest Geraldton • Chaplain	20	21 • Assembly – D3 • Chaplain • Student Health Academy	22	23	24
6	25 • Jumps and Throws • Study Class	26 • Chaplain	27 • House Athletics Carnival	28 • Chaplain	29 • Chaplain • Newsletter	30	31
7	1 Sep • 11/12 ODE Camp Rottnest • EA Appreciation Week • Study Class	2 • 11/12 ODE Camp Rottnest • Chaplain	3 • 11/12 ODE Camp Rottnest • Write a Book in a Day • Indigenous Literacy Day	4 • 11/12 ODE Camp Rottnest • Chaplain • Student Health Academy • Student Council Mtg	5 • Father's Day Stall	6	7 Fathers Day
8	8 • Full Moon • OLNA Writing • Y9 CTP Animal Care • National Child Protection Week • Study Class	9 • Photo Day • Chaplain • Numero Comp Geraldton	10 • Photo Day • OLNA Reading • Y9 CTP Bees Wax • World Suicide Prevention Day	11 • Assembly - D4 • Chaplain • RUOK? Day • Interschool Aths Jurien	12 • Newsletter • Chaplain • Bravehearts Day	13	14
9	15 • Open Night	16 • Chaplain • OLNA Numeracy	17 • Y9 CTP Bricklaying • Aust Citizenship Day	18 • Chaplain	19 • Dress like a Pirate day	20	21
10	22 • Study Class • Country Week	23 • Chaplain	24	25 • Chaplain	26 • Newsletter • Chaplain • 7-12 Interim Reports	27	28