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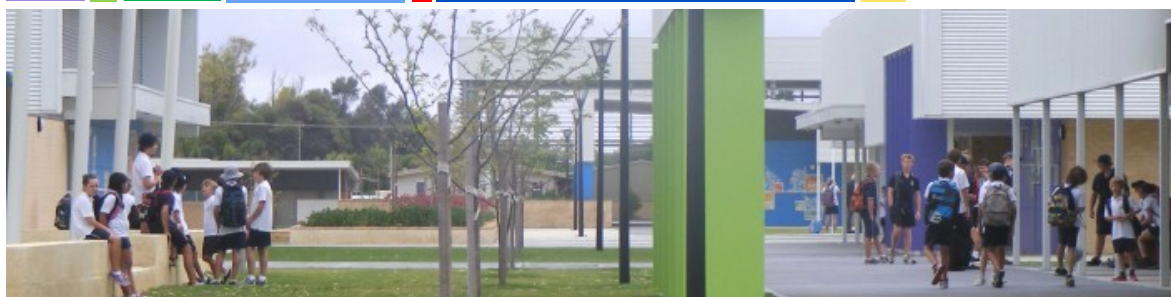
9th-10th September
School Photo Day

9th September
Numero Comp
Geraldton

11th September
Assembly -D4
Interschool Athletics
Jurien Bay

15th September
Open Night

19th September
Dress like a Pirate Day



DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

NEWSLETTER 8th September 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to **Milo** who are the **2025 DDHS Athletics Champion House**. Congratulations to all age group Champions and Runner Up Champions. **Thank you** to **Mr Bailey, Ms Owen, staff, parents, P&C Canteen** and the **Shire of Irwin**. A huge thank you to all of the competitors for your sportsmanship and attendance at the athletics events.



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Thank you to the Kindy staff and parents who made **"Welcome to your Faction Day"** so amazing for our Kindy students. Also thank you to the year 6 and senior house captains.

We had an amazing **Book Week** and a highlight was certainly the **dress up day**. Thank you to the many students and staff who got dressed up in support of **Book Week**. It was so wonderful to see our year 1-12 students peer reading on the oval!

We are very proud of **Demi Spencer** from year 5 who placed **3rd** at the **Randolph Stow Young Writers awards** in the upper primary Poetry section.



The **Dongara DHS School Board** ratified the new Management and prevention of Bullying Policy. **Thank you** to those who contributed and/or provided feedback. The policy is available via the **Parent Connect Library** and our **webpage**. Teachers will be familiarising their students with the policy over the coming weeks.



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Our **YOH Fest Team** performed at the Midwest Heats in Geraldton and won the **Healthway award for the best**

interpretation of the 2025 health theme. Thank you to the many people who attended the night to support the girls. They will find out on **10th September** if they are selected for the state finals.



The **year 6 talented young writers** and illustrators entered the **Write a Book in a Day** competition by writing, illustrating and publishing a book in one day. They will find out in **November** if they are winners.



A reminder that **Open Night** is on **Monday 15th Sept 5:30-7:30**.

Our next assembly for year 1-12 is on **Thursday 11 August** and will be hosted by **Irwin and Nhargo** home rooms.

Kind Regards
Janine Calver

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Science Week

Our little **B1 scientists** got hands-on, creating **swirling galaxies** in a jar for **science week**. They were full of colour, sparkle, and imagination. Along the way, the students learnt how to safely use lab equipment, making it a lesson full of discovery and excitement.

This year's theme, "**Decoding the Universe – Exploring the unknown** with nature's hidden language," inspired us to think big, explore bravely, and look deeper into the mysteries of our world.



Lost Property

The **lost property box** is currently **overflowing** with numerous items. Please have a look through and see if anything **belongs** to your **child/ren**. The lost property box is located **outside the canteen**.



Certificate of Achievement

Congratulations to the following students who received **Certificates of Achievement** on **Thursday 21st August 2025**.

Year 1	Grayson Cazzolli Samuel Davis
Year 2	Hendrix Haug Charlotte Ausburn
Year 3	Carter Patten Blair Corcoran Harry Bone Brooke Jones
Year 4	Hamish Wing Harper Crofts
Year 5	Gracie Pajic
Year 6	Zaran Watt Ocea Downes
Year 7	Jo-Ann Van Der Westhuizen Gordon Laver Holly Picking Tahj Dalaney Thomas Long
Year 8	Cooper Tong Chace Cameron Jayk Skaife
Year 9	Sienna Whyatt Evan Dabrowski Noah Hubo Euro Srirotok Connor Mehew
Year 10	Jakob Nayar
Year 11	Evan Dabrowski Darcy Criddle

School Photo Day

Our **School Photo Days** are **Tuesday 9th September** and **Wednesday 10th September**. You should have received your photo order envelopes already.

Please review the **photo packages** available and **complete** your **order form** on the reverse of your envelope. If **paying by cash** please ensure **exact amount** is enclosed as no change can be given. **Online ordering** is available by entering the **shoot key** on the envelope. The **last day** for ordering **photos online** will be the **17th September**. Each student will need to bring their completed Photo Order envelope on photo day even if **NO PHOTOS** are being purchased.

Please do not **bring to front office**.

If you are interested in **Sibling Photos** please collect from the office.

Kindy Faction Day

Welcome to your Faction Day!

On **Thursday the 14th of August** the kindergarten children participated in **'Welcome to your Faction Day'**. The children participated in rotations of running races and an obstacle course, played games of Rob the Nest and Bombs Away and presented a medal by Mrs Davey. The theme was **'Join in and have Fun'**, it was fabulous to see everyone in their faction colours, all of the families joining in and everyone cheering on their friends. A huge highlight was meeting our **Dongara DHS mascots**, **Simba** (Nhargo), **Flipper** (Leander), **Chomper** (Milo) and **Falcor** (Irwin). **Thank you** to the fabulous **House Captains** and **secondary students** that assisted with the day, you are outstanding role models for our kindergarten students. **Thanks** also to **Mr and Mrs Bailey**, **Mrs Spurr** and **Mrs Baxter** for your support and enthusiasm.





1st - Milo 1009

2nd - Irwin 963

3rd - Nhargo 810

4th - Leander 795

Champion

Yr1 Boy James Bradley Nhargo 24p
Yr1 Girl Edith Coffey Milo 21p
Yr2 Boy Reuben Thompson Milo 24p
Yr2 Girl Ava Redbond Milo 21p
Yr3 Boy Kobe Gaunt Irwin 17p
Yr3 Girl Evie Bradley Nhargo 25p
Yr4 Boy Liam May Leander 18p
Yr 4 Girl Katie-Ana Gall Milo 21p
Yr 5 Boy Mitchell Duffy Milo 11p
Yr 5 Girl Gracie Pajic Irwin 21p
Yr 6 Boy Charlie Waters Nhargo 26p
Yr 6 Girl Amber Ganfield Leander 26p
Yr 7 Boy Logan Tong Leander 35p
Yr 7 Girl Keesi Sadler Irwin 42p
Yr 8 Boy Jacob Giles Milo 48p
Yr 8 Girl Karitah Brooks Milo 47p
Yr 9 Boy Levi Gall Milo 53p
Yr 9 Girl Allis Duffy Milo 42p
Yr 10 Boy Fraser Haddow Nhargo 43p
Yr 10 Girl Tilly Samuel Leander 50p
Yr 11/12 Boy Darcy Giltrow Leander 31p
Yr 11/12 Girl Jayda Lewis Irwin 39p

Champion

800m Boy Ollie Patten Leander
800m Girl Amber Ganfield Leander
1500m Boy Joel Ashworth Nhargo
1500m Girl Tilly Samuel Leander

Runner-Up

800m Boy Daniel Sawyer Irwin
800m Girl Olivia Kittow Irwin
1500m Boy Campbell Wass Leander
1500m Girl Jayda Lewis Irwin



Runner-Up

Yr1 Boy Kai Wilson Leander 9p
Yr1 Girl Paige Thompson Milo 18p
Yr2 Boy Jarrah O'Brien Nhargo 15p
Yr2 Girl Rosie Aubrey Leander 18p
Yr3 Boy Oscar Bailey Irwin 14p
Yr3 Girl Bindi Barr Nhargo 13p
Yr4 Boy Alex Mouchemore Irwin 16p
Yr 4 Girl Neveah Pianta Milo 16p
Yr 5 Boy Rory Griggs Nhargo 10p
Kayn Skaife Leander 10p
Yr 5 Girl Indiana Bailey Irwin 15p
Yr 6 Boy Daniel Sawyer 18p
Yr 6 Girl Neytiri Staley Leander 18p
Yr 7 Boy Eli Morton Nhargo 29p
Yr 7 Girl Lilly Archer Irwin 19p
Yr 8 Boy Isaiah Pio Irwin 41p
Yr 8 Girl Azaria Marsden Irwin 42p
Yr 9 Boy Noah Hubo Leander 24p
Yr 9 Girl Sara Nayar Irwin 33p
Yr 10 Boy Samuel Laver Irwin 16p
Jakob Nayar Irwin 16p
Yr 10 Girl Ani Ruakere Nhargo 19p
Yr 11/12 Boy Darcy Criddle Milo 28p
Yr 11/12 Girl Mia Jones Irwin 30p

Record Breakers

PP Girls 30m Sage Willis 6.50
PP Girls 100m Imogen Ausburn 21.35
Yr 1 Girls 150m Edie Coffey 31.35
Yr 2 Girls 50m Ava Redbond 9.19
Yr 9 Girls 100m Allis Duffy 13.30
Yr 11/12 Boys 100m Darcy Giltrow 11.87
Yr 11/12 Boys 200m Darcy Giltrow 26.37
Yr 2 Girls Vortex Rosie Aubrey 14.68
Yr2 Boys Vortex Reuben Thompson 25.35
Yr 3 Girls Vortex Jaylene Turvey 14.65
Yr 3 Boys Vortex Henco Van Der Westhuizen 32.26
Yr 6 Girls Long Jump Amber Ganfield 4.19
Yr 9 Girls Triple Jump Allis Duffy 8.63
Yr 10 Girls Discus Leila Pio 20.55



Colour Fun Run



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL PHOTO DAY & PLACING ORDERS ONLINE

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

- Remember to look your best in correct school uniform.
- Bring your personalised envelope/order form, all filled out, on photo day. Bring it along even if you haven't placed an order.
- If paying with cash, please ensure the exact amount is enclosed inside the envelope. (photographers don't carry change).
- Place your order online by following instructions on your child's individual envelope.

SIBLING/FAMILY PHOTOS

- Collect your sibling envelope from the school office.
- After placing the individual order, click 'add another' & enter in the sibling access key.
- Fill out sibling details & follow prompts to confirm order.
- There is a last day to order sibling photos. Make sure to check when this date is.

Remember to write down your order reference number on the envelope after placing an order online

Don't forget to bring your smile!

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School Photography

Dongara Cricket Blast Centre

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PLAY CRICKET



Dongara Cricket Blast Centre

Registrations are now open for the Dongara Cricket Blast Centre.
Sign up now to learn fun ball skills in a fun, non-contact format! Register today via the link below!

REGISTER HERE: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/c2bc19>

Questions and queries contact: Tia Hatch (Mid-West Cricket Manager) - 0429 107 963

Location: Dongara Cricket Oval

Cost: \$65.00

Who: Kids aged 4-12

Days: Friday (commencing 24th October until 28th November)

Time: 4:30pm - 5:30pm



REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW
[PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU](https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/c2bc19)

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DDHS Open Night 2025



DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

DDHS STUDENTS AND STAFF
WELCOME YOU TO THE

2025 OPEN NIGHT

Monday 15 September
5.30-7.30pm



HAVE A FUN EVENING WITH US.
THANK YOU FOR COMING TO OUR
OPEN NIGHT.

*Kindy and PP
open from 5.30-7pm.*

**The amazing DDHS choir will be
singing for your entertainment in
the Covered Assembly Hall
at 6.30pm.**

**Be sure to visit pour state of
the art secondary specialist
classrooms.**

**Look at the CO2 Dragsters in
action in the D&T Workshop.**

For health, safety and security reasons...

**THE SCHOOL OVAL AND
PLAYGROUNDS ARE OUT OF
BOUNDS ON OPEN NIGHT,
UNLESS CHILDREN ARE
SUPERVISED BY A PARENT.**

**UNSUPERVISED CHILDREN
WILL BE ASKED TO GO HOME.**

**FORGET ABOUT COOKING DINNER
ON OPEN NIGHT!**

THE P&C CANTEEN IS OPEN 5.30-7PM
EFTPOS AVAILABLE

OPEN NIGHT MENU

CHEESEBURGER SLIDERS
TEX-MEX BEEF LOADED POTATO
WITH SOUR CREAM (GF)
BRATWURST WITH ONION JAM & CONDIMENTS
BUTTER CHICKEN & RICE (GF)
POTATO & LEEK SOUP (V) (GF)
ASSORTED SUSHI
JUMBO WHITE CHOC CHIP SPRINKLE COOKIES
STICKY DATE PUDDING WITH CARAMEL SAUCE &
ICE CREAM
CHOC MOUSSE BROWNIE CUPS (GF)



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LOOK WHAT IS HAPPENING AT OPEN NIGHT 2025

TEACHER	CLASS	ACTIVITY	ROOM
Mrs K Jeffery	K	Learning through literacy	A1
Mrs T O'Brien & Mrs K Jeffery	K/PP	Learning Journeys	A2
Mrs S Watt & Mrs D Cullen	K/PP	Magic and imagination	A3
Mrs C Ellery & Mrs S Spencer	1/2	Learning Journeys	B1
Mrs A Griggs & Mrs D Cullen	1/2	Learning Journeys	B2
Mrs V Wellstead & Mrs C Dennis	2/3	Learning Journeys	D3
Mrs L Watson	4	Learning Journeys	D4
Mrs D Owen & Mrs K Ritchie	4	World Explorers & Learning Journeys	C1
Mr G Blair	5	Learning Journeys	E2
Mrs M Mark & Mrs K Ritchie	6	Learning Journeys	E4
Ms W McFarlane		Musical Learning Journey Choir performance U/Cover area 6.30pm	Perf Arts Room
Mrs R Redfern	K-12	WOW Files, Alice In Wonderland Past school photo albums	Library

TEACHER	CLASS	ACTIVITY	ROOM
Mr K Dunmill	English	Interdisciplinary informative texts/persuasive speeches and debates	H1
Miss H Trigg	English/HASS /Art	Portfolios/Classroom displays	H2
Mr L Aubrey	Maths	Workbook explorations	H5
Ms C Stokes	VET/H Ec	Student cooking demonstration/VETDSS display	H/Ec
Mrs J Ganfield	Science/	Term 3 Science activities	Sci Lab
Mr M Downes	D & T Outdoor Ed	Workshop tour CO2 dragster Demo	D&T Work Shop
Mrs Z Bailey & Miss H Trigg	Visual Arts	Visual Diaries and exhibition of student work	Art Room & LOTE Room
Ms E Indrayani	LOTE	LOTE display	LOTE Room
Mr J Bailey	PE/HE	Sports games and student work books	H3
Mrs R Downes	YOH Fest	YOH Fest, Video	H Block
Mrs Z Bailey	IT/ Photography	Coding games/Typing challenge, student photos	IT Lab
Ms C Butler	STEM	STEM games	H Block

Kindergarten and Pre Primary will be open from 5.30-7pm to allow for the teachers to visit other classrooms.

Thank you for coming to DDHS Open Night 2025.