

Important Dates

16th March
Harmony Week

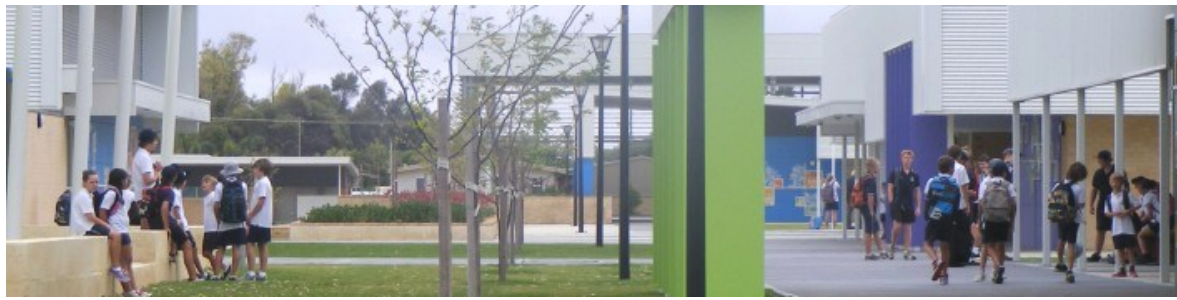
18th March
Flutes of Japan
Incursion

19th March
Solar Car Competition

20th March
Interschool Swimming
Ride2School Day

24th March
Assembly D3

2nd April
Last Day of Term



DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

NEWSLETTER 13th March 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to everyone involved in our amazing **year 1-12 Surf Carnival**. A big shout out to the **Dongara/Denison Surf Lifesaving Club, Mr Bailey, Ms Owen, Staff, P&C Canteen, parents, House Captains** and our **tremendous students**.

Congratulations to **Irwin** who were the **winning House**. Our next big swimming event is the **Interschool Carnival** to be held in Carnamah next Friday. All the best to **our team**.



This year we are having a focus on **improved student attendance**. Parent support is essential for us to achieve this goal. Our attendance rate has dropped this year from 86.2% to 82.8% and this is due to **44% of absences not explained by parents**. Please explain your child's absence from school in a timely manner.

It's **NOT** OK to miss school if your child:

- is celebrating a birthday
- is going on a family holiday
- is visiting family and friends
- has slept in or had a big weekend
- is looking after other children
- has sport or other recreational activities that have not been approved by the school
- has appointments such as haircuts and minor check ups

These absences **will not** be approved and will impact on your child's **Good Standing**.

If possible, routine medical and other health appointments should be made either before or after school, or during the school holidays.

Breakfast Club is proving to be popular with on average just over 20 students attending each day. **Breakfast Club is held in E Block Mon-Fri, 8.20-8.45 and is for year 1-12 students.**



Thank you to the **Lee family** for donating a piano. The piano originally belonged to **Yr 6 student Demi Spencer's** great-great aunt. It travelled from **Coorow to Dongara** when Demi's mum, Mrs Spencer—our 1/2 teacher—was gifted the piano.



Each Wednesday a group of year 6 boys work with **Kirsten** our School Chaplain, **Saxon** our Therapy Dog and **Kylie** his Handler. They are involved in an exciting pilot program aimed at boys to navigate their transition to **adolescence**.

Our **next year 1-12 assembly** will be held on **Tuesday 24 March** and will be hosted by **the Student Council**.

Kind Regards
Janine Calver

"Achieve with Honour"

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Certificates of Achievements

Congratulations to the following students who received **Certificates of Achievement** on **Tuesday 3rd March**.

- Year 1** Florence Smith
Claire Hansen
- Year 3** Kai Croxton
- Year 4** Jessi Lawson
Koby Lawson
Lasika Diya Sivakumar
- Year 5** Blake Howell
Harper Crofts
Zayden Tittums
- Year 6** Demi Spencer
Jack Prunster
Norah Goedecke
- Year 8** Keesi Sadler
Kimberley Hutchcraft
Jo-Ann VanDerWesthuizen
- Year 9** Jacob Giles
Trent Lewis
- Year 10** Connor Mehew
Jacob Maidment
Kiara Betts-Rattray
- Year 11** Samuel Laver

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 **2nd April 2026**

Aussie of Month

Congratulations to the following **Aussie of the Month** certificate recipients. This months value was **Consideration**.

- Lower Primary: **Florence Smith**
- Upper Primary: **Brodie Hathaway**
- Secondary: **Darcy Criddle**

P & C News

Don't forget to check out our **Pre Loved Uniforms** that are available for purchase at the front office all items are just **\$2.00**.



CALLING FOR SUPERSTARS

We need enthusiastic volunteers ready to jump into a parent & teacher squad, dedicated to turbocharging our school community. If you're itching to make a splash, meet awesome folks, or share your expertise, then the DDHS P&C wants you! Our door's always open, and we're all ears for your brilliant ideas. Come join the fun.

P&C PRESIDENT TARA WATERS DDHSPC@OUTLOOK.COM 0418 480 579

2026 Swimming

Our dedicated beach kids have been starting their days bright and early, training at 7am at **Granny's Beach**. These early-morning sessions reflect the commitment, resilience and fantastic team spirit of our swimmers as they prepare for the upcoming **Interschool Swimming Carnival**.

Training in the ocean is no small task, and our students have embraced the challenge with **enthusiasm** and **determination**. Their hard work will see them take on **Carnamah DHS** and **Morawa DHS** at the interschool carnival, to be held at **Carnamah Pool** on **Friday 20th March**

A huge **thank you** to our hardworking **swimmers**, and to **Mr Bailey** and **Ms Owen** for their ongoing support and encouragement. We are incredibly **proud** of the **effort** and **dedication**



HARMONY WEEK 2026

On Wednesday 18th March, performers from Taiko Drums & Flutes of Japan are visiting our school with a presentation for all Pre-Primary to Year 12 students. This will incorporate performances and audience participation using instruments including shakuhachi and fue (flutes), taiko (drums of various sizes) and a variety of other percussion instruments.

Cost: \$700 to be paid by Friday 13th March



On Friday, 20th March, all students and staff are encouraged to wear orange clothing. This is the official colour of Harmony Week and signifies a commitment to mutual respect, inclusivity, and the celebration of cultural diversity.



SURF CARNIVAL

1st Irwin 430
1st Milo 394
3rd Nhargo 348
4th Leander 341

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

Girls Yr 1 Mabel Kappeler (N) 18
 Boys Yr 1 Otto Coffey (M) 23
 Girls Yr 2 Edie Coffey (M) 24
 Boys Yr 2 James Bradley (N) 32
 Girls Yr 3 Rosie Aubrey (L) 26
 Boys Yr 3 Jarrah O'Brien (N) 23
 Girls Yr 4 Evie Bradley (N) 29
 Boys Yr 4 Kobi Gaunt (I) 23
 Girls Yr 5 Jarrah Waters (N) 26
 Boys Yr 5 Louie George (L) 26
 Girls Yr 6 Indiana Bailey (I) 23
 Boys Yr 6 Coen Munro (M) 19
 Girls Yr 7 Olivia Kittow (I) 26
 Boys Yr 7 Liam Thomas (L) 26
 Girls Yr 8 Keesi Sadler (I) 32
 Boys Yr 8 Eli Morton (N) 19
 Girls Yr 9 Karitah Brooks (M) 19
 Boys Yr 9 Isaiah Pio (I) 29
 Girls Yr 10 Sara Nayar (I) 29
 Boys Yr 10 Jayden Duff (N) 29
 Girls Yr 11/12 Jayda Lewis (I) 32
 Boys Yr 11/12 Darcy Giltrow (L) 26

IRON CHAMPIONS

Girls Yr 4 Evie Bradley (N)
 Boys Yr 4 Carter Patten (L)
 Girls Yr 5 Jarrah Waters (N)
 Boys Yr 5 Alex Mouchemore (I)
 Girls Yr 6 Miller Haug (M)
 Boys Yr 6 Coen Munro (M)
 Girls Yr 7-9 Karitah Brooks (M)
 Boys Yr 7-9 Gordon Laver (I)
 Girls Yr 10-12 Jayda Lewis (I)
 Boys Yr 10-12 Darcy Giltrow (L)

INDIVIDUAL RUNNER UPS

Girls Yr 1 Imogen Ausburn (L) 13
 Tess Patten (L) 13
 Sage Willis (N) 13
 Boys Yr 1 Loki Gaunt (I) 22
 Girls Yr 2 Sophia Samulkiewicz (I) 16
 Boys Yr 2 Billy Brownsea (M) 13
 Girls Yr 3 Charlotte Ausburn (L) 17
 Boys Yr 3 Reuben Thompson (M) 21
 Girls Yr 4 Bindi Barr (N) 18
 Boys Yr 4 Oscar Bailey (I) 22
 Girls Yr 5 Holly Bamford (N) 16
 Boys Yr 5 Alex Mouchemore (I) 19
 Girls Yr 6 Miller Haug (M) 18

Girls Yr 6 Gracie Pajic (I) 18
 Boys Yr 6 Brodie Hathaway (I) 12
 Girls Yr 7 Indi Criddle (M) 20
 Boys Yr 7 George Fanning (N) 24
 Girls Yr 8 Lilly Archer (I) 15
 Boys Yr 8 Logan Tong (L) 18
 Girls Yr 9 Sophie Blackwell (M) 10
 Lilly Houghton (L) 10
 Boys Yr 9 Jacob Giles (M) 18
 Girls Yr 10 Allis Duffy (M) 16
 Tahlia Morton (N) 16
 Boys Yr 10 Levi Gall (M) 23
 Girls Yr 11/12 Sophie Lewis (I) 20
 Boys Yr 11/12 Jasper Campbell-
 Chaplin (L) 16

IRON RUNNER UPS

Girls Yr 4 Lilly Lee (I)
 Boys Yr 4 Oscar Bailey (I)
 Girls Yr 5 Emmi Shehan (L)
 Boys Yr 5 Blake Howell (I)
 Girls Yr 6 Indiana Bailey
 Boys Yr 6 Bay Gordon (L)
 Girls Yr 7-9 Keesi Sadler (I)
 Boys Yr 7-9 Logan Tong (L)
 Boys Yr 10-12 Jasper Cambell (L)

