

Important Dates

4th –8th May
ODE Coral Bay Camp
OLNA Reading

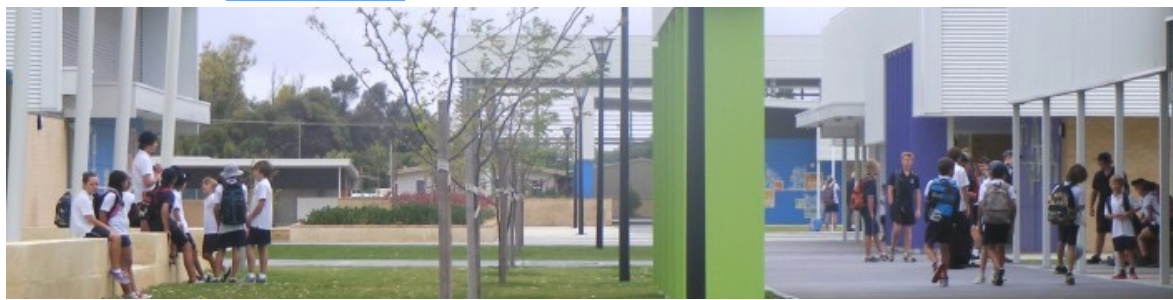
7th May
B1 Historical Museum
Excursion

7th/8th May
Kindy Mother's Day
Afternoon tea

8th May
P&C Mother's Day
Stall

13th/14th May
Yr 10 Careers Expo

15th May
PS Basketball Slam



DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

NEWSLETTER 1st May 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have had a fabulous start to **Term Two** with so many amazing events happening within the school community. Welcome to our new and returning students and their families. **Welcome** to our newest staff member, **Mrs Alicia Wing** who is our permanent **Home Economics Assistant** in the Secondary School.



The **Dongara DHS Breakfast Club** "Fill the Bowl with Happiness" is running everyday from **8:20-8:45**. All students from Year **1-12** are welcome to join the staff for breakfast for a **great start to the day**.

Our **School Development Day** was utilised for staff to work collaboratively on ideas to encourage and acknowledge good attendance and our student wellbeing plan and care plan. This year we have a focus on **improved student attendance**. Parent support is essential for us to achieve this goal. Parents, please

explain all absences in a timely manner.

On **Friday 24th April**, the students and staff walked down to **Memorial Park**. Thank you to our students, staff and friends of the school who attended our **ANZAC Commemorative Service**. Thank you to **Mrs Cusworth, Miss Mcfarlane, the Student Council, Dongara Police** and the **Dongara RSL**.



Thank you to **Pixies Prints** for the wonderful **Year 12 Leavers Jackets** and a big Thank you to **Mrs Samulkiewicz** and **Mrs Calver** for helping the Year 12 students to complete their final look!

Thank you to **Miss Owen** and **Mrs Baxter** for taking 16, **Year 5 and 6 Girls** to the **Primary Football Carnival** in **Geraldton**. The girls represented **Dongara District High School**.

Week 3, the Year 11 and 12 Outdoor Education students, Mr Downes, Mr Bailey and Mrs Ganfield will be heading to **Coral Bay** next week for their **Outdoor Education Camp**. We all hope you have a fabulous time and enjoy their learning experiences beyond the classroom!

Our next year **1-12 assembly** will be held on **Wednesday 20th May** and will be hosted by **D4**.

The annual **P&C Mother's Day Stall** will be held **Friday 8th May** in the under covered **Assembly Hall**. Thank you to the **Dongara P&C!**

Wishing our DDHS Mums a wonderful Mother's Day.



Kind Regards

Rhiannon Downes

"Achieve with Honour"

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Visitors to DDHS

We were excited to welcome **Aine, Roger, and Nat** from the **Fremantle Dockers**, who ran a fantastic training session for our **Year 5 and 6 girls**. The students had a wonderful time developing their skills, building confidence, and learning from experienced coaches as they prepare for the upcoming **Girls Football Carnival in Geraldton this Friday**. It was a great opportunity for our girls to be inspired and supported, and we thank our visitors for their time and encouragement.



Student Contact Detail

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 or mobile phone number
- Address details
- Emergency contact details
- Medical details
- Student Details

Student Attendance

Our **target is to achieve 90% regular whole school attendance**. This is how families can support us to achieve our target.

When is it **OK** to not go to school?

An **OK** reason is one that **prevents** your child from getting to school. This could include:

- when your child is sick or unwell
- attending cultural or religious observances such as sorry time and funerals
- an unavoidable natural event such as flood waters or a cyclone
- an unavoidable medical appointment
- The principal decides if the reason given for your child's absence is acceptable.

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

**PLEASE HELP US
REACH OUR
ATTENDANCE TARGET
OF 90% OR GREATER!
OR GREATER!**

2027 Kindy Enrolment

Kindergarten Enrolments are now being taken for **2027**. Children born between **1st July 2022** and **30th June 2023** are eligible to attend **Kindergarten in 2027**. Parents are requested to collect an **application package** from the **school office**. Application forms should be **completed** and **returned** with the child's **Birth Certificate**.



Shaping the future

Kindergarten enrolments are now open for 2027

If your child will be **4 years old** by **30 June 2027**, enrol them in Kindergarten now.

Visit your local public school or community kindergarten to apply. Apply to enrol before 24 July 2026.

Find out more: education.wa.edu.au/enrol



Certificate of Achievement

Congratulations to the following students who received **Certificates of Achievement** on **Wednesday 29th April**

Year 1	Billie Blakeney Loki Gaunt
Year 2	Bailey Sawyer Edie Coffey James Bradley
Year 3	Hendrix Haug
Year 4	Dwayne Jones
Year 5	Louie George Zayn Criddle
Year 6	Benjamin Rose Lucy Couper Brodie Hathaway
Year 7	Liam Thomas Olivia Kittow
Year 8	Holly Picking Shannon Pajic Koby Delane Isabel Sanju Eli Morton
Year 10	Lia Chaplin Jayden Duff

P&C Mothers Day Stall



Gifts for grandma and special care givers also available

Gifts for
\$2, \$5,
\$10



Teachers will bring each primary class up to the stall.
Other students can purchase at recess and lunch



Year 6's and the Thursday Kindy class will attend the stall on the 7th May

TERM 2 – 2026

WK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	April 20 • School Development Day	21 • Students Commence	22 • School Psych • Earth Day	23 • School Psych	24 • ANZAC Service Memorial Park	25	26
2	27 • ANZAC Day	28 • S/Council Meeting	29 • School Psych • Assembly – ANZAC Student Council • OLN Writing	30 • School Psych	May 1 • Newsletter • Primary Girls Football Carnival	2 • Full Moon	3
3	4 • Study Class • 11/12 ODE Camp Coral Bay • WAFL Trophy Tour • OLN Reading	5 • World Asthma Day	6 • School Psych • School Board Mtg • OLN Numeracy	7 • School Psych • B1 Historical Museum excursion • Mother's Day afternoon tea K-B	8 • Y6 GOSH excursion • Outdoor Classroom Day • Mother's Day afternoon tea K-Y • P&C Mother's Day Stall	9	10 • Mothers Day
4	11 • Study Class	12	13 • School Psych • Geraldton Regional Careers Expo Yr 10 • Maths EST	14 • School Psych • 3x3 Basketball • Careers Expo	15 • PS Basketball Slam Series	16	17 • IDAH OBIT
5	18 • Y6 Broome Camp English EST • PEPP Talk Y10 • S/Council Meeting • Study Class • Road Safety Week • B2 Farm Excursion	19 • C1 Excursion • 7-9 Road Smart Inc	20 • School Psych • SIDE EST • Assembly – D4	21 • School Psych • SIDE EST • Aust Biggest Morning Tea	22 • SIDE EST • Newsletter • Walk Safely to School Day	23	24
6	25 • Wood EST • Health Studies EST • Study Class	26 • Outdoor Ed EST • National Sorry Day	27 • School Psych • Reconciliation week • Nat Simultaneous Storytime	28 • School Psych • S/Council Meeting	29 • TSI Flag Day • Yoh Fest Rehearsal	30	31 • Full Moon
7	Jun 1 • WA Day	2 • Sem 1 SIDE Exams	3 • School Psych • Mabo Day • World Bicycle Day	4 • School Psych	5 • World Environment Day	6	7
8	8 • Sem 1 SIDE Exams	9 • Men's Health Week	10 • School Psych • Thank a First Responder Day • Superhero Dress-up Day	11 • School Psych	12 • WCF PS Netball Carnival Gtn • PS Boys Football Carnival	13	14
9	15 • Study Class • Library last week for borrowing • OLN Writing (B)	16 • Sec Curriculum Evening & Expo 6-9	17 • School Psych • School Board AGM & general meeting • OLN Reading (B)	18 • School Psych • PS NM Winter Sports Carnival	19 • HS NM Winter Sports Carnival	20	21
10	22 • Study Class • S/Council Meeting • OLN Numeracy (B)	23 • House Cross Country	24 • School Psych • Assembly – B1/ B2 • Y6 Health Forum excursion	25 • School Psych	26 • Yoh Fest Rehearsal • Reports emailed home	27	28
11	29 • School Psych • Study Class • NAIDOC week	30 • Full Moon	Jul 1 • Newsletter • Pupil Free day Reporting to Parent Sessions	2 • Y8 Morawa Ag College Open Day	3 • Last Day Term 2	4	5

Staff Commence Term 3 – Monday, 20th July 2026
Students Commence Term 3 – Tuesday, 21st July 2026