

Important Dates

4th September
Father's Day Stall

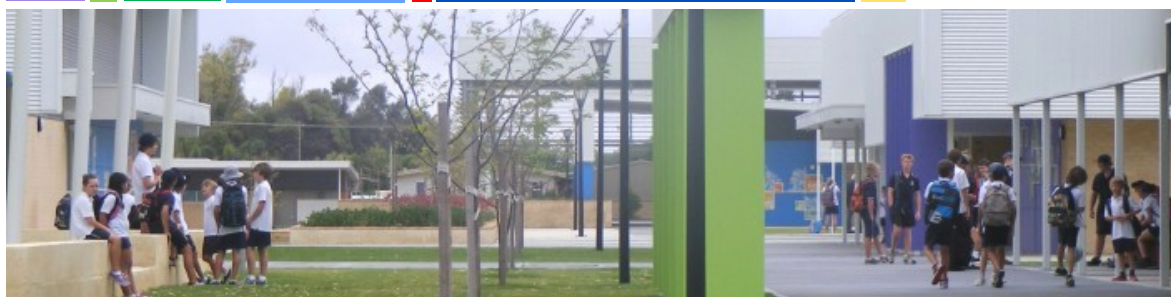
8th September
Numero Geraldton

10th September
Assembly E4
RUOK Day
PJ Dress up Day

11th September
Interschool Athletics
Carnamah

14th September
Open Night

21st September
Country Week



DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

NEWSLETTER 4th September 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We welcome **Ms Nikki Lundy** as our **year 4/5** teacher with **Miss Owen**. We wish **Mrs Owen** well while she is away for the remainder of the year.



Well done to our **Year 6 Write a Book in a Day Team** who wrote, illustrated and published a children's book in a day. They also raised **over \$800 for the Kid's Cancer Project**. We will find out in **November** if we are winners.



Congratulations to **Olivia Kittow** from **year 7** on being **one of five finalists** in the **2026 Randolph Stow Awards for Young Writers**. Olivia received a **Highly Commended Award**.

Thank you to the **Dongara Combined Churches** and to **Kirsten our Chaplain**

for gifting us all, a cup cake during **Bullying No Way Week**.



Our **2026 YOH Fest Dance Team** competed in the **Midwest heats** at the QPT. They were supported by our **School Choir**. Both groups were absolutely amazing. We find out on **11 September** if we are state finalists.



Congratulations to **Milo** who were the athletics **winning house for the third year in a row**. Well done to all participants and helpers at the Jumps and Throws and Track events. You were great ambassadors for our school. Wishing our **Interschool Team** the very best at **Carnamah** next **Friday**.

Great fun was had at **"Kindy Welcome to your Faction Day"**. Thanks to all the parents and carers who attended and supported their children.



This week **Kindy** and **PP Dad's** spent an evening at school with their child/ren to celebrate **Father's Day**. What a great evening was had by all. Thanks to our terrific **P&C** for running their annual **Father's Day Stall**.



Our next year **1-12 assembly** will be held on **Thursday 10th September** to be hosted by **E4**.

Wishing all of our school community **Dad's a fabulous Father's Day**.

Kind Regards
Janine Calver



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House Athletics Carnival

Welcome to Your Faction Day!

On **Wednesday, 19 August**, our Kindergarten students participated in **Welcome to Your Faction Day**. The children enjoyed a variety of fun activities, including running races, flag races and sack races. They also took part in exciting games of *Rob the Nest* and *Bombs Away*, before receiving a medal from **Mrs Davey**. The theme for the day was "**Join In and Have Fun**", and it was wonderful to see everyone proudly dressed in their faction colours. It was fantastic to have families joining in and cheering on the students throughout the event. A major highlight of the day was meeting our Dongara DHS mascots: **Simba (Nhargo)**, **Flipper (Leander)**, **Chomper (Milo)** and **Falcor (Irwin)**. A huge thank you to our amazing **House Captains** and **secondary students** who assisted throughout the day. You are outstanding role models for our Kindergarten students. Thank you also to **Mrs Jeffery, Mrs Watt, Mrs Couper, Mrs Sherer and Mr Bailey** for your support, enthusiasm and assistance in making the day such a success.



Achievement Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received **Certificates of Achievement** on **Thursday 30th August 2026**.

Year 1	Thea Colley Scarlett Carter
Year 2	Kai Wilson
Year 3	Mileena Scidone Flynn Gunning Ava Redbond Matilda Harper
Year 4	Bindi Barr Oscar Bailey Carter Patten Hayden Hathaway
Year 5	Evie Glover Archie van Blommestein
Year 6	Brylee Slattery Immanuel Sanju Toby Edmonds
Year 7	Miller Haug Gabriel Haddow
Year 9	Ocea Downes
Year 10	Cooper Tong Connor Mehew

WA Student Assistance

Need Help Claiming?

If you are experiencing difficulties with the claiming process, please contact the school administration office.

The school can assist families who may face barriers to lodging a claim through the School Claim Exception Process. This process removes the requirement for parents or carers to provide 100 points of identification.

Admin can assist eligible parents or carers by collecting the required bank account details and submitting the claim on their behalf through the Department of Education's online claim exception process.

If you require support with your WA Student Assistance Payment claim, please contact the school administration office.

Important Reminder

Claims close on Friday, 25 September 2026. Please ensure your claim is submitted before the closing date to receive the payment

Dongara Cricket Club

The **Dongara Cricket Club** is seeking players for the 2026 season. Teams are available for **Under 10s (Years 3-4)**, **Under 12s (Years 5-6)**, and **Under 14s (Years 7-9)**, with **all skill levels welcome**.

Cricket is a great way for students to stay active, build friendships, and be part of a team. If your child is interested in giving cricket a go, registrations are needed by **4 September 2026**.

For more information, contact **Kara Bowran** on **0487 754 966** or **karabowran@hotmail.com**.

Come along, give it a go, and be part of something great!

Lost Property

Our lost property box is currently **overflowing** with unclaimed items. Please take a moment to check through the box to see if any belongings belong to your **child(ren)**. The lost property box is located **outside the Canteen**.

Any items remaining in the lost property box at the **end of the term** will be washed and donated to the **P&C Uniform Shop**.



Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to the following Aussie of the Month certificate recipients. The **virtue** for the month of **August** was **Cooperation**.

Lower Primary:	Mia Batten
Middle Primary:	Levi Couper
Secondary:	Logan Tong



Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

House Athletics Carnival



1st - Milo 1021

2nd - Irwin 960

3rd - Leander 800

4th - Nhargo 659

Champion

Yr1 Boy Otto Coffey 24pts
Yr1 Girl Elira Healy 16pts
Yr2 Boy James Bradley 29pts
Yr2 Girl Edith Coffey 26pts
Yr3 Boy Reuben Thompson 29pts
Yr3 Girl Rosie Aubrey 27pts
Yr4 Boy Talon Staley 29pts
Yr 4 Girl Bindi Barr 29pts
Yr 5 Boy Louie George 37pts
Yr 5 Girl Jarrah Waters 23pts
Yr 6 Boy Immanuel Sanju 15pts
Yr 6 Girl Gracie Pajic 34pts
Yr 7 Boy Daniel Sawyer 56pts
Yr 7 Girl Neytiri Staley 43pts
Yr 8 Boy Eli Morton 43pts
Yr 8 Girl Keesi Sadler 45pts
Yr 9 Boy Jacob Giles 56pts
Yr 9 Girl Azaria Marsden 48pts
Yr 10 Boy Levi Gall 43pts
Yr 10 Girl Kiara Beatts-Rattray 34pts
Yr 11/12 Boy Darcy Criddle 34pts
Yr 11/12 Girl Indiana Scott 56pts

Champion

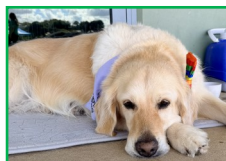
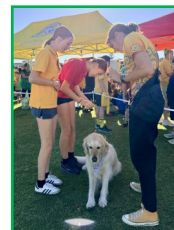
800m Boy Mitchell Duffy Milo
800m Girl Indiana Bailey Irwin
1500m Boy Jai Eva Irwin
1500m Girl Olivia Kittow Irwin

Runner-Up

800m Boy Louie George Leander
800m Girl Miller Haug Milo
1500m Boy Eli Morton Nhargo
1500m Girl Lyla Gaunt Irwin

Runner-Up

Yr1 Boy Loki Gaunt 23pts
Yr1 Girl Claire Hanser 13pts
Yr2 Boy Kai Wilson 12pts
Yr2 Girl Paige Thomson
Yr3 Boy Jarrah O'Brien 21pts
Yr3 Girl Ava Redbond 18pts
Yr4 Boy Oscar Bailey 21pts
Yr 4 Girl Evie Howell 26pts
Yr 5 Boy Alex Mouchemore 18pts
Yr 5 Girl Katie-Ana Gall 19pts
Yr 6 Boy Luke Moore 13pts
Yr 6 Girl Casey Evans 24pts
Yr 7 Boy Liam Thomas 29pts
Yr 7 Girl Jessica Nayar 34pts
Yr 8 Boy Lauchlan Gall 28pts
Yr 8 Girl Bella Duff 26pts
Yr 9 Boy Beau Ierace 22pts
 Digby Johns 22pts
Yr 9 Girl Lilly Houghton 25pts
Yr 10 Boy Noah Hubo 25pts
Yr 10 Girl Allis Duffy 24pts
Yr 11/12 Boy Darcy Giltrow 30pts
Yr 11/12 Girl Lilly Shehan 18pts



Attendance

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CURRENTLY ON 79.5%.

Our aim is to achieve between 82% - 90%. We know that many children have been ill and this has impacted on our data. If your child is unwell please let them recover at home and explain their absence in a timely manner.

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

Open Night



DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

DDHS STUDENTS AND STAFF
WELCOME YOU TO THE

2026 OPEN NIGHT

Monday 14 September
5.30-7.30pm



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

What is Bullying?

Definitions

The national definition of bullying for Australian schools is as follows:

Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening.

Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time (for example, through sharing of digital records).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Single incidents of conflict or fight between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying. If any of these behaviours occurs only once or is part of a conflict between equals (no matter how inappropriate) it is not bullying. The behaviours alone don't define bullying.

Confirming whether the behaviours were intentional is not required to implement the strategies for responding effectively. Young people involved in bullying are not always fully aware of the impact of their actions on others. It is more important to act as a result of the effects on the targeted individual, regardless of determination of intent.

This exert is from our Management and Prevention of Bullying Policy. You can read more about how we manage and prevent bullying at Dongara DHS by