



# DUNCRAIG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*At Duncraig Primary School our purpose is to create a caring and supportive environment for all children, to enable them to achieve their academic, artistic, social and physical potential while fostering respect of self and of each other and to become valued and contributing members of society.*

## ADMINISTRATION

Principal  
*Lisa Tucker*  
Deputy Principals  
*Taylor Webb*  
*Leah Clegg*  
Manager  
Corporate Services  
*Jennifer Ryan*

School Officers  
*Sue Hutchinson*  
*Leanne Gray*

## Newsletter 1 Friday 29 January 2016

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This short newsletter is to welcome the Duncraig Primary community back for the 2016 school year. I hope you have enjoyed some time together as a family over the January break and are prepared for another busy year as term 1 commences. I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome new families to Duncraig PS. Next week we have two classes of kindergarten students who (alongside their parents) will commence their formal schooling. For the first time, all of our kindergarten students will join us on the Duncraig Primary site. We also have a number of new families joining Duncraig PS from other year levels. On behalf of the Duncraig community, I would like to welcome all new students and their families.

I am expecting the commencement of the school year to go very smoothly on Monday. Our classrooms are ready to go, with the refurbishment projects that occurred during the holiday break completed. Our new kindergarten building is in place, although there are additional works required to complete the outside play areas.

The start of the school year is an exciting time for many children and their families. This new beginning can also make some children anxious as they contemplate the journey ahead and the developing of new relationships with peers and teachers. If your child is feeling anxious about returning to school, please be assured that school staff are very conscious of the anxiety that may surround this time of transition. After over twenty years in education, as a teacher, school leader and parent, my advice would be that this is quite normal, particularly in the first fortnight of school. Research indicates that the early establishment of a 'back to school' home routine may assist. Regular informal chats with your child that focus on positive events throughout the day can also help to reassure children and build their resilience and ability to manage change. If you have any major concerns, please speak with your child's teacher or contact the school office for assistance from the leadership team.

### School Staff Update

I am delighted to advise you that all staff will be returning to Duncraig PS this term with the exception of Ms Cathryn Locke who is on leave for semester 1.

I would also like to welcome our newly appointed second deputy principal, Miss Leah Clegg. Miss Clegg will join the school leadership team alongside our current deputy principal, Mr Taylor Webb. Miss Clegg was deputy principal at Takarri PS in Balcatta last year. Previous to this, she was a school leader and classroom teacher in Karratha. Early childhood education is Ms Clegg's specific area of expertise. Alongside her teaching role in the year 1/2 class, she will provide curriculum and student services leadership for the students from kindergarten to year 2. Mr Webb's role will encompass year 3 to year 6.

Another important addition to our teaching staff this year is the expansion of the specialist learning areas. In 2016, visual art (P-6) and science (P-2) will become part of the specialist learning programs offered to students. These subjects join our existing programs in physical education (P-6), music (P-6) and French (3-6) to further enhance the curriculum offered by our classroom teachers.

A full staff list has been included with this newsletter for your information.

## Class Lists and Term Planner

Most parents will be aware that class lists were published at the end of the 2015 school year. These have now been updated to include holiday enrolments and are on our school website for your information. The term 1 planner, including key events, is also on our website. Parents are encouraged to check this regularly as the term progresses, with new information being continually updated.

## School Timetable Change

Last year, our school board ratified an amendment to the school recess and lunch times. The new timetable ensures that the morning session is extended. This maximises the learning time for our students before they break for lunch and therefore makes the afternoon session shorter. The amended school times are included below for your information.

### SCHOOL TIMETABLE 2016

8.50 – 10.30 am	
10.30 – 10.50am	RECESS
10.50 – 12.50pm	
12.50 – 1.30pm	LUNCH
1.30 – 2.50pm	
2.50 – 3.00pm	CLASS PACK UP – students in classroom

On behalf of the staff, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of parents in ensuring children arrive at school well placed to commence a successful year. We acknowledge the work and cost in organising uniforms, shoes, school materials and lunches and thank you for your support.

I wish you all a happy start to the 2016 school year.

*Lisa Tucker*  
*Principal*

## MARRI ROAD CROSSING

Our crossing guard has requested that **students walk their bikes** across the road. This is for the safety of all concerned. Please talk to your children about not riding their bikes until they are fully across the road.

## PARKING AREAS

We ask all parents & carers to be courteous and responsible when parking around the school and to take note of any relevant signage.

**The staff car park is not to be used for setting down or picking up students.**

## UNIFORMS AND HATS

We look forward to all students wearing school uniform. This is a feature of our school and we trust parents will continue their support in this area. We particularly request that suitable shorts, not surf shorts, be worn.

We appreciate the efforts of our, P & C uniform shop coordinators, in providing uniforms.

Our sun care policy requires student wear a SunSmart hat for play and sport. Please ensure items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name. We request that no jewellery be worn to school in the interests of safety.

## PP-YEAR 6 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

We greatly appreciate you having your child attend school regularly and arrive on time.

Consistent and punctual attendance is essential for your child's social and academic learning.

As parents or legal guardians of an enrolled child, you are responsible under the *School Education Act 1999* to ensure the attendance of your child at school every day. It is important to assist your child's achievement and learning by making regular school attendance a priority in your child's life. The Department of Education's Student Attendance policy requires parents/guardians to provide an acceptable explanation to the school principal for any absence of their children.

Your continued support in maximizing your child's attendance at school is valued and will significantly benefit your child.

## CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

We look forward to your support in paying these voluntary contributions –

Kindergarten	\$60
Pre-Primary	\$60
Years 1-7	\$60

These funds will be used to provide additional resources for all students.

An outline of possible charges for each year level was provided at the end of last year. Please use this to anticipate educational expenses for the year. Charges will be collected at the time the particular event, such as an excursion, occurs.

If you have any queries on contributions and charges, please contact the office. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or bank deposit (BSB 016 495 3409 48316). We have no EFTPOS facilities.

## STAFFING FOR 2015

Principal [Lisa Tucker](#)  
Deputy Principal [Taylor Webb](#)  
Deputy Principal [Leah Clegg](#)  
Registrar [Jennifer Ryan](#)  
School Officers [Sue Hutchinson](#), [Leanne Gray](#)  
Library Officer [Pat Southall](#)  
Kindergarten A (Anteaters): [Tara Phillips](#)  
Kindergarten B (Bunyips): [Lisa Becker](#)  
Pre-primary/Year 1 Room13: [Sandy Firman](#)  
Pre-primary Room15: [Nicola Parramore](#)/[Leonie Hetebry](#)  
Pre-primary Room 17: [Vanessa Sutherland](#)/[Rachael Waters](#)  
Year 1 Room 18: [Helen Spiers](#)  
Year 1 Room 12: [Alison Plummer](#)/[Lindsay Calton](#)  
Year 1 /Year 2 :[Jenny Cole](#)/[Leah Clegg](#)  
Year 2 Room 19: [Jozie Goodfield](#)  
Year 2 Room 20: [Joanne Watkinson](#)/[Tabitha Stewart](#)  
Year 3 Room 7: [Tabitha Stewart](#)/[Jo Watkinson](#)  
Year 3 Room 8: [Jenny Wylde](#)/[Jane Gibson](#)  
Year 3/Year 4 Room 6: [Steve Miller](#)  
Year 4 Room 5: [Chris Cox](#) / [Alexandra Collett](#)  
Year 4/5 Room 3: [Louise Oldroyd](#)  
Year 5/6 Room 1: [Karen Garcia](#)/[Alison Gordon](#)  
Year 5/6 Room 2: [Susan Noguchi](#)  
Science PP-2: [Lisa Nash](#)  
Music Specialist: [Jan Ruscoe](#)  
Phys Ed Specialist: [Ted Orzel](#)  
LOTE- French: [Janet Wilderspin](#)  
Visual Art : [Alex Collett](#)

### Education Assistants

[Anna Garie](#)  
[Nadine Krauskopf](#)  
[Janette McConkey](#)  
[Jenny Martin](#)  
Gardener  
[Gary Holmes](#)  
Cleaners  
[Wendy Beattie](#)

[Janet Phillips](#)  
[Agnes Ruzics](#)  
[Karen Storm](#)  
[Ginette Williams](#)

[Paula Kunzli](#)  
[Julie Trew](#)  
[Kelly Geddes](#)

[Alison Wilson](#)



**See you on Monday!**