



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

COMING EVENTS

Thursday 25 Feb
Assembly
Rooms 1 and 2

Monday 29 Feb
Swimming lessons
begin
Years 5 and 6

Monday 7 March
Labour Day Public
Holiday

Newsletter 3 Monday 22 February 2016

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Every day in every classroom, every child is learning and achieving.

This is Duncraig Primary School's vision and created the platform for the development of our current Business Plan 2014-2016. This vision was developed before I was appointed as the school's principal, however I believe it encapsulates very well the aim for every child that attends our school. To achieve this vision, both the academic program, along with emotional wellbeing must be considered.

Every year, the school considers the achievements of our students and identifies, based on the directions outlined in our Business Plan, focus areas to support both academic learning and emotional wellbeing. In 2015, this self-assessment process identified specific areas in both English and mathematics as a focus for continued academic improvement. The newly developed HASS (humanities and social sciences) curriculum will also begin to be implemented this year.

To support emotional wellbeing, we have strengthened student services at the school. Our student services team includes the deputy principals, a psychologist, academic support teacher, an education assistant and our school chaplain. If you have any concerns about your child's academic, emotional, medical, social or health needs, please speak with your child's teacher or contact either Taylor Webb (years 3-6) or Leah Clegg (K-2).

High Performance – High Care

The Department of Education has released their new strategic plan for WA public schools. The plan is entitled, High Performance – High Care, and encourages schools to have a strong focus on high expectations for every student to succeed. High care acknowledges that school staff are very influential in the lives of their students and alongside quality teaching, they must be nurtured to grow and develop. A copy of this plan is available on our school website.

School Staff Update

Due to the state government freeze for all external recruitment, we are unable to appoint a replacement for a school cleaner position that became available at the start of this term. Please be aware that the school is currently operating with a significantly reduced cleaning staff. This means that classrooms and the undercover areas will only be cleaned on alternative days or when time permits. Toilet facilities will continue to be cleaned daily.

Marri Road Kindergarten

The school has now vacated the kindergarten on Marri Road and completed our move to the main school site. Before the building is returned to the City of Joondalup, we would like to offer school families the opportunity to take some of the equipment and materials that are no longer required by the school. Items available are play equipment - balls, sand play toys, trucks, blocks, children's desks, adult desks and wood shelving. Please contact the school if you would like to arrange a time to visit the site. All items must be collected over the next week.

Traffic Warden

Please be aware that the **traffic warden will NOT be in attendance** on the Marri Road crossing on Thursday afternoons. Our crossing is currently under review so please use it as often as you can.

Lisa Tucker
Principal

SCHOOL SIGN

You may be wondering why the school is not currently using our school sign at the front of the school. Worksafe WA has advised of a potential 'sudden dropping' hazard relating to this type of sign and as a result, we are unable to use the sign until a safety inspection has been completed

STUDENT UPDATE FORM

We are aware that contact details may change during the course of your child's enrolment. We will soon be sending home update forms with each student. Please check the information carefully, make any changes necessary and return to the front office or your class teacher.



Mathletics is an online mathematics learning resource that engages students at their suitable level. Thanks to our P&C committee, all students from Pre-primary to year 6 have access to the Mathletics program.

All staff at Duncraig Primary School use Mathletics as part of their teaching and learning program. IT enables staff to assess, diagnose and target individual learning needs. It contains real time results which mean staff can acknowledge achievement and identify gaps quickly and effectively. It can also be accessed at home and strongly encourage you to do so with your child. See the program first hand and see your child engage with it. To get your child's log in details or have a question about Mathletics, please see the classroom teacher.

Alternatively, for more information visit <http://au.mathletics.com/#/home>



NUMERO/MILO CLUB

All interested students are invited to join the Numero club on Wednesday mornings at 8am to 8.30am in Room 2. You can learn to play this great game and maybe enjoy a cup of milo as well. See you there!



NOTICE OF DUNCRAIG PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

With the 2016 school year underway, it is time to call for nominations and begin our P&C activities. The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Thursday 10th March 2016 at 7:00pm in the school library.**

ALL positions are declared vacant and anyone may nominate for a position on the executive committee (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or Executive committee member). Volunteers are also invited to join various committees – such as canteen, fundraising and uniforms.

Please come along, listen to what the P&C is all about and nominate for a position or register yourself as a general member. If you are currently a member of the P&C you will need to renew your membership.

If you can't make the Annual General Meeting you can still register as a member by filling in the membership form and putting it in the P&C tray in the office (don't forget to include the membership fee of any amount up to \$1). Membership forms are available at the office.

If you have any questions regarding the P&C, please feel free to contact me on 0408 952 523. I look forward to seeing you there.

Your presence, opinions, input, and support are very valuable.

Kind regards

Amanda (Mandy) Blackwell President Duncraig Primary School P&C

DUNCRAIG FAMILY NIGHT

Thank you to all those who celebrated the start of 2016 at our family evening last Friday. A special thanks to Luke Halden and Mr Webb for cooking up the lovely sausages!

SCHOOL BANKING

Don't forget that every Friday is School Banking day from 8.15am in the library. If you are able to assist the coordinator on a Friday morning please contact the office.

BOOK CLUB NEWS!

When ordering book club, the class name is your child's room and number i.e. Room 3, Room 18 etc.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open on Friday 4 March from 8.15-8.45am. Orders can also be placed online via the Tiqbiz app.





Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon

The Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is the biggest kids triathlon in the world and it's returning to Perth on 10th April 2016. We here at Dun Craig Primary School are proud to be a part of it.

Now in its 18th year, the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon events are designed to inspire children aged 7 -15 years to get moving in a friendly and supportive environment. Kids of all abilities cross the finish line a champion and everyone who participates takes home a medal.

The distances for the event are approximately:

7 – 10yrs: 75 m Swim / 3km Cycle / 500m Run

11 – 15yrs: 150 m Swim / 6km Cycle / 1km Run

Join our group and save

We have created a 'Group' which, if you join enables you to save \$5 off each individual entry fee. The Group Name is: *Dun Craig Stars*.

If we have at least 15 of our students join this Group, we will give our school a chance to WIN a \$5,000 cash prize to go towards a healthy initiative.

For more information and to register: <http://try.weetbix.com.au/>



RUNNING CLUB

Last week saw a fantastic beginning to the new year with a total of 99 students taking part in the first running club session of 2016. It was great to see so many new faces and so many parents participating also. If your child (and maybe you too) are interested in joining, please meet at the school undercover area before 8am every Tuesday morning. The aim of running club is to help students improve their endurance running. Speed is not necessary, there is no racing, no timing and no pressure. Student's individual distances are recorded and tallied and they receive recognition for milestones achieved over the year.

Congratulations to the following 2015 running club members on their achievements:

GOLD CERTIFICATES (exceeding a cumulative total of over 42km, marathon distance)

Asha M (Green)
Cooper (Green)
Jake (Green)
Leah (Red)

SILVER CERTIFICATES (exceeding a cumulative total of over 21km, half marathon distance)

Archie (Gold)	Jassi (Gold)
Cody (Gold)	Jessica (Gold)
Cruz (Gold)	Jimmy (Gold)
Kate (Gold)	Tara (Gold)
Luka (Gold)	Tristan (Gold)
Ridha (Gold)	Diesel (Green)
Ruby (Gold)	Kade (Green)
Summah (Gold)	Ruby (Green)

Ben (Red)
Caitlin (Red)
Cooper (Red)
Elizabeth (Red)
Grace (Red)
Hudson (Red)
Jamie (Red)
Lucas (Red)
Luke (Red)
Mackenzie (Red)

Matheo (Red)
Patryk (Red)
Paul (Red)
Robert (Red)
Sinead (Red)
Thomas (Red)
Toby (Red)
Una (Red)
Zoe (Red)

BRONZE CERTIFICATES (exceeding a cumulative total of over 10km)

Asha K (Gold)
Haylee (Gold)
Isaac (Gold)
Lachie (Gold)
Lucy (Gold)
Ravi (Gold)
Sophie (Gold)
Amelae (Green)
Cooper (Green)
Jack E (Green)
Jack M (Green)



Kai (Green)
Oakley (Green)
Thomas (Green)
Abby (Red)
Ben O (Red)
Julia (Red)
Kai (Red)
Lily (Red)
Masa (Red)
Tadgh (Red)

Please speak to Mr Orzel if you have any questions about running club.

A decorative poster for a family rollerskating event. The poster has a grey background with a purple double-line border. Scattered around the border are several overlapping circles in yellow, pink, and light blue. The text is centered and uses various colors and fonts.

IT'S ON AGAIN!
FAMILY
ROLLERSKATING
NIGHT

FRIDAY 18TH MARCH 2016 | 6PM-8PM
ROLLERZONE | 299 VICTORIA RD MALAGA

DON'T FORGET TO SAY YOU ARE WITH DUNCRAIG
PRIMARY SCHOOL AND ROLLERZONE WILL KINDLY
DONATE \$5 FROM EVERY \$10 ENTRY FEE TO OUR P&C.
SKATE HIRE EXTRA \$2, SPECTATORS FREE.
KIOSK OPEN FOR HOT AND COLD SNACKS AND DRINKS

DPS 5TH ANNUAL AFL FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Parent v Child. Teacher v Student. Who will prevail?!

Join our footy tipping comp and help raise funds for our school.

Season kicks off Thursday 24th March.

Entry forms will be available in the school admin office from Friday 26th Feb or contact heidi@spiceilly.com.au to have one emailed to you.

Comp is run through the official Footytips.com.au website. Our competition administrator is our PE teacher Ted Orzel and our competition co-ordinator is - Heidi McGrath m: 0422 226992

Entry \$30 per team. Overall prize pool and contribution to our school is determined by the number of teams entered. Family and friends welcome!



WARWICK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
WA Secondary School of the Year Finalist

YEARS 7 (2017) INFORMATION EVENING

All parents of Year 5 and 6 students are welcome to attend.

WHEN: Wednesday 9 March 2016

TIME: 7.00 pm

(Tour of school available at 6.30 pm)

WHERE: Warwick Senior High School Performing Arts Centre (in the Gym complex).

Please park in the car park at the front of the school (Erindale Road entrance).

RSVP to WSHS on 6240 4400 by Monday 7/3/16.



WARWICK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

2014 SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR FINALIST
NOW AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL
2016 SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Parents are invited to attend an **Open Day at Warwick Senior High School** to learn about our outstanding educational programs and view our facilities. Guided tours will be conducted on the following day at the stated times.

Friday 18 March

355 Erindale Rd WARWICK WA 6024

Tours commence at **9:00 am and 2:00 pm**

Our school conducts programs in the following:

PROGRAMS:
ACADEMIC EXTENSION
ENDORSED SPECIALIST NETBALL
ENDORSED SPECIALIST FOOTBALL
DANCE ELITE
MUSIC

Please call the school administration reception on 62404400 to book your tour.

We look forward to meeting you.