



# 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 10th  
March  
∞ *Music Assembly*  
∞ *P&C AGM 7pm*

## Newsletter 4 Tuesday 8 March 2016

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

#### Harmony Day Celebrations

All families should have received an invitation to our whole school 'Harmony Day' lunch at Duncraig Primary. Harmony Day celebrations have previously been incorporated into learning programs with some classes, however this year; we have extended the event to include all students. Harmony Day focuses on respect, inclusiveness and creating a sense of belonging for everyone in our community. The day will include students working together with their buddy classes and a shared, whole school multicultural lunch.



Harmony Day will also launch the next stage of Duncraig's KidsMatter program. KidsMatter is a mental health and wellbeing initiative that was introduced in the school in 2014. It provides schools with a framework that focuses on creating a positive school community and teaching children the skills for good social and emotional development. As part of our school's emotional wellbeing focus in 2016, we will be extending KidsMatter to include parents this year. Families are the biggest influence on a child's mental health and therefore, bridging the gap between a child's home life and their schooling, is what makes KidsMatter so successful. All parents, younger siblings and extended family members are welcome to attend our Harmony Day lunch. This is the first of several events planned for this year.

#### School Board Election

Interested parents and community members are invited to nominate for one of two positions that have become available on our school board this year. As an independent public school, the board is an integral part of Duncraig Primary, influencing the directions of our school. The board aims to attract members who are committed to bringing ideas and their expertise to enhance the learning environment provided to our children. The board also works collaboratively with the principal to achieve our strategic goals. If you are considering this role, you are welcome to contact me for additional information on the functions of an independent public school board.

#### Nature Playground

Last year, the school's nature playground was built by a small group of creative and hard working parents through the support of the P&C. I am delighted to share with you that the Department of Education's Office of Early Childhood has identified this space as an exceptional play area for children. The playground will be filmed this term for use on the Department's website and promotional materials. Some of our students will also have the opportunity to be part of the filming. I look forward to sharing this project with you, once the filming has been completed.

*Lisa Tucker*  
*Principal*

# Merit Certificate Winners

## Assembly 25 February 2016

<b>James and Katherine</b> Rm 15 PP - Mrs Parramore/Mrs Heteby	<b>Isaac and Dylan</b> Rm 7 Yr 3 – Mrs Stewart/Mrs Watkinson
<b>Jesse, Alex and Scarlett</b> Rm 17 - Mrs Sutherland/Mrs Waters	<b>Jessica and Hudson</b> Rm 8 Yr 4 - Mrs Wylde/ Mrs Gibson
<b>Cooper and Isaac</b> Rm 13 PP/Yr 1 - Mrs Firman	<b>Sinead</b> Rm 6 Yr 3/4 – Mr Miller
<b>Kaitlin and Logan</b> Rm 18 Yr 1 – Mrs Spiers	<b>Savannah and James</b> Rm 5 Yr 4- Mrs Cox/Miss Collett
<b>Leo and Jay</b> Rm 12 Yr 1 – Mrs Plummer/Mrs Calton	<b>Devani and Kai</b> Rm 3 Yr 4/5 – Miss Oldroyd
<b>Robert and Willow</b> Rm 11 Year 1/2 Mrs Cole/Miss Clegg	<b>Haylee and Spencer</b> Rm 2 Yr 5/6 - Mrs Noguchi
<b>Lucy and Grace</b> Rm 19 Yr 2 - Mrs Goodfield	<b>Korbyn, Leuca and Carly</b> Rm 1 Yr 5/6 - Mrs Garcia/Mrs Gordon
<b>Zara</b> French Mme Wilderspin	



### CAKE STALL

Thank you to parents of students from Rooms 1 and 2 for supplying goodies to the cake stall. A fabulous total was raised. These funds will be used to purchase resources for the use of students in these rooms.

### MUSIC ASSEMBLY

The assembly on Thursday, March 10 will be presented by the Year 4 students who are in the School Choir.

It will be the debut performance for these students and they are looking forward to sharing a song they have worked on over the last 5 weeks. The Choir is also preparing to sing at our school ANZAC Ceremony on Tuesday, April 5.

### 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.

This will be followed by a very important monthly meeting that will consider approvals for projects within the school. Your presence at the meeting will enable you to engage in discussions regarding these proposals as they are presented.

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**

## SCHOOL BOARD POSITION – PARENT/COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Nominations are invited for two positions on the Duncraig Primary School Board for 2016 – 2018. As an independent public school, the Board's purpose is to enable parents and members of the community to engage in activities that are in the best interests of the students and will enhance the education provided by the school.

Additional information is available on our school website, including the nomination form. Interested parents are also welcome to contact Lisa Tucker (Principal) or any member of the Duncraig Primary School Board. A full list of their names is available on the website. The Department of Education website has general information about the role of the school board in an independent public school.

**Nominations close at 3pm on Friday 18 March 2016**



### KIDS MATTER - Teaching children values

Values are the internal guides we have for our behaviour. They help us to make choices, and to make judgements about what is right and wrong, good or bad, fair or unfair.

How parents and carers can help:

Parents and carers can use a range of strategies to help children learn about social values. The following ideas can help:

- Teach by example Children often learn more from what you do than what you say.
- Read and discuss stories that demonstrate positive values Choose children's stories that reflect the kinds of values you want children to learn. You might ask questions like: How do you think that person feels? Why do you think he/she did that? Was it a good idea? How could he/she have done it better?
- Check what children are watching on TV Make sure that the programs children watch and the electronic games they play are suitable for their age and reflect positive values.
- Teach children to learn from mistakes. Mistakes provide opportunities for teaching and reinforcing positive values. Support and acknowledge children when they admit mistakes and help them find ways to make up for them.
- Help children to think about values Talk with children about the social values and attitudes they encounter in everyday situations and on TV. Teaching children about values supports their social development. It helps them develop the knowledge and skills they need to play a positive role in society.



## 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.

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.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to Linda Key and Pat Gresele for their much appreciated help shelving and covering books in the library. *Pat Southall*



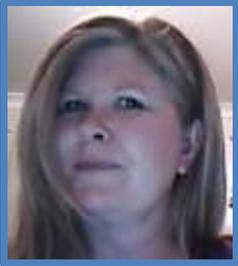
## STAFF CAR PARK

This is a potential accident waiting to happen! A large number of parents are using the car park to drop off or pick up children. There are also a number of students who are walking unaided through the car park. Please do not use this car park as a pick up or drop off for students. If your child walks to school on this side, please talk to them about using the safety of the provided footpaths. The administration team will be monitoring it in the future to ensure the safety of all students.

## MEET OUR CHAPLAIN

At Duncraig Primary School, Candis Wren is our school Chaplain providing support where required with students, families and staff. This is demonstrated by being available at times to listen when a child or an adult may need to discuss their concerns. Candis meets with referred students to offer assistance by sharing strategies to help students and families in their daily lives. Parents will need to give consent if their child is to meet with Candis.

### About Candis



Candis is an experienced chaplain working in primary schools for ten years and she is also a school teacher.

Her father passed away on her 7th birthday and although she went to an excellent school, no one ever asked her how she was coping with the loss of her Dad. Her whole family structure had changed and she had no one to talk to. This event has been an impetus for her to extend great listening skills to everyone she meets, especially children and youth. She firmly believes that one of the most powerful tools we can offer as part of the school community is the gift of listening and being willing to engage in difficult conversations when necessary.

When she is not being a chaplain, Candis loves working in education, adventure travel, horseriding and photography.

## RUNNING CLUB

As of Tuesday 8th March, students may be dropped off directly to Marri Rd oval. Please do not leave your child at the oval unattended if Mr Orzel or parent organisers are not present. There will be a running club organiser (parent) in the undercover area of the school for any students attending from Zigzags, who will accompany students via the crosswalk to the oval at 7:55am.

We would like to begin all sessions with a warm up promptly at 8am, please ensure your child is at running club before then to allow time for signing in.

Congratulations to the students below on reaching their running goals in the last three weeks:

### Platinum Certificate (50km+)

Jake D (Green)

Leah S (Red)

### Gold Certificate (42km Marathon)

Archie L (Gold)

Jessica S (Gold)

Toby M (Red)

### Silver Certificate (21km Half Marathon)

Isaac H (Gold)

Lucy E (Gold)

Thomas P (Green)

Ben O (Red)

### Bronze Certificate (10km)

Alex P (Gold)

Alfie B (Gold)

Jay M (Gold)

Josie C (Gold)

Liam S (Gold)

Atli O (Green)

Soley O (Green)

Griffin B (Red)

## 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. It is very important that the contact details are correct in case of illness or emergency. Please check the information carefully, make any changes necessary and return to the front office or your class teacher before Friday 18 March 2016.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

When ordering in LOOP (online) please use your child's room number when indicating their class eg. Room 15. You can also search for the room number using the teacher's name.

## 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](mailto: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

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



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College  
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School  
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# CRICKET

## Specialist Program

Endorsed by the  
Department of Education  
and The WACA

Applications accepted from  
Year 6 Students

## TRIAL DAY

Monday 4 April 2016  
at The WACA



Specialist  
Programs

Please contact the school of your choice for an Application Form.

# TENNIS

**JOHN FORREST**  
Secondary College  
Independent Public School

**SPECIALIST PROGRAM**  
Endorsed by The Department of Education and Tennis West



## TRIAL DAY

at John Forrest Secondary College

**WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH 2016**

Applications accepted from  
Year 5 and 6 students



Specialist  
Programs

For details and a registration form please contact  
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## 12 HOUR INDOOR ROWATHON for CANCER RESEARCH in Duncraig

Please support our 12 hour 6am to 6pm NON-STOP indoor Rowathon at Tailored Fitness in Duncraig on Saturday 19th March.

We are supporting the "Swapping Bras for Cars" fundraising team in their quest to walk 60km for the "weekend to end womens cancers" in April.

We are encouraging all members of our community, both young and old to enter and row for fun, for fitness and for a good cause. We want to make it people friendly and families can come along and support each other by taking turns on the two rowers.

We are pledging for both participants to book only a minimum of a 10 minute timeslot and sign up online to get the fundraising sheet. Every 10 minutes count, every dollar for charity counts.

We would love this event to be a success and hope to fill all 72 timeslots.

We will finish off with a sausage SIZZLE at 6pm to celebrate a big 12 hour Rowing Achievement.

See [www.tailoredfitness.com.au/rowathon](http://www.tailoredfitness.com.au/rowathon) or our Facebook site "Rowathon for Cancer Research" for more info and booking your spot