



# 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.*

## Newsletter 4 Monday 4 April 2016

### ADMINISTRATION

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

School Officers  
*Sue Hutchinson*  
*Leanne Gray*

### COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 5 April  
*ANZAC assembly*

Wednesday 6 April  
∞ *Year 6 camp*  
∞ *Kindergarten parent discussion forum*

Friday 8 April

∞ *Last day of school for Term 1*

Tuesday 26 April

∞ *First day of Term 2*

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As you are most likely aware, term 1 concludes at the end of this week. This year sees the conclusion of our current school Business Plan 2014-2016. In reflection, this has been a highly productive term with many of the initiatives planned throughout 2015, commencing. This has included the following:

- New kindergarten classroom installed into our early childhood area
- School day times revised to extend the morning session
- Numeracy and literacy teaching and learning models implemented by teachers
- KidsMatter framework launched with our school community, focusing on social and emotional wellbeing in our children
- Carpet refurbishment across the school (this will be completed early in term 2)

In addition, through the generous support of our school's P&C, there will be several new upgrades to your children's learning environment over the school holidays and early next term. These include:

- Projection screen installed into the undercover area (funded by the 2015 fete)
- Alternative play equipment at recess and lunch breaks (funded by the assembly cake stall funds)
- Picnic tables and seating in the school grounds
- Choir shirts to enhance our school music performances

These initiatives could not occur without the support of both school staff and many parents across our school. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge your hard work and generosity in giving up your time to support the wonderful children that attend our school.

### Student of the Month – 7 Pillars of Character

As part of our school's emphasis on social and emotional learning through the KidsMatter framework, next term, our 'student of the month' awards will return to Duncraig. Each assembly, an additional certificate will be given out by class and specialist teachers. This award will acknowledge those children who demonstrate values linked to the 7 pillars of character. These pillars are:

- Honesty and Integrity
- Kindness and Consideration
- Perseverance
- Respect
- Citizenship
- Courage and Commitment
- Leadership

Every term, the school will emphasise one of these pillars as part of the teaching and learning program. In term 2, kindness and consideration will be our whole school focus. Additional information about this pillar is included in this newsletter. Parents will be notified through their child's teacher if they will receive this award.

School reopens on Tuesday 26 April, following ANZAC day on Monday. I wish everyone a safe school holiday break and look forward to seeing all our students refreshed for a busy term 2.

# ANZAC DAY

## ANZAC Service

We will be holding our **Anzac Ceremony on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April commencing at 9.30 am.** We would like to extend an invitation to parents and family members to attend the Ceremony. The Anzac Ceremony is a very special occasion and students are required to wear **full school uniform** (not sports uniform). Please ensure that bathers are not visible above uniform and that thongs are not worn to the ceremony.

Students who are a member of a service organisation eg Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Guides, Boys / Girls Brigade etc are encouraged to wear their service uniform during the ceremony.

Traditionally, children at Duncraig Primary School have been asked to bring a flower or small bunch of flowers to be placed at the base of the flagpole and we would like this tradition to continue this year. **Please encourage your child / children to bring along a flower or small bunch of flowers on the day.**



## Parent Discussion Forum – Kindergarten Parents

Parents from our two kindergarten groups (Kindy A and Kindy B) are reminded that I will be hosting an informal coffee meeting this Wednesday 6 April at 9.15am in the Kindy B classroom. Several times a year, I like to meet with parents in a small group forum to discuss their child's experiences at our school. This provides the school with valuable information about our areas of strength and importantly, assists to identify areas for improvement.

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

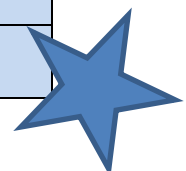
Lisa Tucker  
Principal



## Merit Certificate Awards 10 March 2016



<b>Conrad and Conor</b> Rm 15 PP - Mrs Parramore/Mrs Hetebry	<b>Emily and Jack</b> Rm 7 Yr 3 – Mrs Stewart/Mrs Watkinson
<b>Khaylan and Voitek</b> Rm 17 - Mrs Sutherland/Mrs Waters	<b>Nicholas and Jade</b> Rm 8 Yr 4 - Mrs Wylde/ Mrs Gibson
<b>Scott and Charlie</b> Rm 13 PP/Yr 1 - Mrs Firman	<b>Denis, Leah and Atli</b> Rm 6 Yr 3/4 – Mr Miller
<b>Kade and Tiziana</b> Rm 18 Yr 1 – Mrs Spiers	<b>Ravi and Soley</b> Rm 5 Yr 4- Mrs Cox/Miss Collett
<b>Daniel and Jessica</b> Rm 12 Yr 1 – Mrs Plummer/Mrs Calton	<b>Molly and Daniel</b> Rm 3 Yr 4/5 – Miss Oldroyd
<b>Cooper and Charlotte</b> Rm 11 Year 1/2 Mrs Cole/Miss Clegg	- Rm 2 Yr 5/6 - Mrs Noguchi
<b>Riley, Riki and Lucy</b> Rm 19 Yr 2 - Mrs Goodfield	- Rm 1 Yr 5/6 - Mrs Garcia/Mrs Gordon
<b>Kai</b> French Mme Wilderspin	



# Numero Club 2016

Written by Janine K, Lily B, Josie B and Haylee W  
(The Numero Committee)

Every Wednesday morning at 8:00 over 50 students from pre-primary to year 6 meet at rooms 1 and 2 to play Numero. Numero is a fun math game which encourages students to learn maths facts. It has number cards (addition) along with Wild Cards (subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions).

**Here are some comments from the students:**

**The Numero Committee conducted a survey with some regular Numero players.**

## What do you like best about Numero?

Samira: "I like Milo. (Everyone gets offered a Milo and biscuits.)"

Cooper: "I like it because you get a Milo and learn maths."

Una: "I like it because it's a fun way to learn maths."

## What do you think Numero is about?

Jake: "I think it is about making your brain smarter and having fun."

Sophie: "It gives you a maths opportunity."

## Do you think Numero helps with your mathematical education?

Connor: "Yes it does, because it has lots of sums."

Ruby H: "Yes. It's a fun way to learn my fractions."

## Did you know that ...

1. At the end of the year selected students will participate in the 2016 state Numero competition and may go on to the state finals.
2. In term 3 there will be a school competition where all students can be involved.



Samira vs Dad

We would like to thank Mrs Beckett and Mrs Noguchi for organising this fun activity for everyone.



Everyone's having fun!



Numero friends

## KIDS MATTER - Giving Choices

• **Giving Choices** Giving children choices helps them learn the skills for responsible decision making. It allows them to feel part of decisions that are made and to understand that the ways they behave are under their control. Letting children make (some) decisions and praising their responsible choices supports the development of positive social values.

It is important to offer choices that are appropriate for the child's age and abilities. You might, for example, offer children a choice between two different household chores. Choices can also be used to reinforce standing rules. For example: "Remember that homework needs to be done before you go to your friend's house. You can choose to do your homework now and go to your friend's house later, or you can choose to relax now and do your homework later, but not go to your friend's as well." For more information on children and choices see the KidsMatter Primary resource on Helping children make decisions and solve problems.

• **Being consistent and applying consequences** Logical consequences relate directly to the behaviour or situation. For example, if a child is using a toy inappropriately or dangerously, a logical consequence would be to remove the toy. If children are arguing over what to watch on television, it could be turned off. Logical consequences work best when you explain clearly and calmly why you are imposing the consequence, "You are not playing safely with that toy, so I will put it away now until after dinner." Children respond most positively when the consequence is applied for a short time only and is followed with an opportunity for children to show they can behave appropriately, with your support and guidance. Be sure to acknowledge the appropriate behaviour with praise.



*No act of kindness,  
no matter  
how small,  
is ever wasted.  
- Aesop*

## 7 Pillars of Building Character

Term 2 Focus: Kindness and Consideration

*Students demonstrating this pillar of character will display the following traits:*

- Show kindness to others in all situations
- Be generous to others with your actions and words
- Forgive others without thought of yourself
  - Give of yourself to help the needy
- Always recognise the feelings of others
- Put yourself in the shoes of another and show compassion
  - Be flexible and compromise with others



### School Board – New Appointments

Earlier this term, nominations were called for two positions that became available on our school board. The school received two nominations for these positions, and as a result, both applicants have been appointed. The new members of our school board are:

- Mr Luke Halden (continuing appointment)
- Mrs Mandy Marrett (new appointment)

Further information about our school board can be found on the Duncraig Primary School website.

### School ICT upgrade

We have been advised that our school ICT facility will be upgraded in the first fortnight next term. Please be aware that during this time, access to email and our school computer records will be limited. Should you need to contact the school externally during this time, please telephone so that we are able to respond to your inquiry. We will advise the community when all communication operations return to normal.

### 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

### CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

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

Kindergarten \$60 Pre-Primary \$60 Years 1-6 \$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.







**NEW!!!**

Join Perth's newest Multi-Sports based programs for children 3-8 yrs. old.  
 Are you looking for a variety of different sports/skills for your children to try?  
 Come join us for a **FREE TRIAL!**  
 We are opening up our enrolments for 2016 which commences in February  
 For all enquiries and bookings email us [info@popsports.com.au](mailto:info@popsports.com.au)  
 or call 0478 503 252 Popsports.com.au



## TENNIS FOR JUNIORS

- Boys & Girls aged 3 - 8 years
- Basic, skills based introduction to Tennis
- Indoor sessions
- Modified equipment
- Ideal for beginners
- Age appropriate programs
- Parent help for 3 & 4 year olds
- TENNIS RACQUET TO KEEP!

### Where

Padbury Primary School Hall, MacDonald Avenue, Padbury

### Starts

Sunday the 1st of May

3 and 4 year olds - 9.45am to 10.30am  
 5 and 6 year olds - 10.30am to 11.15am  
 7 and 8 year olds - 11.15am to 12.00pm

10 sessions on 5th of June also to the long weekend, but our program will still run for 6 sessions.

REGISTRATIONS FOR TERM 2 ARE NOW OPEN!

### Cost

\$90 for 6 weekly sessions and a tennis racquet for you to keep!

To ensure your place, you **MUST** register by one of the following methods:

- Email - [rego@getactivesports.com.au](mailto:rego@getactivesports.com.au)
- Phone - 1300 772 106
- Website - [www.getactivesports.com.au](http://www.getactivesports.com.au)



To register, please let us know the location of the program and your child's details as below. Once registered bring the completed, signed consent form and payment to the first session.

### PADBURY TENNIS FOR JUNIORS CONSENT FORM - TERM 2, 2016

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male / Female

School / Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Mobile): \_\_\_\_\_

Any relevant medical conditions/medication taken?  
 I acknowledge that I am required to pay and my child for the duration of each session and of required, will indemnify any third party liability arising from any injury or illness sustained by my child at the Get Active Sports program.

Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Method: Cheque / Credit Card / Cash

**CREDIT CARD DETAILS**  
 Payment Method: VISA / MASTERCARD  
 Cardholder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Get Active Sports run introductory sports programs for 3 - 8 year olds on weekend mornings. \$90 for 6 weekly sessions and a ball, bat or racquet for you to keep! Visit [www.getactivesports.com.au](http://www.getactivesports.com.au) or call 1300 772 106 for more information.**