



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.

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From the Principal

Welcome to term 3 everyone. It is lovely to be back after my long holiday break, I'm feeling very refreshed. One of the wonderful aspects of working in a school is of course the children. I have enjoyed catching up on their news throughout last week as we greeted each other throughout the day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Taylor Webb (Deputy Principal) for taking on the principal role (as well as his own) whilst I was away and to the many staff who supported and assisted him where needed.

Staff and Student Update

The start of a new term often includes some changes to school staff and the opportunity to welcome new students. Last week eight new students commenced at Duncraig, ranging from kindergarten to year 4. We also welcomed a new teacher, Mrs Amy Jones. Mrs Jones has joined our staff for the remainder of the year and will be working in room 2 (year 5/6). She is replacing Mrs Sue Noguchi, who has taken an opportunity to teach in a remote school.

School Uniform

As you are aware, the weather is very cold at the moment and therefore jackets are necessary. Could I please remind parents to support the school in ensuring your child is wearing their school jacket? This is a part of our uniform and assists us to maintain a positive culture at the school. Students are permitted to wear a plain navy jacket if this is preferable to parents, however, I would seek your assistance in discouraging any other form of jacket. Additional information about our school's dress code is included on our school website. Our lost property box is situated in the old undercover area for all unclaimed items.

Independent School Review

This term, Duncraig Primary will undergo an independent review of our school. As an independent public school, Duncraig Primary School is reviewed every three years. The review process is conducted by the Department of Education Services. The purpose of this review is to assure the Minister for Education, the Director General of Education and the school community that the school is continuing to provide a quality learning environment for their students. I look forward to sharing more information about this process with you over the next six months.

Best wishes for a wonderful term 3 at Duncraig.

Lisa Tucker
Principal

ADMINISTRATION

Principal

Lisa Tucker

Deputy Principals

Taylor Webb

Leah Clegg

Manager

Corporate Services

Jennifer Ryan

School Officers

Sue Hutchinson

Leanne Gray

COMING EVENTS

Friday 29 July

◆Faction cross country

◆National tree planting day

Monday 1 August

◆Year 4 PEAC testing

Thursday 4 August

◆Assembly Room 11

Tuesday 9 August

◆Interschool cross country

STUDENTS AT SCHOOL EARLY/ MORNING INSTRUCTION TIME

The official time for school starting is 8.50am. This is the beginning of teacher instruction time. All students should be in the classroom by at least 8.45am to allow them to prepare for the day ahead. Your child should not be arriving at school before 8.30am.

Morning Bell Time

The morning bell time will be changed from 8.30am to 8.40am on Thursday this week and will remain at this time until the end



This semester, Duncraig Primary School will trialling a mental mathematics challenge! Every Friday morning from 9.00am to 9.10am, students will test their understanding and knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This will give students the opportunity to practise and extend their mental computation skills important for lifelong learning. Factor will engage, motivate and encourage all our students to use the skills and strategies they learn, and to become quicker at recalling basic number facts. As an added bonus, there is a class trophy to be won by the class that works hard to beat their personal best. We know that every student has the MATHS FACTOR!!!

DUNCRAIG PRIMARY FACTION CROSS COUNTRY 2016

Duncraig Primary School will run our faction cross country carnival this **Friday afternoon 29 July**; starting at 1:40 pm. Students from Years 3-6 are expected to participate unless a note is provided to excuse your child from the event. For students from PP – Year 2 the run is encouraged, however a note for non participation is not required.



Following are the approximate event times.

1:40 pm	Year 2	500 m	2.20 pm	Year 4	1500m
1:50 pm	Year 1	500 m	2.35 pm	Year 5	1500m
2:00 pm	Year PP	500 m	2.50 pm	Year 6	2000m
2:10 pm	Year 3	1000m			

Inclement weather may be forecast for the day. Every effort will be made to keep students dry; however this is not always possible.

Students are advised to wear their **faction coloured shirt, navy shorts or skirt, sport shoes** and have their blue school uniform shirt in their bag to change into if required.

Parents are invited to attend.

KIDSMATTER

Suggestions for supporting children's mental health

- Build and maintain supportive relationships between family, friends and school staff.
- Help children understand and manage their feelings, as this can help them develop coping skills.
- Help children to understand that stress, loss and grief are a normal part of life.
- Try to maintain routines as much as possible. Routines and consistency in life help children feel secure.
- Acknowledge children's feelings and try to understand and respect them, especially when they are going through a difficult time.
- Listen to the concerns of children, without judgement and help them work through their problems. Listen and show empathy about things affecting them, such as bullying
- Support the development of children's skills, such as their ability to manage their emotions, relate to others or solve problems.

Our school has been represented this year at three major conferences/ workshops to provide for further professional learning around the Australian Curriculum for Languages.

The first workshop was held across Australia on a weekend in Term 1 organised by the Australian Modern Language teacher's Assoc.

Our school received recognition at the Teacher's Of French Assoc Conference held in Term 2 and for Term 3 I will be attending "Languages Big Day Out" with presenters from teacher leaders in Languages and SCASA consultants. Over 150 Language teachers will be attending.

The WA Curriculum Languages is to be released this semester and I believe through participation in events such as listed above I be able to offer our school a French Programme that meets ACARA standards.

I also want to inform the community that I am taking my Long Service Leave throughout both semesters this year.

I want to thank Mrs Marian Noak and Mr Graham Cann who are the relief staff for the French Programme whilst I am on leave.

We are following along the lines of CLIL (Content Integrated Language Learning) a strategy that creates fusion between content and language across subjects.

Mrs Noak and Mr Cann are operating a cultural programme for the students who will be learning about French Food (integrating Health), The French Revolution, Iconic French Monuments and Buildings and France's connection to the Modern Day Olympics (History).

Each term the students will still be receiving French language lessons from myself which address the macro skills of Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking and Responding.

The students from both Year 5/6 classes have entered the annual Teacher's Of French Assco sticker competition. (Art and Design competition state wide for students of French.)

The theme this year is "Animals" and we have had many creative French Bull Dogs, Grenouilles(frogs) and Esgargots - lets hope we have some winning entries this year !

Results come out early in Term 3.

Sincères condoléances et pensées pour les victimes et leurs familles de France, d'Australie et d'ailleurs.

Sincere condolences and thoughts to the victims and their families in France, Australia and other parts of the world in the wake of Nice events.

Unis dans la douleur, (United in grief)

Madame Wilderspin.

GIFTED AND TALENTED: Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC) ASSESSMENT OF YEAR 4 STUDENTS FOR THE PEAC PROGRAM

The PEAC Program provides part time extension and enrichment for exceptionally able students in Years 5 and 6.

PEAC offers a range of courses that provide the most able students with work that is intellectually challenging.

All students in Year 4 will have the opportunity to be assessed for suitability for the PEAC Program.

Students who are performing well at school are possible candidates for the program.

There are some students in Year 4 whose potential is not so easily recognised. There may be students who are underachieving at school and there are some students who demonstrate certain skills and abilities more at home than at school.

Together, we can ensure that all students who have the potential for high academic performance are identified.

The test will measure the student's ability to recognise patterns and to predict with speed and accuracy and measure each child's ability to apply their knowledge and learning.

The scores from the test will be used in the selection of students for PEAC courses and extension programs during 2017 to 2018.

Testing at Duncraig Primary School will occur on **Monday 1st August**. If your child is absent for the testing, catch up testing may be arranged for the following day. Due to the new testing format, we are unable to hold catch up testing outside of these two days.

As a parent, you have the right to withdraw your child from the testing. If you do not wish your child to be included in the PEAC assessment please notify the school in writing by *Thursday 28th July*.



BROWNES MILK MORNING- COMING TO DUNCRAIG!

Brownes Milk Morning coincides with the dairy's 130th anniversary. This free program will run during Term 3 through our canteen. All students will have access to one free 250ml milk carton per week for the duration of term 3. There is great nutritional benefits and a strong healthy message gained by being included in this program. If your child does not want to have the milk, they won't be given it, however we would encourage them to give it a go. Please let the school know if your child is lactose intolerant or you do not wish for your child to take part. There is a Lactose Free milk available.



BOOK CLUB NEWS

The Book Club will be going online!

As of Term 3, the Scholastic Book Club will only be available through online purchases via LOOP. Please find relevant LOOP information here: <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/>, or please register your family here:

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Register.aspx>.

Please contact Nicky or Carmen via the P&C with any other inquiries.

Applications for enrolment are now open!

You must apply to enrol your child in a public school for 2017 if they are:

- starting Pre-primary (first year of compulsory school) – 5 years old by 30 June 2017
- starting Year 7 (first year of secondary school)
- changing schools

If your child is 4 years old by 30 June 2017 you can apply to enrol them in Kindergarten for 2017

Visit the front office and apply by now!



Kidz 'n Sport now at Duncraig Primary School

Free Try-Out Day: Wednesday 27th July 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Starts this Wednesday First session free

At Kidz 'n Sport our passion is to help every child to become healthy, happy and active. We coach children aged **3-5 years old** at our Skill Development sessions. We introduce children to movement, exercise & the fundamentals of 8 different sports in a fun, positive and engaging way.

Location: Duncraig Primary School Oval

Who: Girls and Boys who are 3, 4 or 5 years old

Starts: Term 3, every Wednesday after school 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Duration: 9 weeks

Cost: \$152

Contact: Jay Ceely 0422 515 543 - jaradc@kidznsport.com.au

Web site bookings/enrolment at www.kidznsport.com.au

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is held on Friday mornings in the library from 8.15am. If you are interested in joining please pick up an information packet from the school office. There will be an account opening morning on August 5 for new accounts.

♦Any parents who can volunteer some time to help with banking please see Leanne at banking or contact the school office.

Term 3 Prize Lights competition: How do I enter?

Simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes – camping kits, magazine packs and instant cameras.

About the Rewards Program



Rewarding good savings

To help reward individual savings efforts, every time a student deposits into their Youthsaver account through School Banking, regardless of the amount, they'll receive a Dollarmites token.

Once they've collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a variety of exciting reward items. They'll also receive a certificate when they reach certain savings milestones.



BICYCLE TRACK

The City of Joondalup has recently finished upgrading **Shepherds Bush Park in Kingsley**. The upgrade included a bicycle skills track aimed for primary aged children which is an excellent hands-on education tool towards encouraging road user awareness and road safety. Contact the City's Road Safety Officer on 9400 4335 if you would like further information.

**OUR SCHOOL CHOIR IS PERFORMING AS ONE BIG VOICE
AT PERTH ARENA
FRIDAY AUGUST 12, 2016
PRE-CONCERT ENTERTAINMENT 6-6:30PM, CONCERT 6:30-8:30PM**

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