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

DIARY DATES
Thursday 8 September
Assembly Rooms 3 and 5

Thursday 15 September
Interschool jumps/throws/distance

Friday 16 September
Interschool Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 20 September
Parent Discussion Forum
Year 1

Thursday 22 September
Assembly Room 8

Newsletter 15  Monday 5 September 2016

From the Principal

Athletics Carnival
Last Friday, our students enjoyed their annual athletics carnival. Many parents and family members joined the students and staff for this wonderful community event, assisted by near perfect weather conditions. I thoroughly enjoyed the day, with staff commenting about the excellent sportsmanship displayed by so many of our students. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding support from the Duncraig parents, with many of you taking time out of your work day to attend. Thank you to our hard-working P&C who organised lunch and snack options for families as well as a cake stall, coffee van and the highly popular faction colour fan stalls. My appreciation also, to the staff, for their hard work before and throughout the day, especially to the many individuals who came in early to assist with set-up or to help on your day off. Finally, thank you to Mr Ted Orzel for his efforts in organising this wonderful community event. As many of you would be aware, Mr O is a dedicated staff member at our school, who continually gives of his time to ensure the students have the opportunity to participate in many sporting opportunities.

Open Night
Another highly successful event was our school’s annual open night. Along with celebrating the learning of their children, many parents were also treated to learning experiences themselves, some quite challenging! As well as an opportunity to share class work, open night is also a chance for parents to understand further ‘where their child is at’ in terms of their academic education. This supports other information provided to parents about their child’s progress throughout the year including semester reports and assessment tasks. I hope that you found the evening worthwhile.

Independent Public School Review
In term 2, I advised parents that this year, the school would undertake our second external review as an independent public school (IPS). This review will take place next week. Reviewers from the Department of Education Services (DES) will visit the school over two days to verify our self-review findings. The reviewers will meet with staff, students, the school board and some parents as part of the review. Information about our school’s self-review was provided to DES several weeks ago and this visit is to expand further the school’s performance against the targets and strategies set out in our Business Plan 2014-2016. This plan is available on our school website, along with the DES report from the school’s first external review in 2013. A second DES report outlining the schools strengths and recommendations for improvement will be published on our website later in the year.

Parent Discussion Forum – Year 1 Parents
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Lisa Tucker
Principal
### Merit Certificate Awards
1 September 2016

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### CAKE STALL
The cake stall with goodies provided by Room 7 parents raised $ . Thank you to all who either brought items for sale or purchased delicious treats.

### Student of the Month
Perseverance

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People demonstrating perseverance display the following virtues:
- Persist and never give up
- Show resilience at all times
- Choose and strive for success
- Strive and achieve excellence
- Use self-talk for personal motivation
BOOK WEEK 2016

The Book Week parade was a lot of fun with students and staff dressing up and talking about their favourite books. Keep on reading!

A huge thankyou to all those parents who donated cakes for the Book Café and to those who came along to enjoy a catch up over coffee and cake. The Book Café is always a great opportunity to socialise whilst raising some funds for the P&C. This year we raised $413. Special thanks to Janene Browne and Carmen Jacques for their help running the café.

Mandy Marett

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Our faction athletics carnival was held on a lovely sunny day last Friday. Congratulations to Gold faction who won the day with Green faction second and Red faction third. The points were very close all day.

Champions

Year 3 boy champion: Finbar
Runner up: Tristan
Year 3 girl champion: Jessica
Runner up: Grace

Year 4 boy champion: Jake O
Runner up: Denis
Year 4 girl champion: Emma
Runners up: Devani and Leah

Year 5 champion boy: Ben
Runner up: Hayden
Year 5 champion girl: Freya
Runner up: Lauren

Year 6 champion boy: Jules
Runner up: Kalan
Year 6 champion girl: Josie
Runners up: Lily and Beth
Thank you to all students and families for helping with the school ‘Scavenger Hunt’ in support of the Manna program for the homeless. As you can see from the photo, we managed to collect over 500 items that will help create a ton of meals for Perth’s ‘streeties’. This is a fantastic effort and is a great start to teach our students about appreciating what we have, whilst being in a position to help others in need.

Running Club News

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the City to Surf run on Sunday 28th August! An enthusiastic bunch of runners braved the chilly winds and showers to run or walk 4km, 12km or 21km. We loved seeing everyone have such a great time and get into the spirit of the event.
If you’ve never been to running club before, or perhaps been absent for some time - COME AND JOIN US! You don't have to be a ‘runner’! It is about fun, fitness and participation.

Running club is held every Tuesday morning during term time. All students, parents and siblings always welcome. Meet at Marri Rd top oval by 8am. If it is raining, please meet in the new undercover area at school for fitness games and activities.

Congratulations to the following students on reaching milestone distances recently:

**Emerald (75km)**  
Grace M  
Jamie B  

**Platinum (50km)**  
Finbar M  
Charlie T  
Jake D  
Sinead Q  
Tadgh Q  

**Gold (42km)**  
Tobias H  

**Silver (21km)**  
Alex T  
Emily T  
Thomas P  

**Bronze (10km)**  
Amber J  
Anthony B  
Isaac L
Two Duncraig PS mums, Jen Szijarto and Mandy Blackwell are walking 100km over two days in September to raise much needed funds for Oxfam. Join them for a fundraising movie afternoon - see details above
Thinking about playing water polo this summer? Registrations are now open for The UWA City Beach Water Polo Club Friday Night Flippaball (Years 2-6) and Saturday Morning District Schools Competitions (Year 5+) commencing in October at HBF Stadium.


"Come and Try" days!

For those new to the sport, there are three ‘FREE’ Come and Try days in the water polo pool at HBF Stadium on:

- Sunday 18th September 10am to 11am
- Saturday 24th September 10am to 11am
- Friday 14th October 6pm to 7pm
Mindfulness - transform your relationships

What is it and how does it help in relationship?

It is natural to react to the people we love in ways that are not helpful. Research has shown that mindfulness practice helps people to respond rather than react and enjoy greater satisfaction in relationships, deal with relationship stress more constructively and be able to communicate more effectively, particularly in conflict situations.

This one night seminar will cover:

- Simple mindfulness exercises
- How to manage uncomfortable or painful feelings
- How to manage negative thinking
- Ways to be who you truly want to be in your relationship

Fee: $30 per person

Places are limited so please phone 6164 0200 to enrol

Riding for the Disabled Association - Carine Group will be holding a fundraising Pony Ride/Open day during the school holidays on Wednesday 28th September between 9.30am and 12.30pm at 77 Monyash Rd, Carine.

JOONDALUP
Lotteries House, 7/70 Davidson Terrace
Wednesday, 21 September (6.30-9.00pm) 2016

ATHLETICS CLINIC

The clinic is designed to develop athletic skills and techniques for boys and girls aged 8 to 16 years (Little Athletics age groups U9 – U17).

Whether they are beginners or accomplished athletes, our experienced coaches will ensure your children are enjoying their training while aiming for their personal best.

**Events Choices**
- Sprint/Starts
- Hurdles
- Middle Distance
- Long Jump
- Triple Jump
- High Jump
- Dance
- Novice
- Shot Put

For more information or to register please go to: sprintingfast.com/school-holiday-clinics/
In2CRICKET & T20 Blast Programs for 2016 are coached by Duncraig Parents of PP & Y2 Students.

MILO in2CRICKET: Mike & Angela Hawryluk
T20 Blast: Ash Ladhani

Sorrento Duncraig Junior Cricket Club
MILO in2CRICKET Online Registration Open!
Saturday Mornings 8:30am-10:00am
Seacrest Park, Sorrento
22 October 2016 – 18 March 2017
(Program Breaks for Summer Holidays).
Register at the link below @ search for Sorrento Duncraig Junior Cricket.