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**

**Tuesday 20 September**
Parent Discussion Forum
Year 1

**Thursday 22 September**
Assembly Room 8

**Friday 23 September**
Last day of Term 3

**Tuesday 11 October**
First day of Term 4 for students

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**From the Principal**

**School Grounds Update**

Many parents have commented positively on the many grounds and buildings projects that have occurred over the past 12 months at the school. This includes new carpets, furniture upgrades, painting, playground equipment, shade, garden improvements and very recently, picnic tables around the school grounds and repairs to our school oval. I am sure you will agree that these endeavours have improved our school, both in appearance and in the facilities available to our students and staff. A mix of school and P&C funds as well as additional government funding has funded these projects. Our school grounds are extensive and my thanks to Taylor Webb (Deputy Principal), Gary Holmes (school gardener) and the P&C for actioning the many works that have occurred. A school committee is now developing a strategic plan, identifying short and long term projects to further improve the amenities available to our students. Facilitated by our school board, the committee includes staff, parents, P&C and community representatives. I look forward to sharing more about these projects over the coming months.

**Term 4 Staff Update**

As you would be aware, we have a number of staff who are required to take their long service leave prior to the end of this year. As a result, we have both teaching and support staff who are currently on leave. Please be aware that this is will continue for the remainder of the year. Where a teacher will be on extended leave, a transition process is occurring with relief staff. This is to ensure that the least amount of interruption occurs to the children’s learning program. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding in relation to this unique situation.

**Art Show**

Next term the school will once again hold our biannual Spring Art Show. The art show will be held on Tuesday 18 October from 6.00 -7.30pm. Our hard working P&C will also be running a sausage sizzle on the evening. Further information about the event is included later in this newsletter. Please put the date into your diaries.

In conclusion, I wish all students a fun, but safe holiday and hope parents enjoy this short break from the school routine. The October break is always a time for staff to recharge their energy levels, in preparation for the hectic and exciting final term of the year. Let’s hope we all have the opportunity to enjoy some wonderful spring weather over the next fortnight!

Lisa Tucker
Principal
**Merit Certificate Awards**
**8 September 2016**

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**CAKE STALL**
The cake stall with goodies provided by Room 5 and 3 parents raised $298.50. Thank you to all who brought items for sale or purchased delicious treats.

**LIBRARY NEWS**
Thank you to Linda Key and Pat for their continuing and invaluable help in the library. Our Book Fair sold $3400 worth of books and variety goods and as a commission we were able to choose $1020 worth of exciting, new books for our library. Thank you to everyone who attended the Book Fair. A special thank you is extended to the senior students who assisted with the sales of variety and stationery. Pat Southall

**Parent Discussion Forum – Year 1 Parents**
I would like to invite all parents with children in our four year 1 classes (rooms 11, 12, 13 and 18) to an informal coffee catch-up in the last week of term. This meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 September at 9.15 am in the conference room. 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. Please contact Sue Hutchinson in the school office if you are able to attend.
What is bullying?
Bullying involves deliberately and repeatedly attempting to hurt, scare or exclude someone. It can include hitting, pushing, name calling, or taking someone’s belongings. Bullying can also be more indirect, for example, deliberately leaving someone out of games, spreading rumours about them, or sending them nasty messages. Cyber-bullying involves using mobile phones and the internet to bully others. The main purpose of the bullying is to have power over someone else. Bullying is a mental health concern because it causes distress and can lead to loneliness, anxiety and depression.

When children have been bullied they may not want to go to school, be unusually quiet or secretive, not have friends, seem over-sensitive and have angry outbursts.

Responding to bullying
It is very important to let children know that bullying is not okay and that they should report it when it does occur. Schools set standards for appropriate behaviour and safety. They also have guidelines for reporting and responding to bullying when it occurs. The consequences for bullying should address what has happened and help to ensure it will not happen again.

If you think your child is being bullied:
- listen and provide support to your child
- try to understand what has been happening, how often and how long
- encourage social skills, like being assertive, telling the bully to stop and seeking help
- support your child to think through different ways they could deal with the problem
- talk with your child’s teacher and ask for help
- keep talking with the school until your child feels safe.

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Kids Matter

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200 Toys Project

And Gifts

We can 100% Guarantee your donation will go to someone in need

We Need Your Help!

Our Aims: Collect new, unopened toys and gifts for disadvantaged children and families so everyone has a gift to open at Christmas.

How You Can Help:
- Buy a new toy or gift from the shop and donate
- Donate an unopened & unused gift you have lying around your house

Find out more info and follow our progress on Facebook!
https://www.facebook.com/200ToysProject/

Be the change you wish to see in the world
RUNNING CLUB NEWS

Well done everyone on a busy term of athletics. Recent school and interschool sports carnivals have demonstrated that students who have regularly put in the effort at running club, have been rewarded with improved performances in these events.

Running club is not about making students' the 'best' runners in the school. It is about encouraging them to try their best to build their fitness, to the best of their natural abilities.

I was pleased to hear recently from a parent who told me how her child's fitness had improved noticeably since attending running club regularly. The child had in previous years, participated in 'C' division races and for the first time this year was in 'A' division, as well as the long distance races. The fact that the child didn't receive a place ribbon did not matter in the slightest to the child or the parent, both were just so happy with the improvement gained from the efforts the child made in participating at running club.

This is what running club is all 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.

RUNNING CLUB WILL BE HELD AS USUAL IN WEEK 1 OF TERM 4 - SEE YOU THERE!
Congratulations to the following students on reaching milestone distances recently:

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Your P&C are pleased to announce we will be hosting our major Social and Fundraising parent event for 2016 on **Friday 21st October @ 730pm**, Duncraig Community Hall

If you have heard of this award winning Fringe Festival show, then quick call your friends, book your sitter and purchase your tickets at the link below, they will sell fast!!

After the show the DJ will play till midnight and we will be organising for Little Ceasars to deliver pizza dinner to your table

Get your group of 10 together for an experience like no other and be in the running to win some fantastic prizes - Tickets are $35 and this event is BYO and walking distance to home so will be a great value night out!!

Ticket sales are now live, book at:


Keep up to date with details of our sponsors and check out some great ideas for 'dress code' on your P&C Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/Duncraig-Primary-School-PC-314700945325732/?ref=bookmarks

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**Term 4 Hot-Shots Tennis lessons at school!** Held Mon 8-8.45am, starting week 2 of next term. Great fun and all ages/levels welcome! Details and online registration at [instyletennis.com.au](http://instyletennis.com.au) / 0433 777 195, or grab a form from the front office.

Learn the shots, play the game, meet new friends & have fun!

**School Holiday Clinics** at Sorrento Tennis Club- week 1 Sept 27-30, week 2 Oct 4-7 (Tue-Fri 9am-12). Cost $160/wk. Enrol at instyletennis.com.au"
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.

For more information and to register please go to http://uwawaterpolo.com.au/registration/

“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
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.

KidSport enables local children to participate in community sport and recreation. Eligible young people (aged 5–18 years and listed on a health care or pension concession card) can apply for financial assistance (up to $200 annually) to contribute towards club fees. The fees will go directly to the registered KidSport clubs through the City of Joondalup.

While the primary objective of KidSport is to ensure all Western Australian children can participate in sport and recreation clubs, its secondary objective is to engage these children and their families in the community.

There are over 3,000 KidSport eligible children residing within the Joondalup area. The City has funded approximately a third of these eligible children over the past three years.

KidSport information and the online registration form is available on the City's website for you to share with your school families.

If you have any questions or queries in regards to the KidSport program please do not hesitate to contact Sandra Hill-Williamson (Club Development Officer) on 9400 4252.

Parenting Seminars – West Leederville Branch

- Mums Raising Boys  Monday, 10 October  $30
- Fathering After Separation Tuesday, 11 October  $30
- Dads Raising Boys  Wednesday, 12 October  $30
- Partners becoming Parents  Wednesday, 12 October  $30
- Kids and Today’s Technology x2  Wednesday, 12 & 19 October  $35/50
- Parent-Teen Connection x4  Tuesday, 18 Oct-8 Nov  $50/75

Ring 6164 0200 to enrol
The Rotary Club of Ascot is delighted once again to host Bricktober - Perth!

Perth's largest Exhibition of models built from LEGO is returning, even bigger and better than it was last year! We would love you to forward this information to your school community so that people interested in LEGO can become involved in a number of activities being run in the lead-up to Bricktober - Perth 2016.

Activities available prior to the event include:

- Shoe Box - Make Your Own Creation, to be run during the Sept/Oct school holidays. There are a number of different age categories from 3 years to adults.
- Future Exhibitors Competition - for 'master' LEGO builders to have the opportunity to exhibit at the show. Entries are for 6 to 15 year olds.
- Colouring competition, download a LEGO picture, colour it in and drop it off at the Bricktober event to be in the draw to win LEGO themed prizes. Details at http://www.bricktober.info/pre-show-competitions

All details for each of these competitions can be found on the Bricktober website or Facebook page. The website is www.bricktober.info and the Facebook page is: www.facebook.com/Bricktober

DATE: Bricktober - Perth will be held over the weekend of 8 and 9 October 2016.
WHERE: The Cannington Exhibition Centre, Albany Highway (just south of Carousel Shopping Centre).
TIME: Commencing at 9.00am and finishing each day at 4.30pm.
TICKETS: Are available for purchase on-line, please nominate the day and time you would like to attend. There will be no tickets sold at the door. Get in early and choose the time you prefer. Individual tickets are $8.30 per person, a Family of 4 ticket is $26.20. Children under 2 years will be admitted free.
To pre-purchase your ticket please go to www.bricktober.info/booking2016/ and follow the prompts.

ACTIVITIES at Bricktober - Perth include:

- Two halls full of LEGO models built by fans of LEGO in Perth.
- A 'Brickpit' with thousands of LEGO bricks where children can play.
- Animated LEGO films on a big screen.
- Competitions - sign up on the day.
- Food and refreshments available for purchase.
- LEGO items available for purchase.
- Appearances by Star Wars, Superhero and Princesses over both days, see website for details.
- Drive a LEGO train or Technic remote-controlled vehicle.
- Lots of LEGO to touch, play and build.

All proceeds from the event support the setting up of LEGO playgroups and other community projects. We hope to see you there!

Bricktober - Perth is a project of the Rotary Club of Ascot (Inc). LEGO is a trademark of the LEGO Group of companies which does not sponsor, authorise or endorse this event.