



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 18 Monday 31 October 2016

ADMINISTRATION

Principal

Lisa Tucker

Deputy Principals

Taylor Webb

Leah Clegg

Manager Corporate Services

Jennifer Ryan

School Officers

Sue Hutchinson

Leanne Gray

DIARY DATES

Thursday 3

November

Music Count Us In

Thursday 10

November

*Assembly Room 17
P&C Meeting*

Friday 11

November

*Uniform Shop
8.15 – 8.45am*

From the Principal

2017 Class Placement Information

As indicated in the last newsletter, the school has commenced our planning processes for next year. An important part of this planning is the placement of our students into their 2017 classes. School is a significant part of our children's lives and I understand how important is for parents that their children be placed in a class where they believe they are best suited. Please be assured that we want this too, for all the children who attend our school. In order to do this, the school implements a thorough process that considers each individual child's academic and social level of development. All staff, including class and specialist teachers, education assistants and administrative staff participate in this process so that all facets of a child can be considered. Teachers have not yet been placed into their new class at this stage.

Parents are able to provide the school with information about their child that the school should be aware of when considering where they should be placed. This may include information relating to family matters, health requirements or emotional concerns. Parent information is considered after the initial placement of all students has occurred. As a result, please be aware that whilst all parent information is considered, requests relating to friendship groups or staff member preferences are not able to influence the final placement of your children.

Based on the positive feedback from parents, the school will endeavour to publish class lists prior to the end of the school year.

Playground Access – Outside of School Hours

As we reach the middle of the term, we sometimes see an escalation in inappropriate play in our school playgrounds. This can result in injury to children and damage to school equipment. Please be aware that there should be no use of the playground equipment before school. Children who come to school before 8.40am are supervised by staff in the undercover area. Alternatively, students can wait with parents; however, they should not be playing in the playground or with play equipment set out for classes. Families are welcome to use the playgrounds after school, providing all children are supervised by an adult. Children should also be reminded to play in the manner that they are allowed to at school. Rough play especially, should be discouraged as we often see this transfer into recess and lunch breaks. Your assistance in helping us to maintain safe play at school is appreciated

In conclusion, we have two exciting events occurring with some of our students this week. Good luck to our interschool Numero team who are competing today. They have worked very hard in preparing for the challenge and I hope they thoroughly enjoy this opportunity to represent our school. Our school choir are also singing in the 'Music Count Us In' performance on Thursday morning. Although the school always participates in this event at school, this is the first time we have attended the concert in the city. Best wishes to our choir, I am sure they will once again be wonderful representatives of the music program offered at Duncraig Primary.

Lisa Tucker

Principal



Merit Certificate Awards 27 October 2016



Harper and Savaii Rm 15 PP - Mrs Parramore/Mrs Heteby	Beatrice and Thomas Rm 7 Yr 3 – Mrs Stewart/Mrs Watkinson
Emelia and Lachlann Rm 17 PP - Mrs Sutherland/Mrs Waters	Anthony Rm 8 Yr 4 - Mrs Wylde/ Mrs Gibson
Isaac and Cooper Rm 13 PP/Yr 1 - Mrs Firman	Austin and Atef Rm 6 Yr 3/4 – Mr Miller
Lucy and Alisa Rm 18 Yr 1 – Mrs Spiers	Keely and Monique Rm 5 Yr 4- Mrs Cox/Miss Collett
Ruby, Emily and Luna Rm 12 Yr 1 – Mrs Plummer/Mrs Calton	Lachlan and Jayde Rm 3 Yr 4/5 – Miss Oldroyd
Poppy and Glen Rm 11 Year 1/2 Mrs Cole/Miss Clegg	Arlette and Kalan Rm 2 Yr 5/6 - Mrs Jones
Heather and Jye Rm 10 Yr 2 - Miss Di Martino	Brashen and Lilly Rm 1 Yr 5/6 - Mrs Garcia/Mrs Gordon



CAKE STALL

Thank you to all parents and friends of Room 13 who brought items for sale at our cake stall or purchased delicious treats.

NUMERO FINISHES – WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Numero will finish this Wednesday morning for the school year. Thank you to Mrs Amy Jones, Mrs Sue Noguchi and the many staff who assisted with supervision. A special thank you also to Mrs Sabrina Beckett who has generously given of her time to ensure this valuable program could be offered to our students. Our interschool Numero team is competing today (Monday 31 October). We look forward to them sharing the results of the 2016 challenge on Wednesday.



MUSIC: YEAR 4 AND 5 MUSIC APTITUDE TESTING

Students in Years 4 and 5 will undertake the Music Aptitude Indicator (MAI) Test in Music class during week 3 or 4 of this term. The test is used as part of the selection process for the Instrumental Music School Services program, which is offered in Years 5 and 6 and continues into high school. The MAI is a listening test which does not require students to perform or sing. Parents with queries about the testing or program may email Mrs Ruscoe (jan.ruscoe@education.wa.edu.au). Further information is available at www.sim.iinet.net.au.



DOGS IN SCHOOL

Parents are requested to be mindful that dogs should not be brought into areas that are busy with students and families during school drop off or pick up. Although the staff at Duncraig love our family pets, it is important to be mindful that some members of the community, including small children, may be frightened by their presence. Please ensure all dogs are kept on leads, remain supervised by an adult and are not in any area close to classrooms. Your cooperation with this matter is appreciated.

RSPCA FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

A message from Sam – mother of Jaime from Room1

One of my roles as a General Inspector involves caring for all animals, who have been abandoned by their owners. This requires other inspectors and me to provide sufficient food for these animals for a period of time, until arrangements can be made for them to be taken off their property. This process could take anywhere from a few days to a few weeks. Our food supply at RSPCA is running extremely low and for us to continue our work helping animals in need, it would be absolutely wonderful if Duncraig Primary School could assist with any food donations for these animals (ideally dog and cat dry food).

Please bring your donation to the office if you would like to help the RSPCA.



SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS – TERM 4 2016

All meetings of the school board are from 7.30 – 8.30am in the Conference Room.

Tuesday 22 November - Open meeting. Members of the school community are welcome to attend.



GETTING READY FOR 2017

2017 Class Placement Information

At Duncraig, placement of children into classes for the new school year is based on the professional judgements of staff. In allocating children to classes, the academic, health and social/emotional needs of all students are considered. All classes are homogenous, representing a range of academic abilities and social development.

Parents are welcome to provide the school with additional information that may impact on their child's 2017 class placement. This includes information about your child that you would like the school to be aware of when allocating them to a class. All parent information should be made in writing and addressed to the principal. Please be aware that only information that reflects educational grounds will be considered. This may include learning difficulties/strengths, health requirements or social/emotional concerns. Requests relating to your child's friendship groups or staff member preferences will not be considered.

All parent requests must be received by Friday 18 November 2016.

Will your child be attending Duncraig Primary School in 2017?

In this final term of the school year, all children from kindergarten to year 5 will be placed into their 2017 class. If your children will no longer be attending Duncraig Primary next year, please inform the school by emailing us by Friday 11 November. Your cooperation is appreciated to ensure our 2017 class structures are accurate.

Booklists 2017

Booklist items will be available to purchase online through OfficeMax. More information including sign in and payment instructions will be communicated to all families shortly.

RUNNING CLUB NEWS

It's been great to see more new faces at running club this term. Running club is open to all DPS students, family and siblings. Sessions are held every Tuesday morning on the Marri Rd top oval (across the road from the school oval), beginning at 8am sharp. All fitness levels are welcomed, the emphasis is on participation and enjoyment, not competition.



A number of Duncraig Primary families are participating in the 5km Color Run Perth next weekend, **Sunday 6th November** at Langley Park. If you would like to join the team, or if you have already entered - contact Ann Nielsen for details about the event and meeting location on the day: ann@tailoredfitness.com.au or 0407 694 381. Further information on the event can be found at www.thecolorrun.com.au/event/perth

Congratulations to the following students who have reached milestone distances over the past month:

100 Club

Jessica S

Emerald (75km)

Thomas L

Jake D

Luke E-W

Abby S

Cruz P-B

Katherine E

Platinum (50km)

Alex T

Leo E

Thomas P

Tristan O

Alexis M

Evie D

Cooper P

Zoe M

Emily T

Maciek T

Tobias H

Jay M

Alex P

Gold (42km) Cody W

Wojzek T

Cooper P

Mackenzie B

Cohen P

Jayden B

Ben B

Jack M

Jack D

Joshua B

Silver (21km)

Jasmine P

Amber J

Isaac L

Marcel S

Bronze (10km)

Nicholas P

Tessa S

Issy J

Owen H

Lili M



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

We Need Your Help!

Our Aim: 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 having lying around your house

Find out More Info and Follow our Progress on Facebook!

https://www.facebook.com/200ToysProject/info/?tab=page_info

Be the change you wish to see in the world

Our kids matter.

KidsMatter helps our school nurture happy, balanced kids.



kidsmatterprimary.edu.au



DUNCRAIG PRIMARY SCHOOL SAFETY HOUSE GROUP

FREE OFFER

SAFETY HOUSE CONTACT NUMBER CARDS FOR SCHOOL BAGS

It can be important to have emergency contact details available in your child's school bag. This will ensure that if a child needs help from a Safety House person or another trusted adult they can easily get in contact with the child's parents or carers.

The Safety House Contact Number Cards are very similar in size to a standard credit card, made out of hard plastic and printed with the child's basic contact information details. For personal safety reasons there is no address or family surname on the card, just sufficient information that will help the Safety House person or trusted adult contact the right person and school as quickly as possible if the child is in need of help.

The Contact Number Card is available exclusively from Safety House WA Inc. for any Duncraig Primary School family to order. The card can then be kept safely in the child's school bag just in case they ever need to give a contact number when they are hurt or upset.

A special **FREE OFFER** deal has been done between the Duncraig Primary School Safety House group and Safety House WA Inc. to make the Safety House WA Contact Number Card available to Parents and families **FREE OF CHARGE**.

To request your Contact Number Card please contact the Duncraig Primary School Office with details of the child's first name/s and a **MAXIMUM** of 2 contact names and numbers. This offer will be available during Term 4 2016. The printed cards will be delivered to the Duncraig Primary School Office in Term 1 2017.



CAN YOUR CLASS WIN THE 5 CENT CHALLENGE?

Term 4 – Weeks 1 to 4

Save your 5 cent pieces and help raise funds for our school. Each class will have a jar to collect coins. Collect as many 5 cent coins as you can – make sure you ask Mum or Dad before you take them. Maybe do some jobs to earn coins.

At the end of the 4 weeks we will count up all the coins – the class with the most coins wins a prize.

**Duncraig Primary
School P&C**

**Collect 5 cent coins
- put them in your
class jar**

**Search for coins
down the back of the
couch, in the car and
under your bed**

**Do chores for Mum
and Dad**

**Funds raised help
our school**

**CLASS WITH
THE MOST
COINS WINS
A PRIZE !**

GIFTED AND TALENTED SECONDARY SELECTIVE ENTRANCE PROGRAMS

Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs provide challenging and highly motivating learning opportunities for children with exceptional academic ability and creative talent.

These Academic, Arts and Languages Programs are taught by teachers with expert skills and knowledge. Your child will learn with like-minded peers and will be continually challenged to achieve at the highest level.

Programs are available at 18 select public secondary schools, including a fully selective academic school, an arts college and a country school. Once accepted, your child will be guaranteed a place at the school.

All Parents/Guardians of students interested in 2018 entry (Years 7, 9, 10 and 11) are invited to attend an information session regarding the application, selection and placement processes for Gifted and Talented Programs in 2018.

This will be presented by the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit from the Department of Education at our school:

School	Duncraig Senior High School
Address	22 Sullivan Road Duncraig WA 6023
Venue	Performing Arts Centre – Parking available in main carpark off Sullivan Rd
Date	8 th November 2016
Time	6pm (duration approximately 1 hour)

If you believe Gifted and Talented Programs are suitable for your child, you can apply at www.education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented.

Applications will open online from Monday 10 October 2016 and close on Monday 6 February 2017.

Visit the Gifted and Talented Programs website to find out more information.

RSVP to this event is essential. Please register your attendance:



positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Free two day workshop for parents and carers Additional follow up session available

Workshop: 16-17WAPC4

Location: Joondalup WA

Like all school-aged students, young people on the autism spectrum benefit from strong, positive relationships between home and school. Positive Partnerships use evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers.

This workshop is suitable for parents, full time carers and grandparents.

What will you gain?

The Positive Partnerships parent/carer workshop intends to:

- ☑ Increase understanding of the impact of autism on learning
- ☑ Introduce a planning tool that can be used to share an understanding of your young person
- ☑ Explore ways to work in partnership with your school
- ☑ Share information about how to access support both inside and outside of school
- ☑ Highlight the policies, system and processes that contribute to the educational environment
- ☑ Increase your capacity to maximise your young person's learning at home and at school
- ☑ Provide an opportunity to network and share strategies with other parents/carers
- ☑ Support small group discussions on a range of topics relevant to young people on the autism spectrum and their families
- ☑ Provide an opportunity to review your progress and plan next steps during an additional session one month after initial workshop days

Workshop details

Venue: Joondalup Resort
Country Club Boulevard
Connolly WA 6027

When: Two day workshop – Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 November 2016 (2 consecutive days)
9.15 am – 3.00 pm (**Registration from 8.30 am**)

Online registrations for the Two day workshop open on Tuesday 11 October 2016 and close two days prior to the workshop.

If you have an email address and access to a computer please register directly through our secure website www.positivepartnerships.com.au. *You will receive a confirmation email of your registration.*

If you have any enquiries phone the Positive Partnerships Infoline 1300 881 971 or email parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au.

Additional session – will be held on Wednesday 7 December 2016 9.30 am – 12.30 pm (arrive from 9.15 am onwards).

Registration for this session will be taken at the initial workshop days and details about venue will be shared on these days