

*Every day in every classroom every student is learning and achieving*

## Newsletter 2 Monday 20 February 2017

### ADMINISTRATION

Principal  
*Taylor Webb*  
Deputy Principals  
*Leah Clegg*  
*Tabitha Stewart*  
Manager Corporate  
Services  
*Jennifer Ryan*

School Officers  
*Sue Hutchinson*  
*Leanne Gray*

### DIARY DATES

**Tuesday 21**

**February**

**P&C meeting and  
AGM 7pm**

**Thursday 23**

**February**

**Assembly  
Rooms 1 and 2**

**Friday 24 February**

**P&C Welcome Night**

**Friday 3 March**

**Uniform Shop  
8.15am – 8.45am**

### From the Principal

Who can believe we are now into week 4! We are well and truly into the first term of 2017. Well done to all the families on preparing your children for the new year. This can be a stressful time for students and parents, however most children seem to have had a smooth start to the school year.



### Independent Public School (IPS) Review- Findings

The IPS review findings have been shared with staff and the School Board, and are now accessible for all families and wider community on the school website. I encourage all community members to take the time to read it.

As a school, we are proud of the hard work by all agencies within the school community including staff, parents, students, P&C and the School Board. Our continual focus is on school improvement, and part of this will take into consideration the “areas of improvement”. This will be evident in the new business plan which is currently being developed. Below is a snapshot of the report:

*“Duncraig Primary School is an effective school. As the school moves into its third DPA, the board, school leadership and staff are committed, united and enthusiastic to achieve school improvement. They are equally inspired to engage in critically examining, refining, and embedding strategic and operational processes and strategies.*

### Commendations

*The following areas are commended:*

- 1. The positive school culture with strong community orientation*
- 2. Leadership commitment to whole school explicit improvement and development*
- 3. Creating a highly effective professional collegiate environment within a model of distributed leadership*
- 4. Community confidence in the school leadership*
- 5. Embedded process of regular staff collaboration meetings to establish collective understanding, skills and practices within a whole school focus*
- 6. The leadership team and staff for creating a safe and inclusive environment where everyone is valued and supported*

### Areas for Improvement

*The following areas for improvement are identified:*

- 1. Governance processes be further developed and refined by the board to maximise effectiveness*
- 2. More alignment between Department of Education planning, the school’s business plan and operational planning, classroom planning and accountability within a whole school focus*
- 3. The early year’s staff continues their critical reflection of NQS and EYLF to establish common interpretations.*

## Attendance Reminder

At Duncraig Primary School, our student attendance last year was on par with Like Schools. This again is a credit to the parents and the school working together to ensure each child has the best chance at maximising their potential.

	Non-Aboriginal			Aboriginal			Total		
	School	Like Schools	WA Public Schools	School	Like Schools	WA Public Schools	School	Like Schools	WA Public Schools
2014	92.7%	94.3%	93.2%	89.7%	90.4%	80.4%	92.6%	94.2%	92.1%
2015	94.5%	94.7%	93.8%	85.1%	86.9%	81.2%	94.2%	94.5%	92.7%
2016	94.7%	94.7%	93.7%	89.7%	85.7%	80.7%	94.6%	94.5%	92.6%

Period of Absence (Years 1-10)	Rate of Attendance	Equivalent Amount of School Missed if the Percentage Rate is Maintained between Year 1-10
0 – 2.5 days missed per term	95% – 100%	0 – 6 months
Average of 5 days missed per term	90%	1 Year
1 day missed per week	80%	2 Years
1.5 days missed per week	70%	3 Years
2 days missed per week	60%	4 Years
2.5 days missed per week	50%	5 Years
3 days missed per week	40%	6 years

### 5 tips to help prepare your child for the day

1. Prepare nutritious recess and lunch items for their lunchbox. Food that will sustain their energy levels throughout the day.
2. Going to bed at a reasonable time
3. Teaching your child responsibility by helping them pack the school bag the night before
4. Getting a good night's sleep and up early enough to prepare for the day
5. Ensure your child has enough time in the morning to get ready for the day- without feeling rushed.



I look forward to seeing you all at the P&C organised Welcome night this Friday. More information, is included later in the newsletter

Have a great fortnight everyone.

*Taylor Webb*

**Acting Principal**



# MATHS FACTOR Winners

Room 6



## NUMERO

We are pleased to announce the re-commencement of Numero Club for 2017. Starting Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, Numero Club offers students an opportunity to learn how to play the exciting mental math game - Numero. Get your children practicing their mental maths in a relaxed and fun environment. All abilities welcome as we do our best to pair up children of similar abilities. Parents are also welcome to play a game with their little ones. No need to book in advance, just turn up! We look forward to seeing you again this year.

Numero Club: Every Wednesday from 8am – 8:30am located in Rooms 1 and 2 (Senior Block).

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book club is back for 2017

A reminder that book club orders can only be placed on – line. The link to register for the LOOP system and information about on-line ordering are below.

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Register.aspx> - this is the registration link

<http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/loopinfo.asp> - this is the info link

### **UNIFORM SHOP**

There are two ways to buy uniform. Online through <https://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au> and in person every Friday fortnight (cash/cheque only). The locked box in the office has now been closed. Please also note that there is no longer an ATM at Duncraig (Marri Road) Shopping Centre.

All online orders received during the fortnight before 5pm on The Thursday, prior to Friday opening, will have their orders delivered to student classes on Friday morning.

We are open **8.15am to 8.45am** every Friday fortnight. Please be respectful of these opening hours, we are volunteers and would like to close on time.

**Next opening date :- Friday 3 March**

### Have Your Say!

The City of Joondalup has made plans to build a fantastic Performing and Visual Arts Facility, across from the train station near Lakeside Joondalup Shopping Centre and many restaurants.

This venue will provide performance opportunities for our students as well as professional and community artists. It will have exhibition areas, a concert hall/theatre and a smaller drama/music theatre.

The Council invites community feedback and I encourage all families to go to the website and select 'Strongly Support' so that they can see how much we will value the venue. You are also able to comment if you wish.

Go to this site and make your voice heard.

<http://www.joondalup.wa.gov.au/Develop/MajorProjects/JoondalupPerformingArtsandCulturalFacility.aspx>

### CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

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

Kindergarten \$60

Pre-Primary \$60

Years 1-7 \$60

These funds will be used to provide additional resources for all students.

An outline of possible charges for each year level was provided at the end of last year. Please use this to anticipate educational expenses for the year. Charges will be collected at the time the particular event, such as an excursion, occurs.

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.



The Netball Season for 2017 is nearly here!

Do you have a son (yes – boys can play netball!) or daughter in Year 2-6 who is keen to have fun and make friends while playing netball?

Calling all players to jump on board and register to play for the 2017 season. Games are played on Saturday mornings at Kingsway

Sporting Complex, with training held once a week after school, at school. The season starts on 29th April.

Registration info will be posted in classroom windows with registration times and dates. Registration forms and more info will be available shortly.

Also, parents, please don't be shy – if you think you would like to coach, know how to umpire, or can help out in any way (like joining the netball committee) please contact me. The more parents involved, the better our netball club will be! No experience is necessary.

Sabrina Beckett, Netball Coordinator, 0435-093-037

### Running Club News

Running Club is held every Tuesday morning during school term. Meet by 8am at the Marri Rd top oval (directly opposite the school oval). In the case of inclement weather, meet at the school undercover area. Everyone is welcome, no need to pre-register. Students sign in on their faction sheets at the beginning of each session. Laps are tallied and accumulate each week to achieve distance reward certificates. Attendance is also rewarded with coloured logo wristbands for each 20 attendances.

Sessions are run by Mr Orzel and school parents, one of whom is a trained fitness professional. Parents are not required to stay - but if you can, we encourage parents and siblings to join in also! The emphasis is on fun, fitness and participation. You don't need to be a super athlete!

There is the opportunity to join fellow DPS families entering community events such as the HBF Run for a Reason and the City to Surf as part of the school team.



In 2016, a number of students entered the Weetbix Kids Tryathlon. This event is coming up at the end of Term 1, some students have signed up already! The 'tryathlon' is held at Langley Park, Perth on Sunday April 9 2017.

Distances: 7-10 year olds - 75m swim, 3km cycle, 500m run  
 11-15 year olds - 150m swim, 6km cycle, 1km run



Please see the following link for more details and to register:

<https://tryathlon.com.au/locations/perth/>

For any questions regarding running club, please contact Jen Szijarto on 0400 013 096 or [jen\\_szijarto@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jen_szijarto@yahoo.com.au)

Congratulations to the following students on reaching milestone distances over the first two weeks of running club this year:

**150km**

Jake D  
 Cooper D

**100 Club (100km)**

Finbar M  
 Katherine E

**Emerald (75km)**

Alexis M  
 Maciek T  
 Charlie T  
 Alex T  
 Tristan O

**Platinum (50km)**

Bonnie L  
 Evie E  
 Scarlett M

**Gold (42km Marathon Distance)**

Isaac L

**Silver (21km Half Marathon Distance)**

Amelia P  
 Angeles D

**Bronze (10km)**

Luna H  
 Bailey T  
 Ella M-M

# Welcome Back Family Night & Sausage Sizzle

Hosted by the Duncraig Primary School P&C Association

Join our school community in celebrating the start of the 2017 school year!



**Friday, 24 February 2017**

**5:15pm-7:15pm around the school canteen.**

**Bring a picnic or buy at our sausage sizzle**

**Sausage Sizzle from 5:30pm**

**Entertainment from 6:00pm**

**Please RSVP to Duncraig Primary P&C Facebook Page Event or by emailing [duncraigpc@gmail.com](mailto:duncraigpc@gmail.com)**

*As this is a family night, please note that this is an alcohol free event.*

## **CANTEEN NEWS**

I will be on holidays from the canteen from March 3-14. Nichola Gell and Charlie Hemphill will be running it in my absence. If you are able to volunteer your time to help out these lovely ladies, please pop in and see me. It would be very much appreciated, and your children will love seeing you behind the counter. No experience is necessary.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Clare O'Sullivan

Canteen Manager

## **SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2017**

Term 1	Monday 30 January, Tuesday 31 January
Term 2	Monday 24 April and Friday 2 June
Term 3	No school development days
Term 4	Monday 9 October and Friday 15 December



### Small Group & Private Lessons

- Please **ENROL TODAY** – via PMI's website OR enrolment forms available at your school front office
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – typically during the school day
- Only \$15.95 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available (\$32.95 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via "PMI Stars" program – structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for keyboard lessons
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination
- Limited spaces available – so please enrol ASAP

P: 1300 362 824 E: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au



**DUNCRAIG PLAYGROUP inc.**





## MAKING YOUR CHILD'S WORLD BETTER!

**Playgroup**  
Playgroup is where you can meet other parents and children in your local area in a friendly fun-filled environment. Our facilities offer play opportunities to maximise any weather conditions.

**Playfun 3's**  
Playfun 3's is run by qualified educators and is especially designed for children to attend in their year before Kindergarten. At Playfun 3's we recognise the importance of play and provide a more structured setting for your child to develop new skills and to learn about the world around them.

**2017 VACANCIES AVAILABLE**  
**9246 2775**  
duncraigplaygroup@bigpond.com

**Playful Environment**

**Creative Activities**

**Complete Facilities**

ph. 9246 2775  
facebook.com/duncraigplaygroup  
duncraigplaygoup.wx.com/playfun3s



**Duncraig Senior High School Tour Term 1**  
Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Twilight Tour @ 5.30pm



## Ready Steady Go Kids - Term 1 Enrolments Open !



Ignite your child's passion for sport and exercise

Ready Steady Go Kids is Australia's leading multi-sport program for children aged 1.5–6 years. Our award winning, high quality, physio-designed program teaches children the fundamentals of 10 different sports in a fun, non-competitive, team-based environment. We cover Soccer, Tennis, Hockey, Rugby, Tball, Athletics, Basketball, Golf, AFL & Cricket. 5 sports are covered each term and classes focus on specific gross-motor, hand-eye/foot-eye and/or balance activities to compliment the sport component. For a free trial, visit our website. Locations: Carine | Currambine | Craigie | Karrinyup | Mirrabooka | North Cottesloe | City Beach | West Leederville

[www.readysteadygo kids.com.au](http://www.readysteadygo kids.com.au)

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