

Newsletter 5 Monday 3 April 2017

ADMINISTRATION

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

School Officers
Sue Hutchinson
Leanne Gray

DIARY DATES

Friday 5 May
Interschool sport
Poynter vs Duncraig

Year 1 excursion

**Tuesday 9 May –
Thursday 11 May**

Naplan Yr 3 and 5

Friday 12 May
Uniform Shop
8.15-8.45am
Interschool sport
Sorrento vs Duncraig

From the Principal

Welcome back, what wonderful weather we have had to start term 2. I hope you enjoyed the April holiday break and your children have returned to school refreshed, and ready to start a busy term. It is lovely to be back at work and I thank you for your good wishes throughout my illness. My return to work has been very smooth and I would like to thank the staff, especially the administration team, for their hard work during my absence. Throughout this term I will be taking some additional leave as I transition back to fulltime work. Mr Taylor Webb will once again work in the principal role when I am away. Mrs Tabitha Stewart will also continue as the Deputy Principal this term in a part time capacity.

NAPLAN Testing

Next week, our students in years 3 and 5 will sit the annual NAPLAN (National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy). These assessments occur over a three-day period, commencing on Tuesday and finishing on Thursday. Parents of students in these year levels are requested to ensure that their children arrive at school on time as all tests occur in the morning. Please also advise your child's teacher or the office if your child will be absent on the testing days as there is only limited opportunity for catch-up testing to occur.

Parents sometimes ask how they can prepare their child for these assessments. Please be aware that at Duncraig, we prepare our students to sit the tests in a low-key manner. The tests are based around the WA Curriculum (WAC) in English (reading, writing, spelling and grammar and punctuation) and mathematics and therefore, the content of the tests is delivered to students through the teaching program that occurs every day in your child's class. As the tests are structured differently to regular learning experiences, teachers also provide students with the opportunity to practice the test format in assessment conditions during class time. Where possible, parents can assist by encouraging their child to approach the tests in a relaxed manner. Minimal disruptions to the home routine are also beneficial, including arriving to school on time and maintaining regular bedtimes. Individual NAPLAN student reports will be distributed to parents later this year. This generally occurs early in term 3.

2016 Annual Report

Our 2016 annual report is available on our school website. This report summarises the school's academic and non-academic achievements and outlines improvement strategies that were implemented. A review of our progress against our school business plan is also included as well as an analysis of the community feedback received throughout the year.

The academic summary in our annual report includes information about the school's performance in the 2016 NAPLAN tests. As NAPLAN 2017 will occur next week, you may be interested in the following comparative summary:

	Year 3			Year 5		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Numeracy	-0.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.7	0.1	0.5
Reading	-0.9	0.7	-0.2	-0.0	-0.2	0.4
Writing	-0.5	-0.2	-0.6	-0.6	0.1	0.6
Spelling	0.0	-0.0	-0.7	0.3	-0.9	-0.4
Grammar & Punctuation	-0.5	0.5	-0.7	-0.0	-0.8	0.7

	Above Expected - more than one standard deviation above predicted school mean
	Expected - within one standard deviation of the predicted school mean
	Below Expected - more than one standard deviation below predicted school mean
	If blank, then no data available or number of students is less than 6

The comparative performance summary demonstrates the school's performance when measured against 'like' schools. These are schools that are grouped using the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA). This national index is derived primarily from parent background information and is updated annually. This summary demonstrates that Duncraig's results are at the expected standard, when compared with 'like' schools in all assessments. The summary also shows that the school has maintained the achievements demonstrated in 2014 and 2015.

Interested families may wish to read the annual report in conjunction with the 2016 Independent Public School (IPS) review information that is also available on our school website.

In conclusion, it's lovely to be back and I look forward to a busy but productive and enjoyable second term.

Lisa Tucker
Principal

Parent Volunteer- Football or Soccer

We **urgently** require the assistance of two or more parents who can coach the school AFL team or the soccer team for the interschool games this term. The games occur on a Friday afternoon between 2.00pm and 2.45pm. If you can help, even if it's for a couple of games, please let Mr Webb or Mr Orzel know ASAP.



FRIENDS OF DUNCRAIG GROUNDS TEAM

Volunteers required to help mow front verge of school (Currajong and Roche), edge Kindy garden bed, path edging and bag hook restoration. Jobs could be completed when you are able to. If you are able to help, please talk to Mr Webb.



KINDERGARTEN & PRE-PRIMARY ENROLMENTS 2018

We are now accepting enrolments for 2018. If your child was born between 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2014 then you can enrol them for Kindergarten in 2018. Forms are available from the office or on the school website. Applications close Friday 21 July 2017.

Restons Branchés (Staying Connected)

I wish to send an extended thanks to Mrs Linda Key who has now generously completed the Jojo series covering of accessioned activity books for use with our Year 5 and 6 students.

This is a vital necessity to maintain the longevity of this brand new resource in the French Room.

It is exciting to know that our school community continues to travel to France. Last year several of our students were lucky to visit Paris! Currently Savannah and Tobias' grandparents have just returned from two weeks in France.

Avie tells me that her Dad has just completed a couple of day's business in Paris and Ben and Emma will be leaving with their family for a two week visit to France this term.

Thank you to Catalina who made Madame a wonderful "cafe au lait" all by herself along with Eiffel Tower shaped crêpes as a welcome back treat to Term 2.

"Miam, miam c'était délicieux Catalina !"



It has been so exciting to have art works from Sundy, Amelae, Heather, Molly and Olivia to make our French Room fun to view.

Finally a French "félicitations" to all our new students who started French for the first time last term, you are managing amazingly well. Evan even thinks it is his favourite learning area at school! "Youpi!"

Vive la France ! Madame Wilderspin.





P&C NEWS

Part-time canteen position

The P&C is currently looking to appoint a person to a part-time position in the canteen. The position would be for one to two days per week (likely Monday) and to provide cover for Clare when she is on leave. If you would like to express an interest please provide a brief summary of your experience and/or qualifications to the P&C at duncraigpc@gmail.com by Friday 12th May 2017. Please feel free to contact the P&C on the same email address for further details of the position.

Lapathon

Our Lapathon and Easter Raffle was an amazing finish to our term 1. As we have just returned from term break, we are extending Lapathon Donation Deposits until next Wednesday 3 May. You can either drop off your donation to the office drop box or direct deposit to the following details:

Westpac BSB: 036226 Acct # 497720 Description: LapSurnameFirstRoom# (ex: LapSmithJoe18)

The profits from our lapathon will go towards the rebuilding of our school reading resources. Participant prizes will be rewarded in an upcoming assembly.

End of term Disco

Save the Date! Our end of term disco will be held on the 16th of June. If you love party planning, we are assembling a team to plan the evening. If you are available to assist, please email duncraigpc@gmail.com and let us know if you would like to be part of building an epic night for our students.

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on the 16 May, at 7pm at the DPS meeting room next to room 7. All members of the community are welcome.

Entertainment Books are now on sale. Please visit our Duncraig Primary P&C Facebook Page for the special link to our fundraising page.

School Banking

Thanks to Mel who has become our School Banking Coordinator. It is great that we can continue to offer this program at our school.



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 – with lessons outside of school hours
- 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

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PROVIDING SAFE, FUN, OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

- Kindy, Pre Primary and Junior students escorted to and from classroom
- Child led curriculum based on children's interest
- Healthy choice breakfast and afternoon tea
- Weekly learning online journals to see your child's involvement
- First aid, asthma and anaphylaxis trained staff on duty at all times
- Government rebate and benefits may apply

7.00-9.00am & 3.00-6.00pm Mon-Fri during School term.
7.00am-6.00pm Mon-Fri during School Development Days
and School Holidays.

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BOOTS FOR THE BUSH



Send your footy boots to our remote indigenous communities.
Together we can help them enjoy the sport we love to play in the
comfort of your boots.

Every year kids need new boots, please don't throw your old
boots away, send them somewhere where they desperately need
them and they make a difference.

Wirrpananda Foundation are now starting Auskick in some remote indigenous communities, your boots will go to



help these kids enjoy sport and keep fit.

Please drop your boots to the box kept in the old undercover area ASAP.

These boots will be collected and delivered to The Wirrpanda Foundation who will take them to remote communities throughout Australia.

For further information please contact the front office.



bricks 4 kidz
Interesting INVENTIONS

bricks 4 kidz BUILDING FUTURE ENGINEERS
JUNIOR ROBOTICS
Education World 2.0

Karrinyup Community Centre

Every TUESDAY starting from
02-May-2017 to 20-Jun-2017

Interesting Inventions
from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

JUNIOR ROBOTICS with Interesting Inventions
from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Select **AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES**
<http://Bricks4Kidz.com.au/Perth-Karrinyup/>

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behaviour tonics

first in practical parenting

- **123 Magic™ & Emotion Coaching**
To help parents manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 yrs 7-9.30pm
Wed 17th, 24th & 31st May
Thurs 8th, 15th & 22nd June
Check the website for more dates
NB : (Also available on a one to one basis ie 3 x 1.5 hr sessions)
- **Engaging Adolescents**
Parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems in 11 - 16 yo.
Includes how to hold difficult conversations, working out how NOT to respond to tricky emotional encounters, building your relationship with your teenager. Wed 14th & 21st June, 6.45 to 9.30pm.
- **Protective Behaviours**
Teach your child a range of skills and strategies to help protect themselves from physical, emotional and sexual abuse. Parents will be taught how to raise the issue of personal safety in such a way that doesn't leave the child feeling scared, anxious or worried. It is also done in a non threatening and non sexual way. Tue 13th June, 6.30 to 9.30pm.
- **Parenting Information Sessions** (including 10 take home tips)
These 2 hr seminars are designed to improve your knowledge and confidence as a parent.
- **Private consults and courses available.**

All Wembley location.
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