

ADMINISTRATION

Principal
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DIARY DATES

Tuesday 12 December
Edu dance concert 2

Wednesday 13 December
Graduation assembly
9am

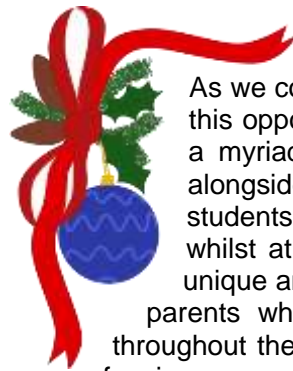
Thursday 14 December
Last day for students

2018

Monday 29 January
9am – 1pm

Wednesday 31 January
8-8.30am Online
orders-pickup only

Wednesday 31 January
2018
First day for students

**Newsletter 20 Term 4 Monday 11 December 2017**
From the Principal

As we commence the final week of the 2017 school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many parents who have provided assistance in a myriad of ways throughout this year. The Duncraig parent community, alongside our dedicated staff, are committed to ensuring each of our students enjoy a rewarding, safe and high quality educational experience whilst at school. I believe this is what makes Duncraig Primary School so unique and a wonderful place to both learn and work. Thank you to the many parents who provided your positive feedback, support and encouragement throughout the year. Thank you also for assisting the school to continue to strive for improvement by highlighting areas that could be addressed. Although I understand that sharing your concerns can be difficult, this information is essential so that we can realise our school vision of *every day in every classroom, every student is learning and achieving*.

Farewells

The end of a school year always brings some farewells for some of our current students, their families and also our staff. For our 33 students in year 6, this will be their last week of primary school. I know I speak on behalf of the staff when I congratulate these students for the wonderful role models they have been for their peers. These children are an exceptional group of young Australians and I know each and every one of them will thrive in their secondary schooling. For some families of our year 6 cohort, this is their last child in primary school. As a result, they too will be leaving the Duncraig community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following parents for their contributions to the P&C throughout their time at our Duncraig. Thank you to Charlie Hemphill, Suzie Wright, Esther Wilson, Heidi McGrath and Narelle and Porle Mortimer for generously giving up your time to support the school. Best wishes also to the several families in the younger years who will also be leaving our school community at the end of this year.

Staff Update

In the previous newsletter I shared the names of the nine staff members who will not be returning for the start of next year. This includes staff who are retiring or who have accepted other positions. I would also like to share with the community that our school chaplain, Margaret Maassen will also not be returning to Duncraig next year. I would like to thank Margaret for her work and wish her the very best for her future endeavours. A new chaplain will be appointed early next year. I am also pleased to announce that Mrs Linda Key will work as our library officer for term 1 whilst a selection process is occurring.

P&C Update

As many of you are aware, we are fortunate to have a very active P&C at Duncraig who through their fundraising, provide many additional resources for your children to enjoy whilst at school. They are also instrumental in organising events such as the popular welcome back picnic in term 1 and school discos. In 2018, the P&C will be actively seeking parents to fill some of the office bearer positions. Further information will be provided at the start of next year, however, I urge you to consider if you are willing to assist in one of these roles so the wonderful work of our P&C can continue.

2018 Student Class Placements

Student class placements for next year will be released this Wednesday afternoon on our school website. Please be aware that these placements are only preliminary at this stage and may be changed prior to the start of the school year. The class lists will be updated on Monday 29 January so please ensure you check the website again, prior to the start of school. Parents who wish to discuss their child's class placement with myself, Taylor Webb or Leah Clegg (Deputy Principals) should contact the school to make an appointment. An overview of our class structure, including teachers is included in this newsletter.

I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a safe and relaxing start to 2018. Prior to the start of the 2018 school year, parents will once again receive a newsletter, outlining important information for the commencement of school. This will be distributed on Monday 29 January 2018.

Lisa Tucker
Principal

Semester 2 Reports

Semester 2 reports will be distributed electronically, by email, for the first time at our school on Wednesday 13 December. Please ensure your email address is accurate by checking with the school office. Paper copies are available upon request to the school office.

Electronic delivery of student reports provides advantages to schools and the parent community including:
timely delivery of reports to parents and guardians;

- ♦ administrative savings in the printing and collation of reports;
- ♦ an ability to provide copies of reports to each parent or guardian where dictated by family circumstances; and
- ♦ parents being able to retain a digital record of student achievement.

♦ Learning Area Grade Reports can be collected from the school office from Wednesday afternoon if you would one.

The information contained in your child's report provides a summary of their achievement, effort, attitude, behaviour and progress in school this year. An area of interest for many parents is their child's academic achievement. This information is reported using grades in years 3-6 (A – E) or grade descriptions in Pre-primary to year 2 (excellent, high, satisfactory, limited, very low).

Your child's grade is determined using the West Australian Curriculum achievement standards. These standards describe the expected knowledge and skills for students who have been taught the curriculum content for the full year of schooling. For example, students performing above the expected standard will receive an A grade (excellent) or a B grade (high). Students demonstrating satisfactory achievement will be allocated a C grade (satisfactory). Students performing below the expected standard will receive a D grade (limited) or E grade (very low).

It is important that all aspects of your child's report are taken into consideration when considering their achievements, areas of strength and where further development is required. Parents should also be aware that children progress at different rates throughout their schooling. This can be reflected in their achievement grades. It is therefore not unusual for a child to fluctuate between different grades both within and across the years.

Information about the West Australian Curriculum, including year level achievement standards is available through the School Curriculum and Standards website.

EDU DANCE FINAL CONCERT – Tuesday 12 December 2017

Date	Time	Class	Teacher
Week 10 12th Dec	2.00- 2.50pm	Room 18, 2, 13, 5, 11, 3, 7	Mrs Spiers Mrs Cox Mrs Firman Mrs Jones Mrs Calton/Cole Miss Oldroyd Mrs Watkinson

Please send your child in school uniform with the costume in their bag. They will change into their costume at lunchtime.

Year/Class	Costume
PP Rm 15 & PP/1 Rm 13	Fluoro or bright coloured top/t-shirt and school shorts/skirt Any colour tie (adult size is ok)
Yr 1 Rm 17 & Rm 18	Black or white clothing Crazy/spiked hair optional (girls must wear hair tied up)
Yr 2 Rm 12	Plain white T-shirt with black bottoms or school shorts A, B or C onto each shirt using school provided wide coloured tape Each letter in different colours – for example A's in Red, B's in Blue & C's in Green (Teacher to do on the day)
Yr 2 Rm 11	Black or school shorts, white t-shirt, green hair spray optional
Yr 3 Rm 6 and Rm 7	Yellow t-shirt, black shorts and small blocks of school provided white cloth tape to be placed randomly on front of shirt (Teacher to do on the day). Yellow hair spray optional

Yr 4 Rm 4 & 5	Red T-shirt with black bottoms or school shorts, bandana provided
Yr 5 Rm 3	White t-shirt, black pants/shorts and jumper tied around waist
Yr 5/6 Rm 1 & 2	Red, black and white Hip-Hop style clothing

**All students are to wear SNEAKERS & girls must have HAIR tied up unless stated otherwise.
We appreciate everyone's contribution to making this all happen – Thank you
Please ask classroom teacher for further clarification if required**



2018 Class Structure

K	Leonie Hetebry	Mon, Wed, Fri	0.6	KA
K		Tue, Thu, Fri	0.6	KB
P	Rachael Waters Tara Phillips	Mon-Tue Wed-Fri	0.4 0.6	14/15
P	Malinda Lyons	Mon-Fri	1.0	16/15
1	Alex Collett	Mon-Fri	1.0	17
1/2	Helen Spiers	Mon-Fri	1.0	18
2	Sandy Firman	Mon-Fri	1.0	13
2	Jenny Cole Lindsay Calton	Mon-Wed Wed-Fri	0.5 0.5	11
3	Jo Watkinson Cath Locke	Mon-Wed Thu-Fri	0.6 0.4	12
3	Sara Di Martino	Mon-Fri	1.0	8
3	Tabitha Stewart	Mon-Fri	1.0	7
4	Jenny Wylde Cath Locke	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri Wed	0.8 0.2	6
4/5	Steve Miller	Mon-Fri	1.0	5
5	Louise Oldroyd	Mon-Fri	1.0	4
5	Mathew Zanatta	Mon-Fri	1.0	3
6	Amy Jones Alison Gordon	Mon-Fri alternate Thu	0.9 0.1	2
6	Karen Garcia Alison Gordon	Mon-Thu Fri	0.8 0.2	1
French	Janet Wilderspin	Tue-Thu	0.53	10
PE	Ted Orzel	Mon-Fri	1.0	
Music	Jan Ruscoe	Mon, Thu	0.4	Music Room
Science P-2	Lisa Nash	Mon, Tue	0.4	VA/Science Room
Visual Art	Angela Coombes	Wed-Fri	0.6	VA/Science Room

2018 Student Class Placement

Preliminary 2018 class lists will be available on our school website from 2pm this Wednesday 13 December. They will remain on the website until school reopens on Wednesday 24 January 2018. Finalised class lists will then be reviewed to accommodate new students and republished on the website from 2pm Monday 29 January once new enrolments have been included. Please check the website before returning to school, in case your child's class has changed.

Booklists - text books

Please do not name or cover your child's text books until after the start of the year. This will enable the school to exchange text books if your child requires a higher or lower level. Teachers will advise you of any changes and send home the text books for covering after school has commenced.

Reading Resource Room

Thank you to parents Shalini Bellas and Natasha Burley for assisting with the organisation of books in our newly established reading resource room.

2018 Community Citizen of the Year Awards

Congratulations to Mr Andrew Blackwell (parent) for being selected by the City of Joondalup as the winner of the 2018 community citizen of the year awards. Andrew was nominated by Duncraig Primary School for his leadership in further developing our school grounds. We are delighted that Andrew's extensive service to our school has been acknowledged.

School Board meeting report

As this was the last meeting of the year, there was quite a bit of time spent on the financial reports, which included the approval of the 2018 contributions and charges to families, the 2018 preliminary budget, as well as the letter outlining payments options for families. The board also completed the next module of the board training which is an ongoing focus of the board as we evolve.

We have approved the school in the sending of reminders to families regarding the voluntary contribution next year as we understand that it can be an issue to pay this at the same time as the purchasing of other school resources. This is not to put pressure on families but as a friendly reminder to those with good intentions who may have forgotten. On this note, If you cannot remember if you have paid your voluntary contribution and would like to pay it for this year, Please contact the Front office as they will be able to let you know.

With the movement of staff, increase of enrolments, and governmental policy changes the board was informed of preliminary staffing and classing that has been structured for next year. Like all things these are subject to change and will be released to the school community in the coming weeks.

A report on the Social emotional learning strategies working groups first meeting expressed the interest that we have in the community for this project and looks like this will be of great added value to the school.

We were also given an update and overview of this year's PEAC results and the ALPS program which is aimed to help our upper band students to achieve their best. One of the great successes seems to be the Year 6 Transition program, which has seen our students getting an extended "taste of high school" in the fields of Science and Digital Technologies. We hope that this gives them a smoother integration to their new environment next year and lessens any apprehension that they might have. Hopefully this relationship with the High school can continue in the coming years.

Finally, I would like to inform you of the 2018 board roles that our Members will be undertaking for the 2018 year.

Chair- Luke Halden

Secretary – Nicole Becker

Financial Oversight – Sophie Dwyer

Board Representative to P&C - Mandy Marett

Board Representative to S.E.L group – Mandy Marett

Ground subcommittee – Taylor Webb

Running Club News

Thank you to all students, parents and staff who have supported RUN DRC in 2017. Thank you to the P&C for funding the yummy fruit the students enjoy each week, and thanks to Clare in the canteen for preparing the fruit plates.



The running club has had a fantastic, successful year. It was encouraging to see that our school has improved greatly in the interschool athletics results and we are confident that this improvement will continue through 2018. Many running club students participated in various running events and should be proud of their excellent personal achievements.

The final running club session for 2017 is on this Tuesday 12th December. Students can wear rashies, boardies, hats and sunscreen and bring water guns (no water balloons please) for some water fun at 8am on the school oval. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM TO CHANGE INTO!

The final certificates for 2017 will be handed out by Mr Orzel during the week. Congratulations to these students who have achieved milestone distances recently:

200km

Jessica S

150km

Lucy E

Evie E

Abby S

100km

Carla W

Joshua B

Zoe M

75km

Angeles D

50km

Marcel S

Taylor D

Ella M-M

42km

Khaylan L

Tessa S

Ella B

Julia S

Marcel S

21km

Kobi K

Zoe E

Jenna B

Sienna S

Campbell S

10km

Austin H

Tilly S

Sasha A

Logan R

Hayden S

MAGGIE DENT FUNDRAISING EVENT SUMMARY

Thank you to all in our school community who supported our recent P&C Maggie Dent fundraising event, the final amount raised for our school was in excess of \$19,000!

We have had lots of positive feedback from those who attended Maggie's Nurturing Kids Hearts and Souls seminar and copies of the event handout prepared by Maggie Dent are available in the front office.

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Special thanks to our school volunteers who helped make this event possible: Deanne Bowen, Rachel Krynski, Angela Hawryluk, Mandy Marrett, Mandy Blackwell, Charlie Hemphill, Simone Duncan, Belinda Saunders, Cassie Lawrence and Shelley Ellis-Williams.

Our P&C would like to extend our appreciation and thanks to local businesses who donated to our raffle hampers:

Hair by Sara

Sa-Art Nails

Lorna & Lila

Bash & Co

Caspa Creations

Sparrow Soap

Nina Bailey

Spice Lily

Crafty Plants

Bargain Buys for Mums

Your School is on Holiday and we would like your help.


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Police 131 444 or
School Watch 1800 177 777



Western Australia Police
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with you our Community.


Call - Community Engagement
Coordinator on 9345 9461
for more information



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Nearer to Nature
Community

Bookings and payment

Bookings are essential
Phone Nearer to Nature on (08) 9295 2244 (9am to 4pm Monday to Friday).


Payment options
Payment by phone: Visa and MasterCard.
Payment by mail: Cheques or money orders can be made out to Nearer to Nature. Please ensure your payment arrives within five working days of making your booking as, due to popularity, we cannot hold places for longer than this.

Cancellations
If you cancel your booking more than two working days before the activity, we will gladly refund your payment or offer a credit voucher (valid for one year). Refunds cannot be made after this time. Once confirmed, your booking is transferable - so if you can't make it, send your friends and family. Please notify us of any changes in attendance.
If we had to cancel an activity, we may reschedule or offer a payment refund.

Contact us


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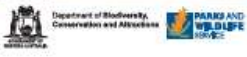



Nearer to Nature
Community

Sparkling summer 2018



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Sparkling summer Calendar of activities January-February 2018

Date	Time	Activity	Drop off	Location	Age	Price \$		Discovery Club Price \$	
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Mon 8 Jan	10-11:30am	It's a shed life		IB	5-8	16	14		
Mon 8 Jan	1-3pm	Intertidal Investigators		IB	7-12	16	14		
Tue 9 Jan	10-11:30am	Dolphin discovery		PWR	4-7	16	14		
Tue 9 Jan	1-3pm	All washed up		PWR	7-12	16	14		
Wed 10 Jan	10-11:30am	Buzzy fuzzy Aussie bee		SSBR	5-8	15	13		
Wed 10 Jan	1-3:30pm	Eco treasure hunt	✓	SSBR	8-13	17	15		
Thu 11 Jan	10-11:30am	Flutterby butterfly		CREEC	3-6	15	13		
Thu 11 Jan	10am-3pm	Canning canoeing quest	✓	CREEC	11-14	38	36		
Fri 12 Jan	10:15am-12pm	Adventure caving	✓	YNP	8-10	34	32		
Fri 12 Jan	12:45-2:30pm	Adventure caving	✓	YNP	10-14	34	32		
Fri 12 Jan	10-11:30am	Enchanted marine environment		IB	3-6	16	14		
Fri 12 Jan	1-3pm	Cool coastal creations		IB	7-12	17	15		
Mon 15 Jan	10-11:30am	Where's wally?		PHDC	4-7	17	15		
Mon 15 Jan	2pm-3:15pm	Big kid campout	✓	PHDC	8-12	40	38		
Tue 16 Jan	10-11:30am	Damself and dragons		CREEC	4-7	16	14		
Tue 16 Jan	1-3pm	Nature Photography	✓	CREEC	8-13	16	14		
Wed 17 Jan	10-11:30am	Meander thru mainland		IB	4-7	16	14		
Wed 17 Jan	1-3pm	Eco challenges		IB	7-12	16	14		
Thu 18 Jan	10:15am-12pm	Adventure caving		YNP	8-10	34	32		
Thu 18 Jan	12:45-2:30pm	Adventure caving		YNP	10-14	34	32		
Fri 19 Jan	9:30am-2:30pm	Dolphin watch	✓	RPYC	13-16	37	35		
Sat 20 Jan	4-7pm	Sunset paddle (for the family)		CREEC	8+	34	32	28	
Mon 22 Jan	10-11:30am	Wild about whales		IB	5-8	16	14		
Mon 22 Jan	1-3pm	Fossils and formations		IB	7-12	16	14		
Tue 23 Jan	10-11:30am	Sticky fingers and friends		CREEC	5-8	17	15		
Tue 23 Jan	1-2:30pm	Nature's kitchen		CREEC	7-12	15	13		
Wed 24 Jan	10-11:30am	Lovely ladybeetles		PHDC	4-7	15	13		
Wed 24 Jan	1-3:30pm	N2N Spy kids	✓	PHDC	7-12	17	15		
Sat 10 Feb	5-10pm	Starlings of the range		PHDC	18+	40	34		

Refer to dbc.wa.gov.au/nearertonature for activity details

Locations:
 CREEC: Canning River Eco Education Centre
 PHDC: Perth Hills Discovery Centre
 PWR: Point Walter Reserve
 RPYC: Royal Perth Yacht Club
 SSBR: Star Swamp Bushland Reserve
 IB: Trigg Beach
 YNP: Yanchep National Park

Refer to Nearer to Nature's program brochure for full activity details.
 What to bring: Water, weather-appropriate clothing and protective elements such as sunscreen and hat. Any other activity-specific requirements will be detailed in your letter of confirmation.
 Note: Parents remain on-site for activities unless stated otherwise in program details.
 ABC: Annual brochure reference number.