

Newsletter 2 Monday 12 February 2018

From the Principal

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DIARY DATES

**Wednesday 14
February**
Peter Combe
Incursion K- Yr 4

**Thursday 15
February**
*Parent information
sessions PP- Yr 6*

Monday 19 February
*Swimming lessons
commence PP- Yr 4*

Thursday 1 March
P&C AGM 7pm

Monday 5 March
*Labour Day Public
Holiday*

It was wonderful to welcome our students back to school just over a week ago and share their excitement about starting school for a new year. The return to school has gone smoothly and I thank our staff for their hard work in preparing the quality learning environments your children returned to. Our teachers worked both in the school and at home during their holiday break to prepare the classrooms and learning programs in readiness for the start of the year. Many of them also met to plan their term 1 teaching program collaboratively, as this is an emphasis at Duncraig this year. Our staff are a dedicated team of educators that I feel fortunate to work alongside. Thank you also to our parent community for ensuring your children were well prepared to start their school year. I understand how difficult it is to return to routine after the lengthy January break, even if your children (and you) were ready for it! It was wonderful to catch up with many of you at the P&C welcome back picnic last Friday night and hear about your children's positive start to school.

Parent and Teacher Information Evening – Thursday 15 February

This Thursday evening, classroom teachers will be offering parents from Pre-primary to Year 6 the opportunity to attend an information session about how their class will operate. The information sessions will commence at either 6pm or 6.45pm and will be 30 minutes in duration. Parents who are unable to attend or their children's information sessions are at the same time, are encouraged to contact the teacher to obtain an information package. These information sessions will be available to kindergarten parents on either Monday or Tuesday afternoon, commencing at 2.30pm.

Developing a Connected Approach to Teaching and Learning

One of the improvement strategies identified in our current Business Plan is providing more opportunities for teachers to plan collaboratively in each year level against the requirements of the WA Curriculum. This year, teachers in all year levels will engage in regular collaborative planning, both on a weekly basis and during staff meeting time. Although collaboration was already occurring at Duncraig, the emphasis was on assessment of learning. This year, we have expanded this with an emphasis on improving student learning by the sharing of effective and authentic teaching practices. The Duncraig Primary School Business Plan 2017-2019 is on our school website and I encourage you to look through this document so that you are aware of our identified improvement target strategies.

Student Supervision – Before and After School

As many of you are aware, the school community are welcome to use our grounds and play equipment outside of school hours. Support from parents is requested, however, to ensure our students are safe both before and after school. This includes not allowing your children to play on equipment before school and supervising their play outside of school hours. If you are unsure of the procedures, please refer to the information provided later in this newsletter.

P&C Involvement

The first P&C meeting for the year is on Thursday 1 March, commencing at 7pm in the school's Conference Room (north block). I encourage all parents to attend this first meeting and become involved, even in a small way. The P&C are a wonderful group of parents who support our school community by hosting a range of fundraising and social events. If you are a new parent, please don't hesitate to come along, meet new people and become an integral member of our school community.

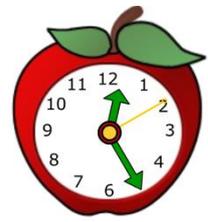
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Principal

Pre-Primary to Year 6 Parent Information Evening -Thursday 15 February 2018

Year Level and Room number	Teacher/s	Parent Meeting Times
Pre-primary – Room 14	Mrs Rachael Waters and Ms Tara Phillips	6.00pm until 6.30pm
Pre-primary – Room 16	Miss Malinda Lyons	
Year 1 – Room 17	Miss Alex Collett	
Year 1 /2– Room 18	Mrs Helen Spiers	
Year 2 – Room 13	Mrs Sandy Firman	
Year 2 – Room 11	Mrs Jenny Cole and Mrs Lindsay Carlton	
Year 3 – Room 12	Mrs Jo Watkinson and Ms Cath Locke	6.45pm until 7.15pm
Year 3 – Room 8	Miss Sara di Martino	
Year 3- Room 7	Mrs Tabitha Stewart	
Year 4 – Room 6	Mrs Jenny Wylde and Ms Cath Locke	
Year 4/5 – Room 5	Mr Stephen Miller	
Year 4 – Room 4	Miss Louise Oldroyd	
Year 5 – Room 3	Mr Mathew Zanatta	
Year 6 – Room 1	Mrs Karen Garcia and Mrs Alison Gordon	
Year 6 - Room 2	Mrs Amy Jones and Mrs Alison Gordon	

Kindergarten A	Mrs Leonie Hetebry	Monday 12 Feb 2.30pm
Kindergarten B	Mrs Rebekah Rossi	Tuesday 13 Feb 2.30pm

Keeping Our Children Safe in the School Grounds Before School



- Children arriving at school before 8.40am should wait in the undercover area as this is supervised by staff.
- Children can wait outside of classrooms only if they are with the person who brought them to school and not with friends. Parents are welcome to gather in the undercover area if their child would like to wait with their peers.
- Please do not allow your child to use the play equipment or play on the school grounds including the oval or assembly undercover area before school.

After School

- Please closely supervise your children when using any of the play areas and ensure they follow the school playground rules. Younger children especially can become confused when permitted to engage in play that is not acceptable during school time. This includes playing in garden areas.
- Toilet access should also be monitored at all times for the safety of children.
- Bicycles and scooters are not to be ridden on school grounds as younger students are present.

Car Park Access

The school car park is only available to staff from 8am in the morning until 3.30pm in the afternoon. Please ensure you park on the perimeter of the school during these times. Students are also not permitted to walk through the car park and should use the path on the western side to access the school grounds.



Dogs at School

Although we love dogs, please do not bring your dog to wait outside the classrooms or on access pathways throughout the school. Some of our students are apprehensive of animals, even small well-behaved dogs or cute puppies. Parents are welcome to wait with their dogs in spacious areas, such as the oval. We ask that you respect this so that our students feel safe in the school grounds.

Social Media and the School Community

The internet and social media provide great opportunities for us to network and stay in touch online. While these technologies can offer a positive space for sharing information and ideas, they also have the potential to cause harm to individuals, groups or even whole communities.

Just as you would discourage your child from acting inappropriately online, it is important to remember that sometimes, negative comments posted about a school community by parents and caregivers can have a bigger impact than expected. Reputations of staff, schools and even parents can be damaged.

Whenever you are online, you are potentially speaking to an unlimited audience, even if you think your conversations are private. Taking a few moments to think about the content you post could save embarrassment - and even possible legal action or police involvement.

Parental and community feedback is important for schools. If you have a concern, complaint or enquiry about an issue at school, the best approach is to speak directly to us, rather than discussing it in a public forum. If you are worried about online content involving the school community, contact the principal. And if you are posting online, remember that your comments help build and support the school community. Make sure you're honest, respectful, considerate - and a good role model for your children.

Swimming lesson change

The following has changed from the PP – Yr 4 swimming note - Room 16 will attend the 10am lesson and Room 5 will now attend the 11am session .

NAPLAN Online

This year in term two, students in year 3 and 5 will be participating in NAPLAN. This year, all students will be taking the assessments online. The year 3 students however, will still be taking a writing assessment in Writing.

What are the benefits of taking part in NAPLAN Online?

- Better assessment – and more precise results. NAPLAN Online uses a tailored test or adaptive design, where the test automatically adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match the student achievement level, allowing the student to demonstrate their knowledge. This provides teachers and schools with more targeted and detailed information on students' performance on the tests. Tailored testing also provides an opportunity to broaden the scope of the assessments.
- Faster turnaround of results. Delivery of assessments online significantly reduces the time it takes to provide feedback to schools, students and parents, so teachers can respond more quickly to learning needs.
- More engaging. ACARA research into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.
- In the Mathematics test, all questions can be read aloud to the student.
- NAPLAN helps parents, carers and educators to see if children are meeting important numeracy and literacy standards. It is used to support school improvement processes by enabling teachers to monitor their students' progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.
- NAPLAN provides parents and carers with an individual report, showing their child's results and a national comparison of their child's performance against other Australian students in their year level.

Are we prepared?

All students who take part in the testing have been using iPads or laptops as part of their teaching and learning program. This term, we will continue to ensure all students are familiar with using devices, typing on them and navigating through programs is a part of students everyday learning and a requirement of the West Australian Curriculum.

Can you help at home?

Yes you can! Like all students at school will be doing, you can further expose your child to the NAPLAN Online platform and practise testing. Click [here](#) to go to the Public Demonstration website.

How does the testing work?

During the test, students are presented with sets of questions based on their performance. Many of these questions are of mid-range complexity for each year level, but some are of higher or lower complexity. For example, students who struggle with questions early in the test are directed to questions that are less complex. Students performing to a higher level in the test will have an opportunity to answer questions that are more complex.

Will students be completing the same test?

NAPLAN questions have always assessed a wide range of difficulty. What differs from student to student in the online test is targeted questions of either higher or lower complexity, depending on the student's performance. These targeted questions are designed to provide more focused, detailed results that can be used to target teaching.

More information will follow in future newsletters and letters home to parents.



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.

Duncraig Primary P&C Association

Notice of 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Families of Duncraig Primary School:

Thank you for your support at the annual P&C welcome event. It was lovely to see families, new and returning, coming together to celebrate the start of the 2018 school year.

Our P&C is responsible for managing many facets of our school community. This includes the school canteen, uniform shop, fundraising, social events, netball club, kitchen garden, gift stalls & cake stalls. These events are run completely by volunteers who have generously given their time and skills to running our P&C initiatives.

Many of these volunteers have also been members of the P&C executive for an extended term and will not be seeking renomination in 2018. These roles include President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Filling these roles are vital to the functioning of our P&C. The treasurer role in particular is responsible for managing the P&C accounts. Without a treasurer, services like the canteen and the uniform shop cannot function. The President and Vice President Roles support each other in chairing meetings while the Secretary is responsible for registering members, keeping P&C records taking minutes for the P&C general meetings. These are a necessary part of maintaining a successful P&C Association.

The P&C is seeking nominations for 2018 executive roles. Our current executive are available to assist successful candidates and training is also available via WACSSO, the state organisational body for P&Cs. If you are considering a role with the Duncraig Primary P&C Association, please contact duncraigpc@gmail.com for more information about executive roles and other volunteer opportunities.

All nominations will be presented at our AGM to be held on:

Thursday 1st March

7pm – 8:30pm

Duncraig Primary School Library

Your contributions are vital part of maintaining a successful & vibrant P&C.

NETBALL



The Duncraig PS Netball Club is looking for students to play and have fun in the coming Winter 2018 season.

Netball is only available to students in Years 2 – 6.

NetSetGo Development Program is Open to Years PP-1
(Registration is different for this program – Details to Follow)

Boys and girls welcome. No experience necessary.

Season Starts 28th April 2018
Games Run on Saturdays @ Kingsway Netball Courts
Training After School 1x/week @ Duncraig Primary School

Registration Information LAUNCHING 19 FEBRUARY

PLEASE WATCH THIS SPACE!

Any further enquiries to Angela Hawryluk at
dpsnetballclub@gmail.com

All Duncraig Primary School Parents and Carers are invited to a free PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS PARENT SEMINAR



When: Tuesday 13th March 2018

Time: 7.00-9.00pm

Where: DPS new undercover area

The seminar will be presented by Protective Behaviours WA, Australia's leading prevention education organisation working in WA and Internationally to prevent child abuse.

At this seminar, you will learn simple tools and strategies you can teach your child to help keep them safe from abuse. These tools are relevant to, and suitable for, primary school children of all ages, and enable you to arm your child without delving into scary or threatening concepts.

This seminar is highly recommended for all parents, and will be particularly valuable for parents of very young children and/or children for whom a frank discussion of these issues is not suitable.

Email duncraigpc@gmail.com to RSVP or for more information.

RSVPs are not necessary but would be appreciated as they will help with our planning. Due to the nature of the subject matter, this seminar is for adults only (but babies are welcome.)



Canteen News

Volunteer Roster

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Date	Volunteer
19 February Monday	Melanie
21 February Wednesday	Melanie
23 February Friday	Anneliese B Amelia K
26 February Monday	HELP NEEDED
28 February Wednesday	Nicole F
2 March Friday	Anneliese B Mandy M



If you would like to volunteer in the canteen, please pop in and see Emma or Clare. Alternatively, you can contact us on 94478255 or duncraigcanteen@hotmail.com. We'd love to meet you and are always happy for the help.

New Menu Items

Recess Time:

- Cheese and Crackers
- Seasonal Fruit
- Homemade Sausage Rolls

- Healthy Chocolate Cupcakes

Lunch Time:

- GF Bread is now available for Sandwiches and Toasties
- Homemade Quiche Lorraine and salad (GF Available too)
- Rice Paper Rolls – Teriyaki Chicken or Prawn (Please order by Wednesday)
- Garden Salad – You can now design your own salad by adding chicken, tuna, egg, ham cheese and/or beetroot
- Ham & Cheese Toasties now available in the picnic pack

Online Ordering

We are continuing with the online ordering system which allows us to offer your children more variety and fresher food options. It is very easy and simple to use. You can set up your account at www.quickcliq.com.au

If you are already a customer, please remember to update your child's details to ensure lunches go to the correct rooms.

KINDY'S are able to order if their school days are Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Pre-ordered Recess Packs

Beginning Week 4, the canteen will be trialling pre-ordered recess packs ranging from \$1- \$2. **These can only be ordered online through quickcliq.com.au.** We hope that this will alleviate some of the pressure at the counter during recess as we will have an express pre-order line. We hope that this will be particularly helpful for rooms 5, 11, 12, 13, 16 & 17 who will have either an early or late recess due to swimming. A successful trial period will ensure that pre-ordered recess is kept available.

Please see below for pack inclusions and costs.



Recess Snack Box #1

- Fruit
- Popcorn
- Chocolate cupcake
- Cheese & Crackers

\$1.00



Recess Snack Box #2

- Vanilla yoghurt
- Popcorn
- Fruit
- Chocolate cupcake

\$1.50



Recess Snack Box #3

- Apple Slinky
- Blueberry Banana Bread
- Plain Milk

\$2.00

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB Book club is back for 2018

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

Our uniform shop is open for purchasing on Friday 16 February from 8.15-8.45am and then every second Friday morning. Orders can also be placed online through the canteen section on our Flexibuzz app. These orders will be delivered to classrooms on uniform shop opening days.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is available on Wednesday mornings before school in the Library.

Australian Girls Choir – February Open Classes

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir (AGC) because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform. School aged girls are invited to try our fun and inclusive classes and learn more about being part of the AGC! Contact us if you would like to attend a free trial class in February. Classes available in Duncraig every Tuesday and Saturday in February.

Ph 1800 338 142 or email perth@aspagroup.com.au

Greenwood Girls' Brigade

When: Wednesdays
Where: Trinity North Uniting Church, 89 Marlock Drive, Greenwood
Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Pre Primary to Year 12 are invited to come and try Greenwood Girls' Brigade.

TRY FOR FREE

Join in the fun

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