

Every day in every classroom every student is learning and achieving

Newsletter 3 Monday 26 February 2018

From the Principal

At the end of this week, we will have completed swimming lessons in all year levels, except for our kindergarten students. Although this has been a disruptive start to the regular routine of school, there are many benefits to having these lessons in summer, particularly after the holidays, where children have the opportunity to regularly practice their swimming skills. I am sure you will be glad, however, to forget about wet towels and bathers for a while! I know our staff are looking forward to focusing on the children's learning programs without interruption.

P&C Annual General Meeting: 7pm – 8.30pm, Conference Room

All families are reminded that our school P&C is hosting their annual AGM this Thursday 1 March. I encourage everyone, particularly our new families to the school to come along and meet other members of our school community. Our P&C are a wonderful group of parents and community members who contribute to our school in a myriad of ways. This includes assisting with fundraising, supporting school social events (for students and parents) as well as helping with activities such as our canteen, uniform shop, netball program, running club and Numero club. Attendance at the AGM does not necessarily mean you will need to become involved unless you wish to. It is, however, an opportunity to learn more about the strength of our school community and the many opportunities on offer for your children. Come and along and enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit, whilst supporting your child's education.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our P&C AGM on Thursday night. The event will be held in our conference room. This is in the middle block on the northern side of the school, next to classroom 7.

Curriculum Support – Third Wave and Accelerated Learning (ALPS) Programs

In each newsletter I am highlighting a strategy the school is implementing that reflects our current school improvement focus areas, as highlighted in our Business Plan. One of these focus areas is curriculum differentiation, to support students at risk of not meeting the year level achievement standards outlined in the WA curriculum. This intervention program is called 'Third Wave' and is designed to provide small group support for students in English. Due to the positive feedback we have received about this program, this year we will extend 'Third Wave' to include students in years 2 to 6. Reading skill development will also be offered, in addition to our current writing program. Parents will receive information from Leah Clegg, Deputy Principal over the next week, if your child will be offered a place in the 'Third Wave' program for semester 1. Another focus that supports curriculum differentiation at our school is an academic extension program for identified students in years 4 to 6. We call this program 'ALPS' as it is designed to support classroom extension strategies, with an emphasis on the 'STEM' learning areas. STEM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The ALPS program was trialled in 2017 and although in its early stages of development, has received positive feedback from our students and their teachers. Parents of students who will participate in semester 1 will receive information about the ALPS program in the next fortnight from Taylor Webb, Deputy Principal.

Lisa Tucker
Principal

ADMINISTRATION

Principal
Lisa Tucker
Deputy Principals
Taylor Webb
Leah Clegg
Manager Corporate
Services
Jennifer Ryan

School Officers
Sue Hutchinson
Leanne Gray

DIARY DATES

Monday 26 February
Swimming lessons
continue PP- Yr 4

Thursday 1 March
P&C AGM 7pm

Monday 5 March
Labour Day Public
Holiday

Thursday 8 March
Assembly Room 6

Tuesday 20 March
Harmony Day

Student of the Month – Term 1: Citizenship

Certificates will be awarded at the following two assemblies this term:

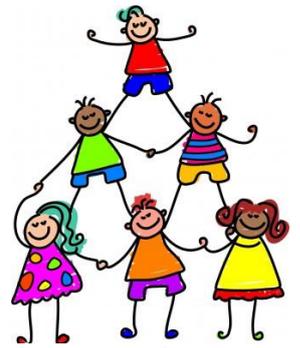
- Thursday 8 March Room 6
- Thursday 22 March Room 7

Characteristics of Citizenship

- Consistently follow school rules
- Be aware of your responsibilities at our school
- Be part of and build a community
- Contribute to your school in every way
- Be thoughtful and help your school mates



Belonging is recognised as an important part of the kidsmatter program at Duncraig Primary School. A sense of belonging helps contribute to good emotional well-being when children feel they belong in a school community they can better focus on the task of learning. Our school focuses on the importance of feeling a part of the community and works hard to create a sense of belonging and inclusion for all children. You may notice your child talk about activities such as bucket fillers or see the "every face has a place" posters in your child's classroom. These are just some of the activities Duncraig teaching staff offer as part of our school's focus on social and emotional wellbeing through the kidsmatter program. This kidsmatter fact sheet has more on the importance of belonging for all children and what families, communities and services such as schools can do to help their child if they are having difficulties belonging. <https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/mental-health-matters/belonging>



From The French Room



Bonne Anneé (Happy New Year !)

This year we have 3 classes of debutantes who are the first cohort to start the WA French curriculum.

- (Year 4 in 2019, Year 5 in 2020, Year 6 in 2021)

I am delighted with our Yr 3 students who are so very enthusiastic and at this early stage they are progressing quickly with their greetings and labelling skills.



It is so exciting for me to have a real French student join our Yr 4 class this year. I am having so much fun conversing with Mya every lesson. It is a wonderful experience for the students of this class to hear French dialogue in progress. Mya says she really likes our school and that her French lessons with us are fun !

Paris

I would also like to welcome our new students this year to the French room.

Colby, Monique, Tahlia, Ty, Mason, Shea and Kyan are all settling in well.

"MJ" has a wonderful general knowledge and has shared his thoughts with me about Gaul and the Roman Civilisation. I suggested that he may like to "perouse" the Asterix series.



Un grand merci to all the parents, grandparents and last year's students who have already popped in to the French room to say "Bonjour" this year !

Amitiés,
Mme Wilderspin.

USING 1:1 MOBILE DEVICES TO ENHANCE TEACHING AND LEARNING- A TEACHERS PERSPECTIVE

Our year 3 teachers are busy working with students on 1:1 mobile devices to add value to current teaching programs. More information will continue to be added to future newsletters.

Please read and use a QR scanner app on your mobile device to view the short example.

1. Using the Base Ten Blocks App on an iPad to Model Place Value

Students learn that 4-digit numbers are made up of ones, tens, hundreds and thousands.

After manipulating physical MABs to represent numbers, the Base Ten Blocks App enables students to experience regrouping, showing that:

10 ones = 1 Ten

10 Tens = 1 Hundred

10 Hundreds = 1 Thousand



2. Using the Base Ten Blocks App on an iPad to Model Addition with Regrouping

Regrouping during the addition process is a skill that some students find difficult.

Using the Base Ten Blocks App enables students to experience regrouping as they practice addition.



MATHLETICS

Parent information and login details should have been given to all students. Please see your child's teacher if it doesn't make its way home, or doesn't work. Thank you to our P&C for paying for the yearly subscription. So please use it!

SCHOOL LIBRARY UPGRADE – PARENT INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITY

As part of our Business Plan 2017 – 2019, the school is commencing a library refurbishment project aimed at revamping our current school library facility to reflect a contemporary, flexible learning space for our students. This project will be funded both by the school and our P&C, who are aiming to contribute \$15000 to this initiative. Before commencing the upgrade, the school is establishing a working party to both identify areas for improvement and develop an action plan. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please contact the school administration at Duncraig.ps@education.wa.edu.au by Friday 16 March 2018.

FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL – WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH

Please note the new date for the faction swimming carnival, Wednesday 14 March (it was originally scheduled for the Friday). This information has been updated on the term planner on our website.

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.

RUNNING CLUB NEWS



We've had a fantastic turnout at running club for the start of the new school year. It is fabulous to see so many new participants joining us. Please keep up the excellent efforts! We have had many students achieve milestone distances over the first three sessions. These students will be mentioned in the next newsletter and certificates will be awarded at the first assembly of the year.

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.

Come and have a go - it's a great way for kids to start their school day!

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.

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.

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
5 March Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
7 March Wednesday	Nat. M
9 March Friday	Nat B Carmen
12 March Monday	HELP NEEDED
14 March Wednesday	Nat M
16 March Friday	Dion HELP NEEDED



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.

Gluten Free Menu Items

The online ordering system now has a NEW gluten free tab to make ordering gluten free items easier. You will be pleased to know the GF Quiche and salad has been well received. We also have a NEW GF Teriyaki Chicken and Rice meal.

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 students are able to order if their school days are Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Pre-ordered Recess Packs

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 2 March 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.

COLES SPORT FOR SCHOOLS



Thank you to everyone who has brought in vouchers.

A box is in the school office for your Sports for Schools vouchers. Our goal for this year is 10 000 vouchers so keep collecting.

So far we have counted just over 1000 vouchers!

DUNCRAIG SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TOURS

School tours for prospective parents will be conducted on the following dates.

1st Term Wednesday 21st March at 5.30pm

No need to book, just meet at Administration 5 min beforehand.



WARWICK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL
Governor's School STEM Award 2017-
Meritorious Leadership

YEAR 5 & 6 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

All parents are welcome to attend this information evening on **Monday March 19, 2018** in the Performing Arts Centre. A tour of the school will be held at 6:30 pm with the Information Evening commencing at 7:00pm.

SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Guided tours will be conducted on **Friday March 16, 2018** with tours commencing at 9:00am & 2:00 pm.

PROGRAMS:

- Academic Extension
- Endorsed Specialist Netball (Netball WA)
- Endorsed Specialist Football (WAFC)
- Dance Elite
- Music

Please RSVP for the Parent Information Evening and book tours via school administration reception by **Monday March 12, 2018**. We look forward to meeting you.

T: 62404400

E: warwick.shs.enquiries@education.wa.edu.au

W: www.warwickshs.wa.edu.au

Address: 355 Erindale Rd Warwick WA 6024

Facebook: @WarwickSeniorHighSchool



Relationship Education

123 Magic for Families and Children under 12

Program Overview

123 Magic is a popular international parenting program that is easy to learn and very effective. Parents will explore ways to strengthen their relationship with their kids while learning:

- how to stop kids doing what you don't want them to do e.g. tantrums, whining
- how to get your kids to do what you want them to do e.g. chores, going to bed

Joondalup: Sanori House - 126 Grand Boulevard, Joondalup

Dates: 3 consecutive weeks - Monday 12th, 19th, 26th March 2018

Time: 6.15pm -8.30pm

Cost: \$65.00 includes workbook (GST inclusive)

Register today

9263 2121

or email education@anglicarewa.org.au

www.anglicarewa.org.au



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