



## CARNIVAL EXCITEMENT

The weather was brilliant, organization excellent, supporters in great voice and competitors tried their hearts out. Our new automatic timing and photo-finish app worked a treat and the result was up in the air until the final races with Sterling capturing the win. A full write-up of the Faction and Interschool Athletics Carnivals will be in next week's Snippets. Good luck to our Interschool team who travel to Quairading on Friday.

## CONGRATULATIONS KALICIA

We would like to extend our congratulations to Kalicia who has been accepted into the Young Indigenous Women's STEM Academy. The goal of the academy is to build a generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander female leaders, role models and game changers in STEM fields. We look forward to following Kalicia's journey as she engages with the opportunities that are presented to her.

## MATHS ACHIEVEMENTS

Several students from Year 5 to 8 entered the nation-wide Australian Mathematics Trust Competition recently. Samuel and Tessa received a 'Distinction', Natalya, Boston and Hannah a 'Credit' and Maycie and Cody were deemed 'Proficient'. Well done to these students.

## MISS FOWLER RECOGNISED

Congratulations are also in order for Miss Rielle Fowler for reaching the Semi-finals in the Curtin University, Teaching Excellence Award which forms part of the 2020 Western Australian Regional Achievement and Community Awards. Miss Fowler will know by the end of September if she is a finalist for this award. Either way, we know she is a champion!



## DRESS-UPS

The Kindy and Pre-primary students had a great time with their dress-ups at lunchtime. Here are a couple of future firemen!

**THANK YOU!**

- Dowerin Gourmet Butcher for their generosity in supporting cooking at school.

## KINDY READINESS FUN

We have had a great time with our small but enthusiastic Kindy Readiness group. Thanks to Li'l Tigers for allowing us to use their center this term. Next term we are looking forward to moving to the Early Childhood Centre at the school so the children can get used to the facility and outside environment in readiness for a great start to Kindy next year. Any 2021 Kindy enrolment at Dowerin is welcome to attend. If you have questions, please get in touch with the school.



COME AND CHECK OUT THE NEW  
**UNDERCOVER AREA**  
at the  
P and C Sundowner  
From 3-6pm  
On Saturday, September 19th  
Everyone welcome

This will be a great follow on from the Minnivale Open Day!  
Due to COVID restrictions please BYO food and drink—no glass please.

**WHAT'S ON?**

Sept 17	The Great Vegie Crunch
Sept 18	Interschool Athletics
Sept 21	Scitech Incursion (Year—6)
Sept 23	9.00am (Staffroom) Review of Cross Country and Athletics Carnival—all welcome.





## Dung Beetle Incursion



On the 8<sup>th</sup> of September, Rachel from the Mingenew-Irwin Group came down to speak to the 3/4 and 5/6 classes and taught us all about Dung Beetles! We will be doing a project on them in Term 4 and we wanted to find out all about them! Rachel brought in some Dung Beetles to show us. After she spoke to us and gave us lots of information about Dung Beetles, we went outside to hold some with horns on their head. Some people went into the sandpit and watched the Dung Beetles dig into the sand, others held them. Rachel told us that sometimes they will try to dig in between our fingers, so we had to switch them to the other hand. Dung Beetles like to play dead and their legs will be tucked in. When they are actually dead their legs are spread out.

After we had held them and put them back, Rachel told us about an application where you can take a photo and experts can look at it and tell you what it is. Some people have even discovered new species! Then we had some time to ask questions. Rachel told us that if we lived on a farm with cattle, we could have a look and maybe even find our own Dung Beetles!

By Jaycee Windsor



On Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of September, Rachel from the Mingenew-Irwin Group came to Dowerin District High School to speak to the years 3-6 about dung beetles. I learnt so many new things about dung beetles. One of the fascinating things is the life cycle. It starts off as an egg and then hatches into larva, then a pupa and finally metamorphoses into an adult. The dung beetles Rachel brought were given to her from UWA. My favourite part of the session was that we got to hold the dung beetles. It was so much fun.

The dung beetles Rachel brought live for about 2 years. You can tell if they are dead if their legs are out. Dung beetles like to play dead, they keep their legs in and do not move.

The reason Rachel came to speak to us is because in Term 4, the 5/6 class is going to be discovering and looking at dung beetles for our STEM projects.

Overall it was a great experience and I really enjoyed Rachel coming and speaking to us about dung beetles.

By Laila MCIVOR

