



Together We Strive

Dowerin District High School Newsletter

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From the Admin Team

Dear Parents and Community Members

Student Leadership Team Announced

Congratulations to the members of the 2016 Student Leadership Team which was announced at last Friday's afternoon assembly. They have already had their first meeting and promise to be a very proactive and cohesive team. We also acknowledge the many students who nominated for positions and look forward to seeing your leadership skills come forward in other ways in the school. It is important to remember, a title is not a pre-requisite to being a leader! See the article with the full announcement of the SLT later in the newsletter.

School Chaplain

We are very pleased to have Mrs Hagboom back from holidays in her role as School Chaplain. She has had a busy couple of weeks since returning; catching up and supporting students and staff at the school, engaging in study at TAFE (relevant to her chaplaincy role), facilitating lunch time craft activities and having a great time in the music classroom with Mr Harford.

Please remember that should you or your child/ren require support, Mrs Hagboom can be contacted through the school.

Swimming Carnival

The excitement builds as our Faction Swimming Carnival approaches. With a reasonably hot day expected, it should be a great day for competitors and spectators alike. We hope you will be able to come along, for at least part of the day, to cheer on the competitors.

Protective Behaviours

The staff are meeting after school today to review the Protective Behaviours Program in the school and plan for delivery in 2016. This important program improves student safety and resilience by empowering the children to take appropriate action should a need arise. There are many ways parents

can support this program at home and in the wider community. Keep an eye on the newsletter and website in coming weeks for more information.

School Nurse

Meg Melvin will be working with the staff and students this year, providing a variety of services in her role as Community Nurse. She will be offering recess and lunchtime drop-in sessions (morning tea with the secondary girls on her first visit), administering

vaccinations, completing early years health assessments and supporting staff to deliver health related curriculum. Parents are also welcome to speak with Meg and can arrange this by contacting the school.

Learning—A Life Long Journey

The staff continuously engage in a variety of learning in an effort to provide our students with engaging and relevant curriculum and support them to be the best they can be. Mrs Petchell and Mrs Garner have been to a Teacher Development Schools conference and made some great contacts to help further what we are doing at the school in Mathematics and Science. Miss Fowler and Miss Kelly are off to increase their knowledge on delivering Science in the early years and Miss O'Neill will shortly attend a Maths Through Movement day for early childhood teachers. Mr Minson and Mr Brown are excited about engaging in Robotics workshops in Week 6 and Mr Brown will also attend professional learning on coding. Not to be left out, Mrs Lee attended a finance information session yesterday and Ms Marshall will shortly attend a gardening safety day.

Parents and Citizens Association

It was great to have so many parents at the P & C Meeting last Monday. Congratulations and thank you to the 2016 office bearers for taking on the role and coordinating the great work of the P & C. While the meeting was a little longer than normal, a



Friday Afternoon Assembly Awards

Joel Richards	For using his initiative to work independently.	Miss Kylie Fowler
Myles Smith	For applying himself to improving his ability to summarise texts.	Miss Kylie Fowler
Matilda Waugh	For being enthusiastic about everything!	Miss Kylie Fowler
Amber Richards	For trying hard to apply what she has learnt to her work! Super star!	Miss Natalie O'Neill
Boston Petchell	For being enthusiastic about all learning!	Miss Natalie O'Neill



Visitors to Admin

- Riley has regularly been completing his homework to a high standard.
- Rhyder independently created his recount plan of what he did on the week-



- ◇ Kye Matthews 24th February
- ◇ Aliah Melvin 24th February
- ◇ Courtney Robinson 26th February
- ◇ Fraser Hagboom 5th March



Faction Swimming Carnival 2016

OFFICIALS

CARNIVAL COORDINATOR	Aron Hall
ASSISTANT JUDGE	Paul Millsted
STROKE JUDGE AND LANE SUPERVISOR	Aron Hall
STARTER	Rob Proud
STARTER'S MARSHALL	Barb Garner
RESULTS	Marcia Metcalf Kym Metcalf Nadia Lee

NOTE TO PARENTS

There will be NO lunch orders from the Bakery or Roadhouse for the swimming carnival. Please have student lunches organised.

Students are not to access the pool kiosk at any stage of the day. Parents and spectators can attend the kiosk for purchases at any time.

Thank you.

TIME KEEPERS

(AM)

Carla Proud
Kelly Pickering
Joyce Couper
Michelle Bear
Sam Jones
Emma Kelly (Relief)----->

(PM)

Dan Robinson
Tracy Jones
Shane Melvin
Felicity Sewell
Corey Matthews

NOVELTY EVENT CO-ORDINATOR

Kate Petchell (P-3 in medium pool)
Aron Hall (4-10 in 50m pool)

NOVELTY EVENT ASSISTANTS

Kath Gerrard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Quartermaine

CERTIFICATES/STICKERS

Nat O'Neill
Tamara Johnston
Jodie Howard

HOUSE MARSHALLS

FORREST

Michael Minson
Nathan Brown

PHOTOGRAPHY

Amanda Hagboom

STIRLING

Steph Hibbitt
Kylie Fowler (Relief)

A BIG THANKYOU MUST GO OUT TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR TIME TO MAKE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE.

NOTE: Students will leave the school at 9.00am, and be settled in the bays by 9.15am for marshalling for the first race at 9.30am.

STEM EDUCATION

The Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 classes have recently started their Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) project. The aim of the project is to broaden the students' knowledge about the technology around them, technology which they will all use in their future careers.



The project for Term 1 is "Robotics". In groups, students are working together to follow instructions and build their own robot. Once the robots are built, students will learn how to program them to perform a series of tasks. They can be programmed directly into the machine, through a computer and even through an app. Students will learn how to use these technologies to perform different tasks.



Once there is a full understanding of what the robots can do, there will be more specific challenges set by Mr Brown and Mr Minson that will encourage the children to "think outside the box" and solve problems. There may also be some special visitors throughout the year.

In the first two weeks of the program, the students have been working together to create the robots. They have found this challenging but exciting and are learning a lot about how different systems work. Keep an eye out for future updates.



2016 Student Leadership Team

After a learning about the qualities of leadership, students were able to nominate for positions as a Class Representative and/or a Faction Captain. Class Representatives were required to make a speech to their electors and Faction Captain nominees were required to submit written responses to two questions which reflected the role of the Faction Captain. There will be a further election at the end of Semester 1 to elect Semester 2 reps.

The Head Boy and Head Girl will be elected by the student leadership team and staff in the next fortnight.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Year 3/4

India Quartermaine
Samuel Crute (Sem 1)

Year 7/8

Jarvis Pickering
Fraser Hagboom (Sem 1)

Year 5/6

Tiahn Melvin
Scarlet Metcalf

Year 9/10

Ashton Hagboom
Lochie Bear (Sem 1)



FACTION CAPTAINS

Stirling

Danika Cott
Fraser Hagboom

Forrest

Kurt Richards
Tiahn Melvin





What's On...

P & C Update

The P&C held its AGM and General meeting Monday 15th February. Office bearers have been elected for 2016 and are as follows;

President – Linda Quartermaine

Vice President – Misty Richards

Secretary – Kate Petchell

Treasurer – Jo Holberton

Uniform Co-ordinator – Marcia Metcalf

Fundraising Co-ordinator – Emily Waugh

The general meeting covered a wide variety of topics, including school uniforms, playground maintenance and fundraising options. Uniforms for sports carnivals was also discussed to allow

easier identification of student factions and upgrading the existing Interschool uniforms. Fundraising options for both general funds and specific projects were proposed and are being investigated. Issues with car parking and child safety, and a proposed change to the Presentation Night format were also covered in the meeting. The P&C have offered to fund the attendance of Dowerin DHS Student Leaders to the 'Grip Leadership Conference' well suited to our student cohort.

Thank you to all that attended the meetings and the full versions of the AGM and General Meeting minutes will soon be available on the school website www.dowerindhs.wa.edu.au

Dowerin DHs P&C Family fun day

Save the date for the P & C Family Fun Day!

Sunday 6th March long weekend

3-6pm Dowerin Town Pool

More details coming soon...

WHO WILL BE DOWERIN DISTRICTS HIGH SCHOOL MOST CONSISTENT SAVER 2016?

School banking will take place in the old deputy principal's office each Wednesday of school term from 8.30am.

Each new school banking account opened during first term will receive a \$5 gift deposit from Goomalling & Districts Community Bank[®] Branch.



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What's On...

Canberra Camp

There will be a meeting for all parents of secondary students attending the Canberra Camp on Monday, Feb 29th at 3.15pm in the Secondary General Teaching room. Students going on camp are encouraged to attend. Parents will be provided with a final itinerary, permission slips and other information about camp.



SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

YEARS 7 TO 12
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO:

\$350

towards school expenses

DO YOU HOLD A: ● **CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD**
(OR) ● **CENTRELINK PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD**
(OR) ● **VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD**

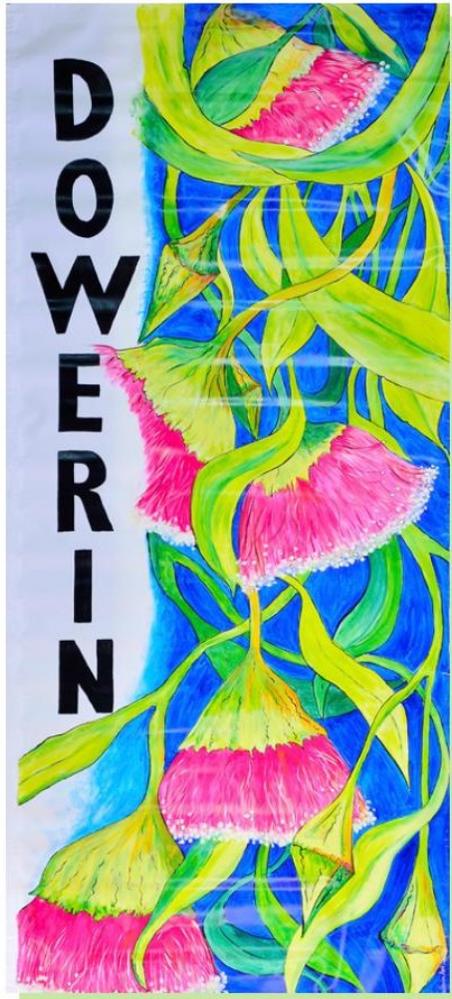
Applications Close
Friday 8 April 2016

ASK SCHOOL RECEPTION FOR MORE INFORMATION

WALGA

WORKING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Banners in the Terrace Competition 2016



2015 Winning Banner painted by
the Dowerin Arts Group (DAGS)

This Year's Theme:

Design a banner reflecting the theme *"Local Impact"* or depicting something relevant to the Shire in general. Participants may be inspired by local landmarks, the surrounding landscape or significant events in Dowerin.

ARE YOU CREATIVE? SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES!

Banners in the Terrace is one of WA's largest community arts projects that features banners submitted by Councils and Community groups from all over WA.

Schools and community groups from within the Shire of Dowerin are invited to participate by submitting their creative designs. The Shire will arrange for the local winning design to be digitally printed and exhibited along St Georges and Adelaide Terraces in the City of Perth in August 2016 during the annual WA Local Government Convention.

The local finalists will then be in the running to win the statewide 2016 Banners in the Terrace Competition.

For Registration packs and guidelines, please phone Misty at the Shire of Dowerin on 9631 1202 or email cso@dowerin.wa.gov.au

Design Entries *must* be received by 4pm on Thursday 31st March 2016



YOU COULD WIN!

Win \$100 for your chosen school, community group or sports club.



Rosters and Information

Breakfast Club

At the moment, Breakfast Club runs between 8.15 - 8.40am to allow the staff adequate time to be available for period one. The current times mean that the students who travel by bus miss out. With parent volunteers, Breakfast Club will be able to run longer to cater for all students. If you are available to assist

Week	Tuesday Barb Garner	Thursday Shirley Hagboom
Four Monday 22nd February		
Five Monday 29th February		
Six Monday 7th March		



We need your help to fill the Recycling Roster for 2016

Please consider volunteering an hour of your time to help with a Sunday recycling collection this year.

Get in quickly to choose a month that suits your family.

DATE	FAMILY NAME
March 2016	Ratcliffe
April 2016	Waugh
May 2016	Crippen
June 2016	Proud
July 2016	
August 2016	Quartermaine

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SCHOOL BANKING

Bendigo Bank will be conducting school banking for students **every Wednesday morning at 8.30am**. This will be in the old Deputy Principal office on the Primary Wing.



Term One 2016

4	22	23	24	25	26 Faction Swimming Carnival	27
5 Mar	29	1 MAR	2	3	4	28 5 6
6	7 LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	8	9	10	11 Interschool Swimming Carnival @ Dowerin	12 13
7	14	15	16 7 - 10 Assembly (9.00am)	17	18 National Day Against Bulling	19 20