



# Newsletter No 17

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4	2 Nov 	3 FACTION JUMPS AND THROWS  School Board Meeting 3.20pm	4	5 	6 FACTION ATHLETICS   SATURDAY & SUNDAY Book Fair 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup>
5	9 Nov Year 6 Transition at DSHS  NAIDOC Week	10 	11	12	13 NAIDOC – “Always Was -Always Will Be” ASSEMBLY Year 3 Mrs Ricketts/ Mrs Simpson Room 6  
6	16 Nov School Board AGM 3.20pm  	17	18	19	20 “22Q” Awareness Day  ASSEMBLY Year 3 Miss Lee Room 03  Year 6 Transition at DSHS

• Be your best

• Be safe and caring



Be resilient •

Be respectful •

## Principal's Message

Our year 6s returned from their camp to Rottnest Island last Friday safe and well if not a little tired and with lots of unique experiences to share with each other. They are to be commended on their behaviour and willingness to have a go at the variety of activities. Thank you to all our staff and parent volunteers who gave up their own home lives for the week to accompany our students and allow them to experience such an amazing opportunity.

Next week on Tuesday, we have our jumps and throws events at the school.

Our Athletics Carnival will be held at McLean Park next Friday 6th November. Parents are welcome to attend the carnival. We would ask to help make the day run smoothly and be as Covid safe as possible that:

- You do not attend if you are unwell
- physical distance of 1.5m per adult unless you are from the same household, especially when you wait in line for food or bathrooms
- follow good hygiene practice – washing hands and using hand sanitiser
- please follow directions announced over the PA system throughout the day
- please respect our staff and volunteers by not entering inside the track or bays.

## “Parent Friendly” Business Plan

It is with great pleasure that I am presenting to you the ‘parent friendly’ version of our Business Plan for 2020 to 2022. Our Business Plan is based on rigorous school self-assessment which includes input from students, parents, board members and staff. The plan specifies our shared vision and purpose for our school and areas for growth during the current three-year period. Our numerous strengths are not detailed because this is a plan for school improvement.

The **attached** parent friendly version of our business plan is the result of a collaborative project by Board members. We would like to thank; Steve Jones, for donating funds to enable the professional photography, Kelly Howard and Jess Hockey, board members, for their work on the text, choice of photos and layout. We are also grateful to Nic Duncan for the amazing professional photographs of our students and school.

We appreciate the support we enjoy from our whole school community as we continue our journey of excellence in student learning and wellbeing.

## Assemblies

Starting Friday 13 November we have a run of four straight Assemblies. In order to meet Covid safe requirements only parents/carers of students in the presenting class may attend. I would also ask that if you do record parts of the Assembly that show students other than your own child they are not shared on social media platforms as not all parents give permission for their child’s images to be shared. At different times we also have students who are under court orders that prohibit their identity or image being shared on social media platforms. Thank you for your support with this.

## Class Structures and Requests

Planning is underway for 2021 and we are beginning the process of developing tentative classes. These can only ever be finalised at the start of next year when we are more certain of our 2021 enrolments. We will again be accepting parent requests based on the fact there may be particular issues facing some children. Whilst we take parent requests seriously, they are but one of a number of factors that need to be considered when creating class lists.

We try to meet as many requests as possible but this is not always feasible or desirable for a number of factors, e.g. a request may conflict with other parent request, class numbers needing to be equitable, class profiles (academic, social/emotional and behavioural needs) needing to be balanced. Please be aware some teachers will have different year levels next year. Even if you have requested already throughout the year that your child be with, or not with, certain students next year please still fill in the formal “Parent Request” sheet that is attached to this newsletter.

Requests can be made on the basis of:

- A student having a specific learning need and/or requiring a particular learning support.
- A student requiring special support for social/emotional reasons.

***Please note that requests for a particular teacher will only be considered after all other factors are taken into account.***

Staff put a lot of effort and thought into ensuring classes are well structured and meet the needs of students taking into account social/emotional matters, relationships, cognitive development and physical development.

*Kind regards*

*Damian Luscombe*

# Are you leaving us in 2021??

**Please, could you let us know...?**

We are already planning how we can best meet the needs of our students in 2021. It is vital that our calculation of the number of students for 2021 is accurate because this has a huge impact on our budget. You can help us by letting us know if your children won't be returning at the beginning of 2021 - [denmarkps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:denmarkps@education.wa.edu.au)





IT'S HERE!

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

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# YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

SNOW MUCH TO SEE AND  
READ AT OUR BOOK FAIR



FIND THESE BOOKS AND  
HUNDREDS MORE AT THE FAIR!

**Saturday + Sunday 7+8 November 10am - 12 noon**  
Date **Monday 9 November 8am - 10am**  
Place **Denmark Primary School Undercover Area.**

**EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS LEARNING AND  
LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL**

**SCHOLASTIC**

VacSwim swimming lessons

Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays.

VacSwim in January offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations during the long break. Not only are they a great school holiday activity, they teach valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water.

Your children can start as young as five years old.

Don't wait! Enrol your children in VacSwim now at [education.wa.edu.au/vacswim](https://education.wa.edu.au/vacswim)

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# ROTTNEST 2020

## DAY 1

It was an early start to the day, 65-year sixes selected a bus and we departed the school at 5:00 am on Monday the 19th of October. We all relaxed ourselves on the bus by watching movies as well as talking to our friends beside us. We stopped for recess and a little play at Kojonup, and then we seated ourselves back on the bus. We arrived at Fremantle at around 11:30 am, we then transferred our bags from the bus onto the Sea-link containers. We all positioned ourselves on a seat on the ferry, and then we proceeded to go to Rottnest, which



was around a 30-45 minute ride, we arrived at Rottnest at 12:15 pm. After the ferry ride we all had lunch at the park, a few endearing quokkas approached us. We visited Pedal & Flipper to get helmets and bikes recommended for us. We all went on a test ride to the Basin which was about 4kms there and back all together. We all had the opportunity to have showers, to cleanse ourselves, around 30-60 minutes later we had a delectable roast, followed by a tasty bowl of ice-cream. After dinner we had night activities, the blue group did the quiz night while the black group did spotlight and red watched a movie,

## DAY 2

On Tuesday morning, everyone roused themselves at approximately 5:30 am. Everybody had around 1 hour to prepare themselves for the day. We all seated ourselves in the dining area for a delicious serving of bacon and eggs for breakfast. After breakfast, we rode to Parker Point for our Whitecaps and Wilderness Walk. We separated into our bandana groups and started our tour. They educated us with interesting facts about Rottnest Island while we viewed the ocean. At the end of the tour, we all met at Little Salmon Bay. After that, we rode back to the Kingstown Barracks where we had some lunch, and some quiet time. Later, it was time to ride to the Settlement for some entertaining activities. When we arrived back at the Barracks we all had showers, some pasta for dinner followed ice-cream and jelly. Later on, we got on our bikes and carefully rode to the settlement for the Twilight Tales and a Stargazing tour.



## DAY 3

Wednesday morning some people had showers and played outside and then everybody went to the dining hall for a good English breakfast. Not long after that, we rode to the Army Jetty for the Seasons of Wadjemup activity for about 2 and a half hours. We rode back to Kingstown Barracks and had lunch which was delicious hotdogs. We all got ready for a big swim at Pinky's Beach. After our fun, refreshing swim we surrounded the lighthouse for some photos and then rode to the Barracks. After our ride, we all had showers and a yummy chicken casserole for dinner then some scrumptious apple pie and ice-cream for dessert. After our food each bandana group rotated the night activities so we all got the opportunity to do each activity.







# ROTTNEST 2020

## DAY 4

Thursday was a big day filled with riding. We had our regular morning routine but with pancakes for breakfast. Most people did the big 12k ride but some chose to stay back. On the way to the lighthouse we saw some beautiful salt lakes and on the way back we stopped at a beach and looked around. Then we rode back to the barracks, and had a refreshing icy-pole. We had a yummy lunch which was nuggets, chips, fish fillets, and salad. We had around half an hour after lunch to relax, and to get into bathers. We rode to the bike shop to give our bikes back and walked to Simmo's Ice Cream shop for an amazing ice cream in a cup or cone. Then we walked to the beach and had a quick swim. We walked back to the barracks, we had showers and organised our suit-cases so we are ready for the early morning ahead of us. We had tasty lasagna and salad for dinner, followed by mouth-watering birthday cake as it was West's birthday. Finally we moved on to our last night of night activities.



## DAY 5

On Friday we had an early start to the day, by waking up at 5AM, to get ready to hop on the ferry at 8:00AM. We all packed, and had breakfast and then walked down to where the ferry was picking us up. We all hopped on the ferry, and arrived at Fremantle at about 8:30AM. We then took the bus back to Denmark, however we stopped at Williams for lunch on the way back. Then we got home finally at 3:30PM.

Our year 6 camp will always be remembered, and we will always look back at our memories from camp and from year 6.

Written by Chloe and Mae.

# THANKYOU





# Happy Birthday

31st Oct

Kyah Turnor

1st Nov

Jet Thompson

Molly Noordewier

Tate Krolkowski

2nd

Noah Armstrong

3rd

Alexandra Manson

4th

Ryder Elliot

Storie Elliot

Nils McComb

5th

Evelyn Murgatroyd-Burke

6th

Finn Krolkowski

8th

Ilsa Hand

Jade Atkins

Mason Ng

Ryder Smith

9th

**Phoebe O'Donnell**

Edward Mulligan

Max Welshman

Hannah White

12th

Chayce Vincent

Sienna Hudson

13th

Rhys Simpson

## Next week.....

**Faction Jumps and Throws — TUESDAY 3rd NOV @ DPS ovals**

**Athletics Carnival — FRIDAY 6th NOV @ McLean Oval**

**Please contact Mrs Finigan if you can volunteer your assistance on the day—Thank you.**

## Sports Day

# Remember to wear your hat and bring your water bottles

## in Term 4

It's a sunny life,  
wear your hat.



# CANTEEN

With much regret and frustration, the Canteen and P&C have decided that our trial with Mykidslunchbox has been unsuccessful. We feel we were offering a service that was far superior to what we received. Feedback from parents indicates that the website is not user-friendly, as it's difficult to use on a mobile phone due to the very small font size.

Similarly, the label printer provided by the company prints labels with such tiny font size that Pip and I would need a magnifying glass! MKLB said there was no possibility of any of those problems being resolved, so we have decided to research new options.

Please use up whatever credit you have uploaded to MKLB, and after that, return to cash or direct deposit for the rest of the term. We will notify everyone of the new platform that will be introduced next year.

Kandi and Pip

# Dental Van News

Dear Parents & Teachers of Year3/6 Students,

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 our Dental Officer will be visiting Denmark and will be "screening" the Year 3 and 6 classes. This is to check the jaw/bone development and a legal requirement for all children that are enrolled with the school dental services. This is not a DENTAL EXAM, so please do not get confused.

Dental appointments will be sent out by post for a dental examination in Term 1 of 2021 for these students. Please be reminded that the dental van will not be leaving until at least Term 2 next year.

So you will see us back here again next year.

If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to phone us on 0437 486 143 or email [mtbarkermobile@dental.health.wa.gov](mailto:mtbarkermobile@dental.health.wa.gov)

Kind regards—The Dental Team





# Denmark Primary School

## Class Placement Request for 2021

***Due no later than 4pm Monday 9th November 2020 – late requests will not be accepted except in exceptional circumstances***

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Teacher in 2020:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year Level in 2021:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent/Carer Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sign:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Information to be considered:**

#### **1. Academic Needs:**

#### **2. Social/Emotional/Behavioural Considerations:**

#### **3. Additional information:**

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