



# Newsletter No 20

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Deputy Principals : Peter Campbell

Helen Spencer

Week 10 2020	14 Dec Rm 24 & 25 Excursion – Mt Barker Pool 	15	16 Year 6 Graduation and Morning Tea and Laserscape 	17 Students last school day 2020  Reports available via Connect	18 School Development Day
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Week 1 2021	1 Feb 2021 Students resume 2021	2 P&C - Welcome to DPS morning tea 9am in the Staff Room.	3	4	5 
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• Be your best

• Be safe and caring



Be resilient •

Be respectful •

## Principal's Message

This being our final newsletter for the year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff, students and parents/carers of Denmark Primary School for making the year such an enjoyable and productive one. Thank you to the many parents/carers and extended family members who have been so supportive of our school and its staff and students. Your feedback and support is greatly appreciated. I also wish to thank all the volunteers, staff and students who have worked so well throughout what has been another successful year despite the changes COVID 19 has brought to all our lives. I hope everyone is able to enjoy time with family and friends over the summer period and best wishes to the families that are leaving Denmark.

Today our students participated in our School Colour Explosion P&C Fundraiser. Everyone had a wonderful time and approximately \$7000 was raised to go towards classroom sporting equipment and other resources for the school. We would like to thank our P&C for the enormous amount of work they did organising the event, all of our parents and students that fundraised and our local Volunteer Fire Brigade, various parent helpers, Police and Ambulance Officers who gave their time to make the event the very best it could be.

### Staffing News

We say good bye and best wishes (mostly on a temporary basis) to:

- Mrs Brittany Finigan who will be on Maternity Leave for all of 2021. Mrs Finigan's replacement will be Mr Toby LeFort who has already started with Mrs Finigan in preparation for next year.
- Mrs Jo Thomas who will be on Deferred Salary Scheme leave next year. Her replacement will be Mrs Carmen Ballantyne. Carmen has done relief work at our school this year and proven herself an excellent teacher.
- Mrs Jenny Jay who has won a position at Yakamia and Little Grove for 2021 and therefore will be leaving us.

We are excited to welcome back Mrs Jenny Patterson who will teach one of our three Kindy classes. We also welcome back Mrs Helen Leahy-Norwood who will share the Art position with Ms Holly Pepper.

Miss Caromy Macdougall will be teaching one of our three Pre primary classes. This class will start in Room 12 until our new Early Childhood transportable classroom arrives on site. We are expecting over \$17 000 worth of new furniture and resources to support this third Pre primary class.

## School Board Update

Last Tuesday our School Board met on the 6<sup>th</sup> Dec and last time for 2020.

I would like to thank retiring member Simon Shepherd for his contribution initially as a member than as Board Chair over the last three years. ***This means we will be advertising for a parent member to begin in 2021.*** A full induction and ongoing training and support will be offered to the parent who is successful. If you are interested, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Helen Spencer (Deputy Principal) at the school for more details. 2021 School Development Days were approved:

### **Term 1**

Thursday 28 01 21

Friday 29 01 21

Tuesday 02 03 21 (the day after the Monday Labour Day Public Holiday)

### **Term 2**

Monday 19 04 21

### **Term 3**

Monday 19 07 21

### **Term 4**

Friday 17 12 21

### ***What does the School Board do?***

The Board is formed with the fundamental purpose of enabling parents and members of the community to engage in activities that are in the best interests of students and will enhance the education provided by the school.

This year some of the things the Board was involved in were:

- Approving Contributions and Charges and personal items lists for 2021
- Developing and support the School Marketing Plan
- Developing a Parent friendly version of our School Business Plan and A Parent Prospectus
- Liaising with the Denmark SHS and WA College of Agriculture Denmark School Board
- Monitoring and evaluating the school's progress towards Business Plan Targets relating to Academic Performance, Attendance Rates and Community, Staff and Student Satisfaction
- Assisting monitoring the schools financial position throughout the year
- Promoting the school in the community.

## **2021 Student Leaders**

Congratulations to all of our year 5 students who nominated for Student Councillor and/or Faction Captain for next year. You will find a list of Student Leaders included in this issue.

## **Preparations for 2021**

Thank you to everyone who sent their class placement requests in on time – we have managed to meet the vast majority of these. Some teachers will be teaching in different year levels next year. We have constructed a draft class structure based on current projected enrolments for next year. This is:

- 3 Kindy classes – two on Mondays, Tuesdays and alternate Wednesdays and the third group will attend on alternate Wednesday's and each Thursday and Friday
- 3 Pre primary classes
- 13 year 1-6 classes

It is possible the current class configurations could change before students start the 2021 school year.

As part of our Pastoral Care commitment to our students we have had various parent information and student orientations and transitions happening this week:

- 2021 Kindy parent information sessions
- K to PP student orientation sessions
- PP to 1 student orientation sessions
- Year 6 Denmark SHS orientation days
- There have also been a number of students complete individual transitions to help better prepare them for 2021.

I hope everyone has a safe and restful holiday.

***Kind regards***

***Damian Luscombe***



## Denmark Primary School - Parents & Citizens Association

Dear Parents & Caregivers

The Denmark Primary School P&C extends a warm welcome to all parents and caregivers (new and old), to the 2021 school year.

### Parent Welcome Morning Tea - Tuesday 2 February - 9am

The P&C extends a very warm invitation to all parents and caregivers to a morning tea on the second day back at school.

Please make your way to the staff room after dropping off your child/ren and take the opportunity to catch up or meet and greet new parents.

Hope to see you there - Ashleigh Crock - P&C President



My name is Toby LeFort and I am lucky enough to be stepping into the Physical Education teacher position for the year 2021. Having grown up in Denmark, I went to the University of Canberra and completed a Bachelor of Sport Coaching and Exercise Science to follow my passion for fitness. Anything from surfing, running, cycling, hiking or walking the dog, I just enjoy being active and out in nature with friends and family. I love that PE brings so many facets of sport and learning into each lesson. It gives students the opportunity to develop physically, but also to grow mentally emotionally and socially through building resilience, teamwork and problem solving within play. Having taught a variety of subjects in different schools since graduating as a teacher, I am so excited to have an opportunity to be at Denmark Primary School next year. I'm looking forward to meeting you all!



Welcome



Welcome

Hello Denmark Primary School, my name is Carmen Ballantyne and I am very excited to be joining you full time as the new pre-primary teacher next year. I am an early childhood teacher and nutritionist with a passion for the holistic growth and development of children.

Ruby, Henry, Dave and I moved to Denmark at the beginning of the year and have loved being apart of this welcoming community. We especially enjoy netball (go Magpies!), gymnastics and surf club, and seeing lots of familiar faces around town when we take our puppy for walks!



Check out the new Denmark Primary School website

- 2021 - Personal requirement lists (booklists)
- 2021 - Contributions and charges (not to be paid until start of 2021)



# Excellence and Endeavour Awards

Year	Room	Teacher	Excellence	Endeavour
1	13	Mrs Garland	Rose Bradshaw	Anouka McCloy
1	14	Mrs Howells	Sophie Hesp	Lucia Neale
2	17	Mrs Brooker / Mrs Jay	Dylan Stoakes	Thea Taylor
2	15	Ms Pike / Miss Gibson	Chris Sleeman	Lachie Scriven
2	16	Mrs Pescud	Lewis Piercey	Kaitlyn Hodges
3	6	Mrs Ricketts / Mrs Simpson	Lucas Crosby	Ariella Phillips
3	3	Miss Lee	Reef De Hert	Phoebe O'Donnell
4	7	Mr Klose	Holly Redman	Jacob Williams
4	1	Mrs Joensson	Grace Bradshaw	Dustin Ross
4/5	25	Mr Fry	Quinn Taylor	Lily Bridgart
5	24	Mr Wright	Jade Atkins	Sam O'Toole-Gardner
Sport		Mrs Finigan	Ginger Gleeson	Jy Drummond
LOTE		Miss Gibson	Grace Eckersley	Keira Manganaro
Science		Ms Holmes	Benjamin Wells	Isabella Taylor
Art		Ms Pepper	Leah Hughes	Jy Drummond



# 2020

# 2021 Year 6 Student Councilors



Back row - Josh Anderson, Cody De Hert, Charli Grochowski, Grace Eckerley, Jemima Batt

Front row - Jy Drummond, Ben Judd, Molly Brown, Madison Tonkin, Logan Lewis

# 2021 Faction Captains



L-R **WILSON** - Kyah Turnor and Harlow Phillips    **HAY** - Wayan Whyte and Matilda McHenry (absent)

**KENT** - **Sam O'Toole**-Gardner and Willoughby Sharp    **IRWIN** - Indi Coates-Ahomiro and Jacob Kelly



## Kindy Unit 1



# 2020 ECE Sports Morning

## Kindy Unit 2A and B





# 2020 ECE Sports Morning

## Pre-primary Unit 3 and 4



## COLOUR EXPLOSION

Whole School -  
Highest Fundraiser  
**Samuel Chi Room 14 Year 1**

Highest  
Fundraising Class  
**Room 14 Year 1**



Room 23 Year 6 Ethan Martin	Room 7 Year 4 Liam Cybula	Room 15 Year 2 Paige Cybula	PP Unit 4 Mason Crock & Amamia Stone
Room 22 Year 6 Teo F	Room 1 Year 4 Juno Makino-Youell	Room 16 Year 2 Mya Richardson	PP Unit 3 Maisie Richardson
Room 24 Year 5 Ben Wells	Room 3 Year 3 Kit MacDonald	Room 17 Year 2 Mia Crock	Kindy Unit 1 Maya Hughes-Smith
Room 25 Year 4/5 Jemima Batt	Room 6 Year 3 Saxon Johnson	Room 13 Year 1 James Howard	Kindy Unit 2A Everleigh Carlucci
		Room 14 Year 1 Ethan Hockley	Kindy Unit 2B Wade Goncalves



# DENMARK PRIMARY SCHOOL COLOUR EXPLOSION









# Happy Birthday

13th Dec

Evie Triglone

14th

Zephyr Endacott

15th

Scarlett Holmes

Maisie Richardson

17th

Lilliann Shearer

Keira Manganaro



Also a big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all our wonderful students who celebrate their birthday over the summer.

***Please return all Denmark Primary School library books before the end of the school year.***

***This applies especially to all year 6 students and students leaving Denmark Primary to attend other schools.***

***Thank you - Mrs Campbell***

## Dental Therapy Mobile Update:

***Please be informed that the Mt Barker Dental Van will closed from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.***

***We will re-open at Denmark Primary School on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021***

***In an emergency only, please phone GDC Albany between 8.15am - 4.30pm or Mt Henry Dental Therapy on 1800 098 818 . After hours emergency, please contact your private dentist in town or the nearest hospital. Have safe holiday.***

***Regards The Dental Team***





# WESTSTAR FOOTBALL ACADEMY

LEARN FROM THE PROFESSIONALS AT OUR 3 DAY ALBANY HOLIDAY CAMP



LOCATION: COLLINGWOOD PARK  
TIME: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM EACH DAY  
COST: \$200 (INCLUDES WESTSTAR TRAINING TOP)  
DATE: 4TH, 5TH & 6TH JANUARY 2021  
AGES: 7 - 16  
REGISTER AT [WWW.WESTSTARACADEMY.COM.AU](http://WWW.WESTSTARACADEMY.COM.AU)



KICKING — MARKING — TACKLING — HANDBALLING — GAMES — COMPETITIONS

**SPOTS ARE LIMITED. BE QUICK TO REGISTER TO AVOID MISSING OUT**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT [BRODIE.RIACH@WESTSTARACADEMY.COM.AU](mailto:BRODIE.RIACH@WESTSTARACADEMY.COM.AU)





# Community news

## Disabled Surfers Association Great Southern 2021

### "Let's Go Surfing Days"

Supported by: national [disabledsurfers.org/](http://disabledsurfers.org/)



## Surfers, Carers & Volunteers

Register 9.30am, water 10.00 am – 11.30/12 noon,  
presentations and free BBQ

**Saturdays – 10.00am in the water**  
**Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Albany - Middleton Beach**

[www.facebook.com/DisabledSurfersGS/](http://www.facebook.com/DisabledSurfersGS/)

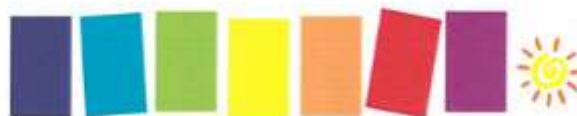
Register <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/lets-go-surfing-2021-registration-131746638743>

**"Adult/child accessible changing facilities available"**



## Creative Summer @the Artshouse

Mon 4th to Sun 31st Jan 2021



### WORKSHOPS • TALKS • CONCERTS

for everyone (kids, youth, parents & children, adults of all ages)

Start 2021 with creative play, learning and exploration



from 'Making Clay Dragons' to  
'Arts and Justice panel'

art • craft • juggling • drama • (song) writing • story-telling • myth • panel discussions • talks • concerts

Program online from 17 December  
Places are limited, book early!  
[www.denmarkarts.com.au](http://www.denmarkarts.com.au)



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RESPECT ON  
THE STREETS

WHEN ROLLING AROUND  
TOWN ON THE  
FOOTPATHS, REMEMBER  
TO RESPECT OTHER  
PEDESTRIANS OF ALL  
AGES



Free community BBQ breakfast at Norm  
Thornton Park (opposite IGA Express)  
Every Friday morning from 7.30am to 9am.

We are serving a delicious egg, bacon and  
salad wrap from the Gazebo in the park.

The Breakfast BBQ's main aim is to raise  
awareness of the hidden problem of food  
insecurity in Denmark and is open to all the  
community.

Enquiries to the Denmark CRC on  
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