

Dunsborough Primary School News Edition 13

Our vision is to be a school where every child feels a sense of belonging and is encouraged to grow into their best self. We strive to create a dynamic and responsive community that embraces change, fosters resilience, and promotes curiosity. By nurturing relationships, valuing diversity, and providing rich learning opportunities, we aim to inspire students to be independent thinkers, problem-solvers, and connected, compassionate individuals.

Our values are integrity, connection, collaboration, resilience, and empathy and inclusivity.

24th October 2025



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Hello
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Welcome back to Term 4. It's great to see all students back, engaging with the learning in their classrooms, being supported wonderfully by our teaching staff and allied professionals.

Term 4 has ten weeks and there is a lot going on. Our term planner can always be found on our website for quick access. Key dates to mark in your diary are:

- Thursday 30 October- DPS Arts Expo 4.30pm
- Friday 7 November- BAY OK day
- Tuesday 9 December- EOY Kindy Concert
- Monday 15 December- EOY P-2 Concert
- Tuesday 16 December- EOY 3-6 Concert
- Wednesday 17 December- 2026 Class lists distributed
- Thursday 18 December- Students last day

Staffing Update

- Mrs Michael is on long service leave from week 3 until the end of term. Mrs Stevens will be teaching in Room 10. We hope Mrs Michael enjoys her leave, and we look forward to having her back in 2026.
- We welcome Paige Batta as our school psychologist, working one day a week in Term 4.
- Andrea Nerva is teaching music this term, whilst Mrs Smoker takes leave.
- This term Anna Warren and Adele Matthews-Herrald will be working alongside Jess Green in PE.

Thank You

- Thanks to our P&C for funding the limestone walls around the edge of the oval. They are a fantastic addition and were well used on sports day last term. Thanks to Ben Matthews Herrald for completing the work.
- Thanks to our P&C for the recent Quiz Night and support with food options at the Athletics Carnival.
- Thanks to the Small Business Lounge (SBL) on Dunn Bay Road in Dunsborough for hosting our leadership team for planning days.
- Thank you to Dan Milne from The Master Grass who is regularly looking after the lawn and reticulation at the front of the school.

Faction Renaming Update

This week, all students from Year 1 to 6 have been involved in faction group discussions and voting for their new preferred faction names. Each faction will vote their favourite from the top two names that were decided on by students, staff and parents were:

GOLD: Waaliti (Eagle) or Yonga (Kangaroo)

RED: Karrak (Red Tailed Cockatoo) or Yonga (Kangaroo)

BLUE: Kwilena (Dolphin) or Mamung (Whale)

GREEN: Karda (Goanna) or Yagyn (Turtle)



World Teachers Day- Friday 31st October

We celebrate World Teachers Day next week. Our teaching staff do an amazing job and are an integral part of our school community. Let's celebrate our teachers for their skilled work in educating, inspiring and supporting our young people. Hats off to teachers this World Teachers' Day! Share a "hats off" selfie of you and your kids to celebrate teachers. Make sure to tell teachers what they mean to you.

Get cards, selfie frames, gift tags and more at www.worldteachersday.edu.au.



Upcoming Changes to Social Media Age Restrictions

As I am sure you are aware, from 10 December 2025, age-restricted social media platforms will have to take reasonable steps to prevent Australians under the age of 16 from creating or keeping an account. As a school we continue to learn more about how we will navigate the upcoming restrictions and how it will affect any plans or processes.

I encourage parents to find our more information directly from the E-Safety Commissioner website. This can be found by clicking [HERE](#). You can also enrol in free parent/carer online webinars by clicking [HERE](#). By completing the webinar, you will:

- understand the purpose of the new age restrictions and how they aim to protect young Australians
- understand which platforms will require users to be 16+ and what platforms they can still access
- get tips and resources to support your child's online safety and wellbeing through the transition.

2026 Student Booklist (Student Supplies)

Information about 2026 student booklists will be shared with families at the beginning of Week 4. Guided by our School Board, we will again be using Campion as our preferred supplier. Please note that parents are welcome to use a different provider if they prefer; using Campion is completely optional. Booklist items are not required until the start of the new school year.

IMPORTANT- Not returning to DPS in 2026?

It is vital that parents who know their children will NOT be returning to DPS in 2026, let the school know (excluding current Year 6 students). This is not for any other reason than to help us plan our 2026 classes. Please contact the front office if your children will NOT be at DPS to start 2026.

Ongoing Reminders

- All students are not to have access to **mobile phones** or connected **smart watches** during the school day. If required, the front office can be used to contact students during the day.
- Students should **arrive at school at or after 8.30am** each day, unless attending a before school program such as tennis or choir.
- No playing games or on playgrounds before school.
- Please park in approved **parking** bays only. Students' safety is our priority.
- Parents are not to sit waiting in the **Kiss n Drop** section.
- **Dogs** are not permitted on school grounds. We have staff and students with allergies or anxiety around dogs.

Taylor Webb

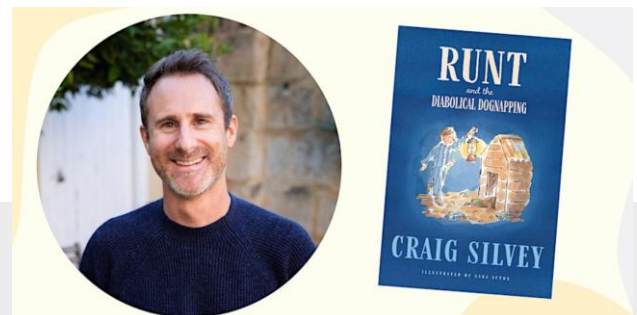
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CRAIG SILVEY AUTHOR VISIT YEAR 3-6

Craig Silvey, author of Runt, will be visiting our school on Friday 14th November (Week 5) at 11:30 in the undercover area. He will be discussing his new book, Runt and the Diabolical Dognapping. Parents are welcome to attend.

Signed copies of his books can be purchased by completing the order form sent out via Compass and returning it to the front office (hard copies of the form can also be collected at the front office).

Book orders are due no later than Friday 7th November.



Capes Interschool Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Sasha (Year 6) and Santia (Year 6) who represented Dunsborough Primary School at the recent Capes Interschool Spelling Bee.

Both performed exceptionally well, with Sasha achieving 3rd and Santia placing 5th. We are so proud of their efforts, a fantastic result for our school!





BAY OK DAY 2025

We are thrilled to be participating in our 13th annual BAY OK DAY on Friday November 7th. A day to attend our local beach and celebrate Science and Sustainability at Dunsborough Primary School. With 26 learning activities provided from around the community for K-6 students, this is a massive collaborative and whole school community event! Please come and join us to enjoy our outdoor classroom environment and explore our connections to Wadandi history and culture.

If you have some time and are able to assist with set up, pack down or any other required tasks on the day please consider using the following link to sign up for parent help, many hands make light work! <https://volunteersignup.org/HW9MY>

BAY OK DAY at Old Duns Boat Ramp

7th November 2025

10.15 - 1.45pm

See you there!

Parents welcome.



THINGS TO BRING

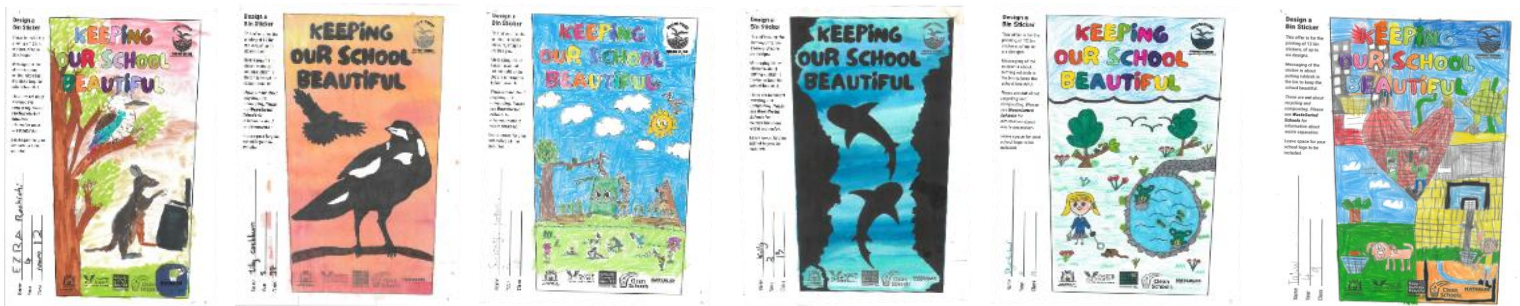
School Hat
Faction t-shirt
Water bottle
Walking shoes
Litter free lunch
Sunscreen

BIN STICKER COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to our six talented winners of the Bin Sticker Competition!

Ezra (Year 4), Lily (Year 5), Sunny (Year 2), Wally (Year 3), Skye (Year 3), and Taj (Year 4)

Your creative designs will help inspire our whole school to care for our environment, and your artwork will soon be proudly displayed on our school bins. A big thank you to everyone who took part. Your wonderful ideas and efforts showed how much we all care about keeping our school clean and green!



LITTER LEGENDS AT DPS!

This term we've introduced a new initiative called 'Litter Legends'. A fun and responsible way for students to help keep our school grounds clean and tidy. Our Litter Legends wear bright vests (kindly donated by Keep Australia Beautiful) and use buckets and tongs (kindly donated by Bunnings) to collect rubbish around the school, helping to make Dunsborough Primary a tidy, welcoming, and waste-wise place for everyone.

Our new Term 4 Green Ambassadors were the first to give it a go, and they did an amazing job! Now, other students are welcome to join in and take on the role whenever they'd like. Together, we can all make a difference!

Sustainability Team



Kanji Korner: 川 (kawa, river)

The kanji 川 began as three simple lines representing streams of water flowing side by side. It's one of the clearest pictographs in Japanese writing—still easy to recognise as a river's current.

Rivers and Daily Life

In Japan, rivers shape towns and traditions. Many place names include 川, such as *Arakawa* (荒川) and *Tamagawa* (多摩川).

Flow in Culture

The river symbolises movement and continuity. It flows steadily, just like time and life itself. In art and poetry, 川 often stands for calmness, journey, and the link between people and nature.



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D.P.S. P&C presents...

DUNSBOROUGH PS ARTS EXPO

THURSDAY
30 OCTOBER 2025



Everyone's invited! Come along on Thursday 30th October from 4:30p.m. to celebrate the Arts at Dunsborough Primary School.

Over 150 outstanding individual students' artworks on display from Year 1 - 6

Collaborative artworks from each year level (for sale via silent auction!)

People's Choice Awards voting

Lots to enjoy! Silent disco in the Library, live music and dance, interactive Scratch Art, food and more..

The D.P.S Arts Expo is a fundraiser! Support our school by purchasing high quality prints (150gsm gloss photo paper) of your favourite individual 2D artworks.



Check out these framed examples!

Order a high-quality print of your favourite 2D artworks for **\$10!**

An excellent Christmas present idea for friends and family.

Original artworks are not for sale and will be going home with the student artist in the weeks following the Arts Expo.

We can't wait to see you there!



P&C NEWS

Hello DPS families!

Welcome to our busy and super fun term 4 update – lots going on and we would really appreciate any time you can give to assist us with our upcoming events.

DUNSBOROUGH PS ARTS EXPO-THURSDAY OCTOBER 30TH 4:30-7pm

Join us for this special community event to celebrate the arts and creativity of our students – individual and collaborative art will be on display and available for purchase (\$10 per print), a silent disco will be on in the library (\$5 per head), and live music and performances will keep you entertained throughout the evening.

Delicious curries from Spice Odyssey will be available to purchase from the canteen, along with sushi and pulled pork rolls. Our amazing canteen is supplying dessert options, along with Sweet Stylin treats, and the ever-popular Raw Life juice van will be on site for healthy drinks and icy poles.

This is one not to be missed and there is something for everyone to enjoy. Cash and eftpos will be available.

To make this event a success, we would love it if you could contribute some time to helping, please sign up using the volunteer link below:

<https://volunteersignup.org/P8JY7>

All funds raised from this event will go towards two sets of nature-play inspired monkey bars, for the Early Childhood and Middle to Senior Years playground. These additions will be enjoyed by our students for many years to come, and our P&C committee has voted to cover any difference after the funds are raised.

Please show your support for this event and tell your family & friends – all are welcome and the more the merrier!

FACTION SOCKS AVAILABLE FOR BAY OK DAY

For anyone wanting to order faction socks in time for Bay OK Day, we have re-opened orders via Spriggy between now and Thursday 6th November.

\$15 per pair or a bundle of 3 pairs for \$40. Available to order on the Spriggy app under the Events tab.

VIP CARPARK WINNER

Congratulations to Mel Bromley for winning the car park raffle for this term! She will be parking like a rockstar at the front of the school for the rest of the year!!

Keep an eye on Spriggy, as raffle tickets for Term 1 2026 will be available to purchase soon – you have got to be in it to win it.

COLOUR RUN

Save the date for our annual Colour Run to celebrate the end of the school year – Friday 5th December. More details to come later in the term.

CANTEEN CLASS ROSTER

It has been a huge year for our canteen, and our amazing team could not have done it without the help of you, our amazing volunteers - Thank you!

Term 4 looks a bit different, with whole year groups being asked to cover just one week each – please sign up if you can help in your week, or any other day that suits.

<https://volunteersignup.org/A98QK>

CANTEEN ROSTER - YEAR GROUPS COMING UP!

DATES	WEEK	YEAR	VOLUNTEER CLASS
OCT 27-31	3	PP	YEAR PP
NOV 3-7	4	KK	YEAR KK
NOV 10-14	5	Y2	YEAR 2
NOV 17-21	6	Y1	YEAR 1
NOV 24-28	7	Y4	YEAR 4
DEC 1-5	8	Y5	YEAR 5
DEC 8-12	9	Y3	YEAR 3
DEC 15-18	10		WHOLE SCHOOL

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Thursday October 30th
DPS Arts Expo

October 31st
World Teachers Day

November 3rd
Yr4 Adopt a spot Excursion

November 6th
Assembly Room 36
Mrs Gray

November 7th
Bay OK Day

November 11th
Remembrance Day

November 13th
Walking School Bus

November 14th
Craig Silvey Author Visit