

Dunsborough Primary School News Edition 2

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.

27th February 2026



Hello Kaya

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I can't believe we are already past the halfway mark of Term 1, it certainly has gone quickly. Thank you to everyone for having your children prepared for swimming lessons. Students have shown resilience and independence in participating. How incredibly lucky we are to have this at our doorstep; there wouldn't be too many schools who do.

It has been wonderful to see students in action in their classes over the last few weeks. Positive relationships are being formed and it's great to see students engaging with staff, students, and their learning.

Parents and Citizens (P&C) Group

I attended our AGM and ordinary meeting last week. I look forward to working with the following new and returning Executive members:

- President- Rebecca Ehlers
- Vice President- Ben Ratz
- Secretary- Andrea Tscheuschler
- Treasurer- Kate Leeuwenburg

I also thank all parents who attended and participated in the discussions and/or put their hand up to contribute to a role. Without you, we would not be able to fund some amazing initiatives around our wonderful school. Thanks to the P&C, who have agreed to pay for the purchase and installation of a new automated screen and projector for the undercover area. This is amazing. Thank you on behalf of our staff and students.

Faction Shirt Update

We are currently working with our uniform suppliers about possible shirt design, taking on board perspectives from senior students last year and Josh Whiteland. This process will involve input from students, staff and parents guided by our School Board. We are aiming to have the updated shirt ready for sale from Term 3 this year. As discussed previously, the current faction shirt will still be allowed to be worn during the transition period.

School Instagram Account

Dunsborough Primary now has an official Instagram account. Our new page is a way to stay up to date with the happenings in our school and community. As with the school's current Facebook account, no identifiable student faces or images are planned to be used on the account. The link to our page can be found: https://www.instagram.com/dunsboroughprimaryschool?igsh=eXpmdGNrMzMxNXZr&utm_source=q



Traffic and Parking- I need your help.

It is an ongoing issue, and there isn't anything we can do about it as a large primary school, except ask our families to be respectful and do the right thing. Traffic and parking are a daily issue, that I understand can be frustrating. I thank the many of you, who are doing the right thing and keeping our neighbours happy and students safe. I again ask that you:

- Consider parking away from the school and walking in.
- Letting you children ride/walk/scooter to school
- Parking only in designate car bays, not on footpaths, median strips or neighbour's land
- Keep the Kiss n Pick Up moving. If you child cannot get themselves in/out of the car on their own, Kiss n Pick Up is not for you. IF your child is not here, you will be asked to move on.
- Refrain from parking in staff parking on Turner Street.

Using School Grounds - Before and After School

As a public school, we want to be a school that continues to foster community and positive relationships. Please read and adhere to the following expectations for students and families when on school grounds before or after school, for the safety of all.

Before School

- Students should arrive to enter classrooms from 8.30am, unless attending a before school program.
- If students arrive before 8.30am, they are to wait outside the classroom.
- Students are NOT to be on playgrounds, playing games or sport before school, even if they are with a parent. This can make it confusing for other students waiting outside the classroom door.

After School

Please be mindful that staff work after students go home, please remember to always supervise children. Our cleaners are busy working to clean and prepare classrooms and bathrooms for the next day. Toilets will not be open to use outside of school time. Normal school playground expectations are in place. This means:

- **The duty of care is on the parent, not school staff.**
- All other students should leave school grounds once dismissed from class, unless attending community sport training. **(However, if they are waiting for footy/basketball/netball training that doesn't start for an hour after school, they need to have a parent supervising them. Otherwise, they need to go home).**
- Safe play expectations are the same after school. Eg: no climbing trees, riding bikes on grounds, running on walkways, moving equipment around the school.



NAPLAN Testing

NAPLAN is conducted in Term 1, Weeks 6 and 7. NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

Enjoy the upcoming long weekend, enjoy Sculptures by the Bay and I look forward to seeing you around the school, at our next assembly. I can't wait to hear how selected Year 5/6 students do at next week's interschool surfing carnival!

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 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.
- Please **walk bikes and scooters** through the school

Taylor Webb **Principal**



Our school is joining in National Ride2School Day on **Friday 20 March 2026!** Students are encouraged to walk, ride or scoot to school. It's a fun and healthy way to start the day, build confidence and help create a calmer, safer school gate for everyone.

Our School is handing out raffle tickets to students that ride and a bicycle pump is the prize 😊

Library Gourmet Hamper Raffle

Draw date - Thursday 2 April 2026

It's time!! The annual Library Easter Gourmet Raffle is here. To new families to the school this event raises money for the school library to buy a few extra items for all students to enjoy. Past examples have included cushions of all sizes, bright mats, and construction sets. We ask that all families donate (ONE) non-perishable food items for fancy prize gourmet hampers. Any food items in tins, jars or packets are all good options, for example olives, relishes, jams, sauces, dried fruits, crackers, chocolate. Any gourmet treat that sounds delicious to you.

Raffle tickets will be sent home to each family in the coming weeks. Donations and raffle tickets with money can be dropped off at the school Library or the Office by 30th March (Monday of the last week of term). More ticket sheets are available if needed.

If anyone at home has a few hours free between **9.00 and 12.00 on Tuesday 31st March** to join a very social hamper construction group in the school library, we would love your further support. No expertise required. Thank you to our generous school community



Kanji Korner

心 *kokoro*, heart / mind

This kanji 心 represents the heart, but in Japanese it also means the mind and spirit. In its earliest forms, it was drawn as the shape of a physical heart with lines showing movement or feeling inside. Over time, it became more abstract.

Heart inside other kanji

心 appears as a key component (often squeezed in or squashed) in many kanji connected to feelings and thoughts:

- 思 (*omou*) – to think (heart + field, suggesting thoughts growing in the heart)
- 想 (*sou*) – idea, imagination
- 怒 (*ikari*) – anger
- 愛 (*love*) - can you see the kanji squashed in?

Cultural meaning

In Japanese culture, the heart is not only a place of feeling but also of understanding and intention. When you see 心 inside another kanji, it often signals something connected to human emotion or thought.

心 sits at the centre of many of the most important ideas in Japanese—thinking, remembering, caring, and feeling.

FAQs regarding School Dental Services (Dunsborough Dental Van)

1. My child has not been seen since a while ago; can I book an appointment for a checkup? Our service runs on a waitlist system, your child is still currently on our waitlist, our staff are doing their best to reduce the waitlist so that every child can be seen sooner. Currently, there is a 2 to 3 year wait before your child can be seen again. However, if your child has trauma or severe toothache, we can see them as emergencies and treat them accordingly to get them out of pain or discomfort.
2. My child is in Pre-Primary this year, how do I enrol them in the school dental service? Currently, the clinic does not complete enrolments. All enrolments are processed in the head office by a centralized system for the whole state. Enrolment forms will be issued in due course for all children with instructions for enrolling your child. If your child has a trauma or severe toothache, we can enrol them in the clinic as emergency if they are eligible.
3. One of my children is attending high school, can they still be seen by the service? Yes, every enrolled school aged child from 5 years to 17 years old is eligible for the service at any clinic. If your child was seen by the clinic when they were 16 years old, they will no longer be eligible for the service the following year.

For any other inquiries, please contact the Busselton Dental Mobile:

Email: busseltonmobile@health.wa.gov.au

Contact number: 0417 269 232

Canteen Roster

Our canteen operates thanks to the generosity of parent volunteers, with each class allocated a week across the term. Your support ensures the canteen runs smoothly and continues to be a valued part of school life.

Please review the roster and consider signing up for your class week — or any day that suits your schedule. Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a meaningful difference. See the sign-up link below. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school community. <https://volunteersignup.org/A98QK>

DPS CANTEN VOLUNTEER CLASS SCHEDULE 2025						
TERM	W/C	WEEK	SPECIAL DATES	YEAR	ROOM	VOLUNTEER CLASS
1	Mon 16 Feb	3		Yr2	24	Foster/Thompson
1	Mon 23 Feb	4		Yr2	23	Jamieson
1	Mon 02 Mar	5	Long Wkend (M)	Yr2	22	Harman
1	Mon 09 Mar	6		Yr2	16	Jurewicz/Dodd
1	Mon 16 Mar	7		Yr2/1	4	McDonald
1	Mon 23 Mar	8		Yr1	7	Priddle
1	Mon 30 Mar	9	Good Friday	Yr1	6	Sorgiovanni



Upcoming Dates to Remember

February 23rd – March 6th
Interm Swimming Group 2

February 28th – March 2nd
Sculpture by the Bay

March 2nd
Labour Day Public Holiday

March 4th
Year's 5&6 Surf Carnival

March 5th
Assembly Room 15/17

March 9th -23rd
Naplan Testing

March 20th
Ride to School Day
Pizza with the Principal

March 25th
School Board Meeting
Year 4 Adopt a Spot

April 2nd
Library Gourmet Hamper Raffle

P&C NEWS

What an energising start to the year. Our AGM and first P&C meeting not only welcomed new members into the fold but also saw many in our community generously step forward to help shape the continued growth and success of our school. It is heartening to see such strong commitment to collaboration and progress.

2026 P&C Executive Committee

President: Rebecca Ehlers

Vice President: Ben Ratz

Treasurer: Kate Leeuwenburg

Secretary: Andrea Tscheuschler

Executive Committee Members: Lucy Maley, Sam Tweddle, Barbara Black

Committee Portfolios

Events & Fundraising Committee: Lucy M, Rebecca E & Amy S

Canteen Committee: Kate L, Carolyn L, with Summa and Larissa

Media & Communications: Kristy W

Number Plates: Barbara B

Book Club: Carly M

Walking School Bus: Sally B

Grants: Mel B & Rebecca E

We are still seeking volunteers for the roles of **Events & Fundraising Coordinator**, **Canteen Coordinator**, and additional members for the **Grants Committee**. These positions play an important role in strengthening our school community and enhancing opportunities for our children. If you have capacity to contribute, we would love to hear from you. As always, it truly takes a village.

CLO Meeting

Wednesday 4 March – 9:00am, Staffroom

All classes have now nominated a CLO. Thank you for embracing this important role as a vital link between the P&C, the school and our families. We warmly invite all 2026 CLOs to attend a brief meet-and-greet session (with a touch of forward planning) and enjoy some delicious morning tea. It will be a wonderful opportunity to connect and set the tone for the year ahead.

Term 1 VIP Car Park Winner

Congratulations to **Wren Ward**, the winner of our coveted VIP car park space for Term 1 2026. The raffle will continue each term, offering everyone the chance to secure this highly sought-after parking spot. Keep an eye out for upcoming ticket announcements.

Coming Up: Easter Big Breakfast

Thursday 2 April

One of the highlights of Term 1 is just around the corner. Further details — along with opportunities to support and be involved in this much-loved community event — will be shared soon.