

Dunsborough Primary School News Edition 9

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.

31st July 2026



Kaya

Hello

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Welcome to our first newsletter of Term 3. It has been wonderful to see such a calm, positive and considered start to the term across the school. Our students have returned refreshed, with positive attitudes and a strong readiness to learn. This has been supported by the strong relationships our staff continue to build with students, combined with the clear and consistent routines and expectations in place throughout our school.



We welcome Mrs Kylee Crabb, who is taking on Mrs King's role while she is on long service leave this term. Mrs Crabb comes from Busselton PS, and we are excited to have her expertise in Early Childhood. Please stop and say hello when you see her around the school.

Student Success

Well done to Mr Dowsett and the FossHaul Force team made up of current and former students, who went to Sydney over the recent holidays and took part in competition. Thanks to the parents who were proud supporters and advocates, and to everyone who made it happen. We look forward to seeing what they got up to, in coming weeks.

New Artwork and Thanks

Jacob Butler aka Shakey, a well-known artist and one of our parents, worked with Room 3, Mrs Wheeler and his children- Sienna and Sadie, to create a wonderful mural of Snowy (our resident white magpie who has a rare genetic mutation called leucism). This will now be proudly displayed outside of the junior learning block for all to view and enjoy. Thanks, Shakey!



Faction T-Shirt Redesign

At yesterday's assembly, we unveiled the design of our new faction t-shirts to some very excited students! Each shirt design has the animal's name, drawing and specific fauna element. All have been influenced with the input from Josh Whiteland, our students, parents, faction working group and School Board. I am currently working with the Uniform providers to ascertain the timeline for availability and pricing. I will keep you updated.





School Review Update

Following on from a Compass Newsfeed, I am very proud to share the commendations from recent School Review. These commendations highlight the strong relationships, collaborative culture, quality teaching, student support and commitment to continuous improvement evident across DPS. They reflect the dedication of our staff, the pride and contribution of our students, and the ongoing support of our families and wider community. We will continue to build on these strengths to further enhance teaching, learning and wellbeing for every student. The full review report is now available on our [school website](#), and I will share further information about our recommendations in the near future.

DPS Review 2026 Commendations

1 Relationships and Partnerships

- Staff and leaders have built strong, trusting relationships.
- Teams work closely together to solve problems and support students.
- Communication with families and the community is clear and purposeful.
- The School Board and community partnerships help guide and strengthen the school.

2 Learning Environment

- The school has strong behaviour and wellbeing programs that support learning.
- Students who need extra help are identified early and supported well.
- The school values culture and helps students learn about and respect the local Wadandi people.
- Students feel proud of their school and well cared for by staff.

3 Leadership

- School leaders are proactive and focused on school improvement.
- Staff strengths are recognised and used well.
- Leadership teams help turn school plans into action.
- Allied professionals and support staff make a strong difference for students.



4 Use of Resources

- School planning and spending are thoughtful and linked to student needs.
- Funding is used carefully to support learning, wellbeing and enrichment.
- The P&C makes a valuable contribution to school facilities and learning.

5 Teaching Quality

- Teaching staff effectively share a clear, consistent and aligned approach to teaching.
- Teachers work together to plan learning and share responsibility.
- Staff use student data to guide teaching and respond to student needs.
- Support programs and differentiated teaching help students learn at their level.

6 Student Achievement and Progress

- Staff are committed to ongoing improvement.
- Teachers track student progress and use data to plan next steps.
- Parents are kept informed so they understand how their child is progressing.
- Teachers use shared standards to make consistent judgements.



Toys at School

A reminder that toys, squishys, teddies and sporting equipment should not be brought to school. It can cause distraction, disagreements, breakages or loss of item.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you around the school or at our next assembly.

Ongoing Reminders

- 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 **leave school grounds** by 3.45pm each day.
- 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 dog allergies or anxiety.
- Students and parents are to please walk **bikes and scooters** through the school
- 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.

Taylor Webb

Principal

FossHaul Force Takes on the World: A First Lego League Adventure in Sydney

Congratulations to the 'FossHaul Force', our First Lego League team, who jetted off during the holidays to represent Dunsborough Primary School and Australia at the Asia Pacific Open Championship at Macquarie University in Sydney from the 9th to the 12th of July — going head-to-head with 55 amazing teams from all over the world.

The team began their FLL journey together at Dunsborough Primary in 2025, with five members now flying the flag as Year 7 students.

It was four unforgettable days packed with excitement. After the buzz of the opening ceremony, the team kicked things off on the first day by putting together an eye-catching pit display and mingling with teams from across the globe – interacting with their pit displays, trading stickers and badges, and diving into a range of activities on offer.

The second day was all about the robot game, where the atmosphere was electric and the competition red-hot. Under pressure, FossHaul Force' nailed a personal best score of 400 out of 545 points — a brilliant result against a field packed with talented First Lego League teams from around the planet. They then wowed a panel of judges on Day 3 with the presentation of their innovation project and robot design, showcasing their amazing work with confidence and enthusiasm.

Along the way, there were plenty of fun events on the schedule including a cultural night where many teams took to the stage with dazzling performances celebrating their home countries and a Sydney Harbour cruise, taking in the sparkling Sydney skyline at night.

The team also had many fantastic opportunities to connect, collaborate, and build friendships with teams from the other side of the world including an alliance challenge where they teamed up with 'Top Class' from South Korea to work on a modified robot game.

No trophies came home this time, but the team's grit, teamwork, and spirit shone through every step of the way. Competing on an international stage is no small feat, and this incredible achievement is the result of months of dedication, problem-solving, and hard work. Every member of 'FossHaul Force' should be extremely proud of their accomplishments across the 2025 – 2026 First Lego League UNEARTHED season.

Also, a massive thank you to the community for their assistance and the parents whose tireless support and encouragement made the whole adventure possible.

Well done, 'FossHaul Force' — you did our school proud!

Matt Dowsett

Technologies Teacher and First Lego League Coach





🎸 Calling All Guitar Gurus! 🎸

Our school music room is home to a number of well-loved guitars that are ready for a fresh set of strings! We are looking for any parents, grandparents or community members with guitar restringing skills who might be willing to lend a hand.

If you are handy with a guitar and would be happy to take home one or two instruments to restring, we would be incredibly grateful for your help. It is a wonderful way to support our music program and help keep our student's making music.

If you have the experience and would like to help, please email julianna.baird@education.wa.edu.au and we can arrange a convenient time for you to collect the guitars.

Thank you for helping us keep the music playing!

Mrs Baird

Music Specialist

Enrolments for the October and summer school holiday programs are now open. Spots are limited and enrolments will close earlier at venues that are fully booked. [Enrol now](#) to secure your child's place!



Book Week this year runs from 24 August to 28 August, culminating in the **Book Week BIG Dress up Parade at 9AM FRIDAY AUGUST 28**

Come to school dressed up as your favourite book character. Or in line with the national theme this year – SYMPHONY OF STORIES. This leaves a very wide interpretation for dress up options. It is great to see the excitement all students show in the big dress-up parade. Please remember to keep it simple. Also remember students will have to be able to remove the costume after the morning parade if they cannot work in the classroom or participate in PE while wearing it. We look forward to seeing your amazing creations.

Our school Library is holding its biennial book fair during Book Week from August 24th to 28th

We will have a large selection of books for sale, supplied by Scholastic.

One aim is for families to select and buy a book and donate it to the library. It will have a lovely sticker on the inside with your name on it, AND your child gets to be the first student to borrow the donated book.

Or you can buy a book to take home for your child now perhaps as a great Christmas present. Our selection will be wide and mainly aimed at primary-aged children. Your Library will receive a percentage of the sale proceeds to spend on more books.

Parents can come in any time before or after school and have a good browse.

Looking forward to seeing you

Julie Purdy

Librarian



P&C NEWS

Hello everyone, and welcome to Term 3!
 We hope all families enjoyed a relaxing break and are looking forward to another fantastic term at Dunsborough Primary School. Here’s what’s happening around the P&C.

 Dance Through the Decades – Our Major Fundraising Event
Saturday 8 August | 7.00pm – 11.00pm

Our biggest fundraising event of the year is almost here! Gather your friends, dust off your dancing shoes and join us for a fun-filled evening of music, dancing and great company—all while supporting our school.
 Tickets are \$50 and include a welcome drink plus entry into our door prize draw.
 A huge thank you to the many generous local businesses and community members who donated their time, services and incredible prizes. There are thousands of dollars worth of prizes to be won, including:

- Two nights’ accommodation, including breakfast, at the Hilton Garden Inn Busselton
- A \$1,500 Goldenwest Blinds & Curtains voucher for sheer curtains
- Vouchers from Eagle Bay Brewing Co., Wild Hop Brewing Co. and Cheeky Monkey Brewing Co.
- A Blue Manna Bistro voucher
- Wine packages
- Feel Good Inc. products
- A Rolling Stills family photography session

...and many more!

Purchase your tickets here:
<https://events.humanitix.com/dunsborough-dance-decades>

This event can only go ahead if we reach minimum ticket numbers. If we don’t, we will unfortunately have to cancel. Every ticket purchased directly supports the P&C’s fundraising efforts, helping provide valuable resources, equipment and opportunities that benefit all students at Dunsborough Primary School. We’d love to see you there!

 Welcoming Our New P&C President

A heartfelt thank you to Rebecca Ehlers for her dedication and leadership as P&C President throughout Terms 1 and 2. Rebecca is heading overseas for work, and we wish her every success and safe travels on her new adventure.
 We are delighted to welcome Clare Cadd as our new P&C President for the remainder of 2026. Clare has already made a significant contribution through her leadership of fundraising initiatives and events, making her well equipped to lead the P&C into a strong finish for the year.
 Thank you, Clare, for stepping into this important role.

 FOSSHAUL FORCE Competes on the International Stage

Congratulations to our FOSSHAUL FORCE team and Mr Dowsett, who travelled to Sydney during the July school holidays to represent Dunsborough Primary School at the FIRST LEGO League Asia Pacific Open Championship.
 Competing against experienced teams from around the world is an incredible achievement and an experience our students will never forget. We are immensely proud of the team’s hard work, innovation and outstanding representation of our school.
 Well done to everyone involved!

 Canteen Volunteers Needed

Our canteen relies on the wonderful support of parents and community volunteers.
 We encourage families to check the volunteer roster and consider signing up during their class roster week—or on any day that fits your schedule. Even a couple of hours of your time makes a huge difference and helps keep this valuable service running for our students.
 Volunteer sign-up:
<https://volunteersignup.org/A98QK>
 Thank you for your continued support of our P&C and for helping make our school community such a wonderful place for our children.

3	Mon 03 Aug	3	Yr5	37	Bower
3	Mon 10 Aug	4	Yr5	36	Box
3	Mon 17 Aug	5	Yr5	35	Robb/Evans
3	Mon 24 Aug	6	Yr2	17	Tunstill/Matthews-Herrald (F)
3	Mon 31 Aug	7	Yr3	15	Sinclair/Blackwell (F)
3	Mon 07 Sep	8	Yr3	14	Love
3	Mon 14 Sep	9	Yr3	13	Boykett
3	Mon 21 Sep	10	Yr3	12	Collins

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Monday August 3rd – 8th
 NAIDOC Week

August 3rd – 5th
 Year 4 PEAC Testing

August 13th
 Assembly Room 32

August 15th
 Dance through the Decades
 P&C Fundraiser

August 28th
 Book Week Parade



DANCE *Through The* DECADES

70s THROUGH TO THE NOUGHTIES

70s



80s



90s

00s



FANCY DRESS PARTY

★ *Pick your decade and dress to impress!* ★

SATURDAY
8TH AUGUST

7PM
TIL
11PM

NATURALISTE
COMMUNITY
CENTRE

\$50
PER TICKET

INCLUDES DRINK ON ARRIVAL
& CHANCE TO WIN THE DOOR PRIZE.



BYO
CUP OR
GLASS



DJ



SILENT
AUCTION



RAFFLE



BAR

★ **TICKETS ON SALE NOW** ★

Scan the QR code or purchase via:

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Numbers limited so get in quick!

