

Dunsborough Primary School News Edition 10

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.

14th August 2026



Kaya

Hello

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Kaya, welcome to our latest news. I begin by acknowledging the wonderful work of all teachers and education assistants at our school. We are fortunate to work in a school, where our staff care so much about students and their academic and non-academic learning. From Kindergarten to Year 6, PE to Music and everything in between. I feel privileged to be a part of such a wonderful team.

NAIDOC Week celebrations and activities last week were amazing. A big thank you to Mrs Thompson and Mrs Stan-Bishop, with the support of fellow staff and parents on the Quedjinup Leadership Group (Staff- Mrs Box, Miss Mann, Mrs Radice and parents- Mel Bromley and Justin Chan). All students across the school participated in activities, with Josh Whiteland from Koomal Dreaming educating our Year 3 and 5 students. I also thank Mel Bromley and the team for getting a magnificent centrepiece delivered and installed in our yarning circle, and to Grey Wells for donating it.



NAPLAN Results

Following on from the week 7 newsletter last term, our 2026 NAPLAN results compared to other like- schools show encouraging achievement and improvement across several areas.

- Year 3 achieved strong gains in writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation.
- Year 5 improved notably in numeracy, reading, and spelling.
- Year 5 spelling was a particular highlight, moving from below comparison levels in 2025 to well above in 2026.

Student Success

Thank you to Miss Green for organising and running our school cross country in Week 2. As mentioned at the assembly, all students showed great resilience to run the course, try their best and have fun. Congratulations to the students who participated and to those who finished in placed positions.

Faction Polo Update

There was lots of excitement at the week 2 assembly when we unveiled our new faction shirt designs to students. The new shirts are unfortunately unlikely to arrive before our Week 10 carnivals, as we are still working through the final approval process to make sure we get them right. In the meantime, our current faction shirts have been reduced to **\$15 each**, while stocks last.



P&C Thank you and Welcome

Thank you to Rebecca Ehlers who has passed on the reigns of the P&C presidency to Clare Cadd. I thank Rebecca for her contributions to the group and our school. I welcome Clare and look forward to the remainder of the year.

Parent-Teacher Meeting Feedback

You may recall the parent-teacher meetings held on the last day of Term 2. Attached to today's newsletter is a summary of the survey that all parents who attended were asked to complete. I thank the 69 parents who completed the survey, your input will influence future planning.

Parent and Carer Survey

Over the coming weeks, I will be seeking feedback from parents and carers through a school survey via a Compass Newsfeed and possibly each CLO WhatsApp group. Your feedback will help facilitate discussions and future planning. Please keep an eye out for it, it would be really appreciated if you could take the time to complete it.

Public School Review- Summary of Recommendations

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we celebrated our commendations and have identified ways to strengthen them further. Below is a summary of our recommendations we will consider implementing in our next Business Plan. Although many of them are for us to focus on internally, they may have an impact on our students and families. I encourage you take the time to read them, as future decisions may be influenced by them.





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



Boardstore Design a Shirt Competition

Congratulations to Year 2 student Keller for winning the competition! The crew at the Boardstore had so much fun reviewing the designs that they decided to include 12 other designs on the back of the T-shirt! The shirts will be available to purchase at Boardstore Dunsborough from early September.

National Science Week 2026

National Science Week will be celebrated at Dunsborough Primary School next week, week 5. This year's theme is "Seeds of Science – Nurturing Knowledge for All."

As part of our whole school Science Week activities, each class will take part in a **Mystery Seed Investigation**. Each class will receive a mystery seeds and make predictions about what they might be, before planting and observing their growth. Classes will record their observations and investigate what plants need to grow and survive.

Teachers will also be choosing from a range of additional science activities and investigations to explore with their classes throughout the week.

Busselton Jetty is also getting involved this year and is hosting a **FREE marine science event** on Saturday 22 August from 10am–1pm. Families can join marine experts from the WA Museum to discover the incredible diversity of life found in our local waters. Learn about the creatures you might spot while beachcombing, snorkelling, or exploring the coastline, and hear firsthand how scientists' study and identify marine species.

The day will include:

- Guest talks by WA Museum experts
- Seagrass Beach Walk with GeoCatch (weather pending)
- Microscopy and specimen exploration
- Citizen science demonstrations
- Opportunities to meet and chat with marine scientists
- Marine-themed craft activities
- Raffle prizes

We hope our students and families enjoy celebrating science, asking questions and discovering something new together!

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!





P&C NEWS

Hello everyone,

Dance Through the Decades – Our Major Fundraising Event **What an incredible night!**

Thank you to all those who attended and created an incredible vibe on the night. DJ Sian had us dancing all night long. A huge thank you to the many generous local businesses and community members who donated their time, services and incredible prizes.

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| - Shelter Brewing Co | - Meelup Farmhouse |
| - Rocky Ridge Brewing Co | - Southwest Sleepovers |
| - Eagle Bay Brewing Co | - KT Fitness & Pilates |
| - Swings & Roundabouts | - Bodhi J |
| - Credaro Wines | - Rennae Davis Makeup Artist |
| - Forester Estate | - Little Iris Garden Cafe |
| - Blind Corner | - Wild Hop Brewing Co |
| - Vasse Felix | - I Do Hair Collective |
| - House of Cards | - Wise Wine |
| - Baileys Brewing Co | - Brow Beauty |
| - Goldenwest Blinds & Curtains | - Little Retreat Room |
| - Hilton Garden Inn | - Beef by the Reef |
| - Rolling Stills Photography | - Evolution Surf |
| - Outdoor Collective | - Feel Good inc |
| - Ilma Beach House | - Lady Lola |
| - Blue Manna | - Palmers Resort |
| - Astair Organic Hair & Makeup | - Nocturn Wines |
| - Jett Refrigeration & Air Conditioning | - Music by Design |
| - Cheeky Monkey Brewing Co | - Diamond Events Co |
| - Cherubino wines | - Yallingup Event Hire |
| - Woolworths Dunsborough | |

Special mention to our lovely Amy, Melanie, Lucy and Kate who coordinated the event. What amazing women. Thanks to your efforts the event raised over \$10,000 for our school.

Canteen - Science Week, all next week!

Please bring cash as these items will not be available on Spriggy.

Our canteen relies on the wonderful support of parent 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.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

August 17th – 21st
Science Week

August 21st
One Big Voice Choir Excursion

August 24th – August 28th
Book Week

August 27th
Assembly Room's 5&6

August 27th -28th
Year 6 In my Pocket Incursion

August 28th
Book Week Parade

August 31st – September 4th
Allied Professional Appreciation Week

August 31st
Year 1 Spelling Bee Championship

September 1st
Year 2 Spelling Bee Championship

September 4th
Walking School Bus

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	Tunstil/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

SEEDS of SCIENCE

SCIENCE WEEK @ OUR SCHOOL

Grow your curiosity with tasty treats from the canteen!

MONDAY



CHOCOLATE
CUSTARD
SOIL CUPS

\$2

TUESDAY



GARDEN BARK
with pretzels,
cranberries &
white choc chips

\$1

WEDNESDAY



MERINGUE
MUSHROOMS

\$1

GLUTEN
FREE!

THURSDAY



GLUTEN
FREE!

APRICOT, COCONUT &
WHITE CHOCOLATE BALLS

\$1

FRIDAY



MARSHMALLOW
FLOWER COOKIES

\$1.50

Planting the seeds today for a brighter tomorrow!



SYMPHONY OF STORIES

BOOK WEEK 24TH - 28TH AUG

Book Fair available all week

(Before and after school in the Library)

Enjoy a new book for your own child and help build a richer, more exciting library for all students.



Bring a book, swap a book, and take home your next great read!

Share what you loved and discover something new at our P-6 **Class Book Swap!**



Celebrate our love of reading by viewing the School **Book Spine Display** in the Front Office.



Costume Parade Friday 24th - 9.15am

Come dressed as your favourite book character !

Please remember that this is not a free dress day. Costumes should be suitable for learning, and students may be asked to change if their costume prevents them from participating safely and comfortably in class activities.

