



SCHOOL SNIPPETS

AMAZING GUEST SPEAKERS

I hope everyone has made arrangements to get along to one of the community events linked to the ILN Student Leadership Day. If you haven't, check out the advert in the Despatch or get in touch with the school. All together there will be about 190 students from 18 schools at the event. Our Student Leadership Team will be attending along with other invited Dowerin students who have demonstrated leadership qualities over the year. We know they will have an amazing day.



INLAND LIGHTHOUSE NETWORK OF PRINCIPALS VISIT DOWERIN

Dowerin DHS hosted the recent Inland Lighthouse Network meeting which saw 24 principals and speakers come together at the Dowerin Community Club. The group met to discuss a variety of topics supporting the progress of education in our schools. Some of the principals toured the school after the meeting and were very impressed with our facilities. A huge thank you to the Dowerin Club for allowing us to use their facility for this meeting and also to the Dowerin P & C who catered for the event.

HIGH TEA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

A delightful 'High Tea' was held in the early childhood playground to thank mothers for all the ways they support their children and to acknowledge the complex, challenging and fulfilling role that comes with being a Mum. Check out the great pictures and report in this Snippets.

NAPLAN FINISHED FOR 2021

NAPLAN testing for Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 has concluded for another year. On the whole, our testing went very smoothly with only a few minor technical issues. Students in Years 2,4,6 and 8 also underwent testing using past NAPLAN papers. These tests allow us another form of check-in and confirm where students are 'at'. They also provide opportunity for whole school reflection within the school and in comparison to other schools.

SECONDARY SOCIAL

Last Friday night, secondary students and some of their guests enjoyed a school social at the Dowerin Town Hall. Coordinated by the Student Leadership Team under the guidance of Mr McAdam, it was a very enjoyable night with lots of dancing, a few games and plenty of socialising. Well done to everyone who made it happen and thanks to the staff and parents who came along to help.

WHAT'S ON?

Friday May 21st—Primary Social (Years 3-6) from 5-7pm

Tuesday May 25th—Students Leadership Day

Friday May 28th—Primary Winter Carnival @ Wyalkatchem

Thanks too, to the Shire for allowing us to use the Town Hall.

REPORT WRITING UNDERWAY

Teachers are working hard at making sure they have enough data to make sound judgements about students' progress and achievements for Semester 1 as they work towards providing Formal Reports for this semester. I know many of you have met with your child/rens teachers to discuss their achievement and how we can work together to give students the best opportunity for success. We appreciate your efforts to be partners in your child's education.

ART ROOM REFURBISHMENT

The new flooring in the Art room (replacing the old carpet with a much more suitable lino) has prompted a project to revitalise the whole room. The storeroom has been cleaned out, new shelving and storage solutions purchased, painting undertaken, a splashback to be installed and a lots of sorting of resources and equipment. Thanks to Mrs Hagboom, Mrs Pickering, Mr Kennedy, Mrs Grossberg and Mrs Livall for all their hard work to make this happen. Its going to look great!

READING GOALS

All primary classes are engaged with the Nights of Reading targets. It great to see so many students working towards these goals.

Have a great fortnight

Barb Garner

Principal

REGULAR HOME READING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

(for children who are too young to read independently, being read to is essential to developing vocabulary and a love of reading)

Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
reads 20 minutes each day	reads 5 minutes each day	reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

282,000 words



50th percentile

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!





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BE THE BEST YOU & HELP OTHERS TOO

MAKE SURE YOU
GET ALONG TO
ONE OF THESE
AMAZING
EVENTS!

Tuesday, May 25th
at Dowerin Community Club

LUNCH 11.15am-2.45pm (\$25 - lunch included)



Guest Speakers—Luke Kennedy

Sharing his own story of moving from an 'obese alcoholic and drug addicted thug' to where he is today, Luke helps parents and carers to understand how a child's self-belief and self-talk affects their actions. He addresses mental self-care, resilience, connecting with kids, bullying, how to 'be yourself' and stop worrying what other people think, and how to reduce stress and anxiety.

Tom Lowther from Helping Minds will help the audience better understand the difference between mental health, mental health challenges and mental illness. He will offer strategies for helping to build confidence and reducing anxiety.

EVENING 6.30pm until approximately 9.30pm (\$10 –speakers only)

Dinner available from 6.00pm (Optional) —Pre-order essential—details to follow.

Guest Speakers

Luke Kennedy—see lunch event

Claire Eaton (ROC) As a positive voice for prevention focused mental wellness, Claire will share tools, tips and strategies which will assist parents and other carers to better support children of all ages to ride the highs and lows and tackle the twists and turns of life with more gusto, a positive mindset and a strong sense of self-belief. She draws on over 20 year experience as she shares parent friendly knowledge and practical ways to support and empower young people to develop their own tools of resilience, optimism and confidence relevant in their day-to-day life in 2021 and beyond. Claire is the author of two books, *ROC and Rise*, and *Hello High School*. These books guide young people to develop the personal tools, fortitude and know-how to take charge of their own mental fitness.



TO SECURE A PLACE:

- email (Dowerin.DHS@education.wa.edu.au) or
 - call and speak with one of our friendly office staff on 9631 1030.
- (please note, when you book for the evening event, dinner options will be forwarded to you)

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EVENT AFFORDABLE FOR ALL



Together We Strive