

What a fantastic term we have had... and it continues right to the last minute with the Faction Cross Country on Friday. Thanks to the parents and students who have kept up with the hectic pace that was set!

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION for FLL TEAM

Congratulations to the FLL Team who have been invited to compete in the INTERNATIONAL FLL competition at the end of the first week of next term. This competition will be held virtually and I would like to acknowledge the commitment and extra work that has been put in by the students, Mr Brown and Miss Hibbitt. Because we have been such a strong contributor to the regional FLL competition, we have another exciting robotics based opportunity in Term 3 that involves a partnership with Murdoch University...bigger robots and a different challenge.

CHESS ANC CHECKERS ARRIVE

Thanks to the generosity of the **Dowerin DHS P & C and the Dowerin Shire**, students now have access to giant sized chess and checkers. We are sure there will be some competitive games played in the near future.

AUDITIONS THIS WEEK

Auditions for parts in the Lorax will be held this week with the successful students being announced at the Cross Country on Friday. There is lots of excitement around this and a great number of students have taken audition scripts with many trying out for more than one part. Reflecting the theme of the Lorax, there will be a whole school focus on sustainability in Term 3.

FAREWELL MISS SCHMIDT

We would like to wish Miss Kate Schmidt all the very best as she continues on her journey to become a teacher. Miss Schmidt has her final prac next term and we have no doubt she will attain excellent results if her practice at Dowerin is anything to go by! We hope to have Miss Schmidt back as a relief teacher later in the year.

PA SYSTEM

We are very excited that, over the school holidays, the new PA system will be installed and data points will be installed in the new D & T room. This will be a great addition to our safety plans, communication across the school and ability to enjoy music at break times. Thanks to Miss Scott for her liaison to get this work done and to Brendan Wilkes for coordinating the work.

BUSINESS PLAN 2022-24

Next term we will be developing the Business Plan for the next 3 years. This will articulate the strategic direction of the school and set related priorities which will be our focus and targets to achieve. Please keep your eye out for opportunities to contribute to this plan through community forums. Remember, this is your chance to direct what the school focuses on. If you can't make the forums, let a Board member or me know your thoughts.

WHAT'S ON?

Friday July 2nd	Faction Cross Country
Monday July 19th	Students return
Tuesday July 20th	Kindy Readiness commences
Friday July 23rd	Musica Viva Concert (Town Hall)
Friday July 23-25	INTERNATIONAL First Lego League

KINDY READINESS

This is for 2022 Dowerin DHS Kindy students and runs for 2 hours each Tuesday. If you don't know about it, get in touch with the school.

Have a happy and safe holiday with, hopefully, a good dose of rain! Spend time with your children and make memories together...picnics, walks, camp fires, cooking, card games and board games...perhaps try a 'no technology day' FOR EVERYONE!

Barb Garner
Principal

STEM Enterprise Schools Showcase

On Monday the 21st three year seven girls (Hannah, Lara and Kailee) attended the Resources Technology Showcase, which incorporated the STEM Enterprise Schools Showcase. The showcase is the culmination of a two year STEM project that our school has been a part of. The project we were presenting was the 'Cookie Cutter Project' that the school has developed over the last two years. The Year 8 class baked approximately 400 cookies using boot, horse head and truck cookie cutters that the Year 7 class designed.

We presented various cookie cutters that signified something important to us made by different students at Dowerin and Wongan Hills (who were our partner school in the project). Playdough was available so people attending the event could try the cookie cutters out and see for themselves how well they work. We were allowed some time to walk around the event and explore different exhibitions like the Gold Industry Group or the Channel 7 news exhibition. We were also lucky enough to get some delicious hot chocolate from a the Rio Tinto stand. And all of that fun concluded our wonderful day at the Resources Technology Showcase at the PCEC.



YEAR 7 CADETS CAMP

Yanchep National Park was an amazing host to the 2021 Year 7 cadet camp. We stayed within the park at Henry White Oval Campground. On the morning of camp we loaded the bus and said goodbye to our parents before the Adventures began...

When we arrived at the campground, we set up our tents and got ready to go on a hike. We hiked the Woodlands, Wetlands and Crystal Cave Trails on the first day, before going back to camp for dinner.

We all had to bring our own food for camp, which we cooked up for dinner. For most of us this was two minute noodles, steak or meals we could heat up. Then night fell and we played spotlight, before Mike (The Manger of the Park) came and told us off for being too loud/having too much fun (it wasn't even 8 o'clock!). After that we went deathly quiet before going to bed.

The next morning we woke up at around 6:30am – 7:00am and cooked pancakes or spaghetti for breakfast. Then we showered and got



changed ready for our hike. We hiked the Ghost House trail which was 12.6km, along the way we experienced the peace and beauty of the forest. At the half way mark we found the house, which was only half a house. It still managed to give a few students the creeps, especially after some made up stories from Mr Hall. The second half of the hike was uphill through a lot of spikey bushes, those clever enough to wear long pants were fine but the boys found the walk a little prickly. Once we had finished the trail we returned to the camp for lunch, which included noodles and pancakes again and then set off to the Tree Adventure. The Tree Adventure was everyone's favourite for multiple reasons such as: it was challenging, it was out of our comfort zones, we got to control our own harnesses, there were zip lines and because it was fun. For two hours we were at least 2 meters and up to 10 meters off the ground, Cameron loved it so much he had to be dragged off otherwise he would be still up there.

After we had finished, we walked back to the campsite and chilled while a couple of members of the class and a teacher went to the shops for supplies for dinner. When they arrived back we started cooking dinner. We had Burgers for dinner with tomato, lettuce, cheese, onions (which I cooked) and sauce. After dinner we sat around the campfire and had marshmallows and donuts, before going to bed.

The following morning we all woke up around the same time as yesterday and made more pancakess, spaghetti and hot chocolates for

breakfast. We also packed up our tents and packs to load into the bus. We left the campsite around 10am and headed to Toodyay. At Toodyay we stopped at the park and headed to the Toodyay bakery to buy our lunch. Most of us got a drink and some sort of cake or pie. We then walked back and decided to skim rocks in the river. 30 minutes later we left on the way back to Dowerin, but we stopped in Goomalling to drop some students off.

The camp was filled with memorable moments that we will never forget. We all loved camp and we recommend going to the Tree Adventure place we went to. All in all we loved camp very much and would have loved to stay, but we had to come home and ruin the piece and quite our parents had been enjoying.

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