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CELEBRATING WITH OUR GREAT STUDENTS

We continue to acknowledge and reward our students who consistently do their best and comply with the school behaviour expectations. This week, students who completed 90 Nights of Reading Challenge over Semester 2 had a morning of cooking, craft and computers; working together to make a feast for a shared morning tea, creating home made cards and also printing 'bag tags' using the 3D printer.

All primary school students who had Good Standing were invited to go to the pool on Monday afternoon and lots of fun was had there too.

HARVEST MAGAZINE LOOKS GREAT

The Harvest Magazine has arrived back from the publishers and looks fantastic. It is a great memento of our year. If you haven't ordered there may be a couple spares available if you get in quick! Can the office if you are interested.



CONGRATULATIONS—WE ARE VERY PROUD!

Last week I was privileged to attend the Western Australian Regional Achievement Awards where **RIELLE FOWLER** was one of 3 finalists in the Teaching Excellence Awards and the winner of the People's Choice Awards for all award winners. A great acknowledgement of a fantastic teacher.

Thanks to encouragement from Mrs Petchell, **KALICIA WARMDEAN** has won a place in the Young Indigenous Women's STEM Academy. This program supports students with online STEM based learning, camps and mentoring support as they progress through school and university. Last week I joined Kalicia, her Mum, Grandmother, Mrs Petchell and the Academic Coordinator for the Academy, Daniella

Borg for lunch where Kalicia was presented with her Academy shirt.

Recognising her high level of academic achievement, **NATALYA GOULD** has been awarded the two year Harding Miller Education Foundation Scholarship which assists with the provision of technology support, tutoring, access to online study help, a personal coach, a laptop and other support to help Natalya stay on track for a very positive future.

FAREWELL

Although their time with us has been brief, we would like to thank Miss Shahn Howard and Mr Luke Schulze for their contributions to the school and student learning while they have been at Dowerin. We wish them all the best for the next chapter in their journey as they return to city life.

All at Dowerin District High School would like to wish everyone in our school and wider community a wonderful Christmas and sensational start to the New Year. We look forward to seeing our students and parents on the first day of February 2021 and continuing our productive involvement with the community.



THANK YOU!

Daven Petchell and Aron Hall—for installing the new lockers.
Dowerin Police— for supporting our students to be the best

Get ready for 2021



- Jan 27th School Open—Admin Staff
- Jan 28th Teaching / support staff return to work
- Feb 1st Students return
- Feb 8th Swimming Lessons (Primary)



STAFF FOR 2021

We are in the process of finalising arrangements for 2021 but can let you know that the class teachers for next year will be:

- K/P Miss Emma Kelly
- Year 1/2 Miss Rielle Fowler
- Year 3/4 Mrs Linda Quartermaine and Ms Nicola Scott
- Year 5/6 Mrs Kate Petchell

Specialist and secondary teachers also include:

- Mr Aron Hall: Phys Ed, Health, Design and Tech, Cadets, Careers
 - Ms Steph Hibbitt: Science and Secondary Maths,
 - Mr Nathan Brown: Digital Technology, STEM, Careers
 - Mrs Kym Metcalf: Secondary HASS, Year 3/4 HASS
 - Mrs Kristel Couper: Year 3-6 Science, AUSLAN (language)
 - Mrs Amanda Hagboom: Kitchen Garden Program, Home Ec
 - Mr Nigel Harford: Whole school Music
 - Ms Meagan Howe: Whole school Visual Art
- The English teacher position is being finalised.

And of course we have our wonderful office and support staff:

- Mrs Angela Fitzgerald: MCS and School Officer
- Mrs Nadia Lee: MCS
- Mrs Michelle Bear: School Officer
- Mrs Steph Graham: Education Assistant
- Mrs Kelly Pickering: Education Assistant
- Ms Erin Healy: Education Assistant / Science Lab Tech
- Mrs Joyce Couper: Education Assistant / Home Ec Assis



Together We Strive



Cunderdin Agricultural College – Trade Training Day
 On Friday the 20th of November our 9/10 group travelled to Cunderdin Agricultural College for a trade training day. We started with a quick tour around the trade centre followed by a demonstration of the new CNC router. Following on from this the Dowerin students were taught how to make a whistle in woodwork as part of their first rotation. Whilst Dowerin students were in woodwork, Wyalkatchem students attended the engineering rotation. Before the lunch break we were taken on a tour of the college. Luckily for some we hadn't eaten lunch before touring the piggery, as the smell was a little overpowering for some. After a short wrestle with some piglets, we moved on to the butchery and then the shearing shed for a quick demonstration. After lunch we moved to the engineering rotation, where students created a metal trowel using some hand tools and a few very large bending and cutting machines. The students enjoyed the day and for some it has given them a different pathway, they may not have thought of without this day.



Graduation Dinner
 This year we have 4 students finishing year 10 at Dowerin District High School, Peter Harkins, Zara Williams, Macaela Grossberg and Tarkeyshia Exton. The dinner was once again held at the Dowerin Community Club, with around 30 people attending. A great evening was had by all, with some photos shared, that students and staff would rather forget. This was followed by some funny stories about each of our 4 graduates from Mr Hall. Mrs Garner then inspired each of our graduates with quotes and success stories about people from around the world, who had shown perseverance and determination to succeed at what they wanted to achieve. The evening was closed with a delicious graduation cake and some kind words from Mrs Shirley Hagboom. We wish Peter Harkins, Zara Williams, Macaela Grossberg and Tarkeyshia Exton all the best for 2021 and beyond.




Dowerin DHS
First Lego League



Two teams from Dowerin competed in the First Lego League competition at Curtin University last Saturday against 40 other top teams from around the state. Each team gets to compete in 3 robot games, where the best score only counts, and they had the opportunity to present an innovation project as well.

The two teams were: **The Foopy Frogs** (Year 8/9's) and **The Virtual Velo-Veggies** (Year 6/7's). Both teams did extremely well, demonstrating the Dowerin Virtues throughout the entire day. There was some mingling with other teams and sharing of information, which our students got a lot out of.

In the first robot games, our teams completed some safety runs to get some scores on the board. The Year 8/9 team scored 220 points and the Year 6/7 team scored 165 points in the first round. After the round, the judges let us know that we had too many motors and if we kept the same amount the next round, the score for that round would not be counted, so we had to make some changes to the robots and push the scoring higher for round two. In round two the Year 8/9 team scored 165 and the Year 6/7 team scored 215 points. At this point the Year 8/9 team was in 15th and the 6/7 team in 16th. It was an amazing effort! Both teams had some robot malfunctions and lost some points, but they were all really excited about the changes that they could make; however, it was time to present our innovation projects...

The Year 6/7 team presented their Virtual Reality game project, and the Year 8/9 team presented their Fun Fitness Centre project. Both teams spoke well, sharing their information with the judges and answering some really tricky questions. We got some great feedback from the judges this year and we have a clear direction on how we can improve on our projects next year.

It was then time for our last robot game...

Our robot teams showed amazing composure. They knew they could do well if everything went right. The atmosphere was electric with both teams cheering each other on with parents and spectators watching and cheering too. The Foopy Frogs were to go first, and they moved to 9th place with 245 points. Then the Virtual Velo-veggies team were up, and their robot worked flawlessly, scoring a massive 270 points, moving them into 4th place!

After all the other teams had finished their final round, the Year 8/9 team finished in **11th** and Year 6/7 team finished **5th**. A truly remarkable achievement from both teams in such a competitive academic competition. Congratulations to all the team members and we wish to say a big thank you to helpers throughout the preparation. The team would like to extend a special thank you to Mr and Mrs Crute for always helping with after school sessions and to Lou Hagboom for helping with the Year 6/7 team shirts.

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