

## WOW!

What a week we have just had. Some key events for the year were held and all were very successful!

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAY

On Tuesday 191 students from 15 Wheatbelt school descended on Dowerin to engage in the Student Leadership Day. We can't speak highly enough of the Dowerin community and the way they supported this event; Dowerin Field Days, Dowerin Shire, Apex, Dowerin Club, Department of Communities and Dowerin P & C were instrumental in the student and community events being a success. We simply could not have engaged the calibre of speakers that we had without their support – check out the write-up later in the Snippets.

Congratulations should be afforded to all students who were invited to attend the Student Leadership Day and all parents and community members who took advantage of the fantastic speakers on offer at the lunch and evening events. There are a lot of other communities that are envious of the support Dowerin DHS receives to make sure we are a school of choice for our community.

### PRIMARY WINTER CARNIVAL

Once again our Dowerin students demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship when they represented our school at the Primary Winter Carnival in Wyalkatchem last Friday. They also came away from the carnival very successful with a win and two seconds – well done! On Friday June 11<sup>th</sup>, the secondary students will have their Winter Carnival at Kellerberrin but this is a more social day than the primary carnival.

## WHAT'S ON?

- Monday 7th June — Public Holiday
- Tuesday 8th June — Pupil Free Day
- Friday 11th June — Secondary Winter Carnival  
@ Kellerberrin
- Monday 14th June — School Photos
- Tuesday 15th June — Yr 5/6 Excursion
- 21st June– 26th June — Secondary Camp (Perth)
- 22nd June– 24th June — Yr 7 Cadet Camp
- Saturday 26th June — P & C Quiz Night

### IMPORTANT PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Mrs Rielle Shankland and myself have commenced the formal learning part of the Internship for Excellence in the Explicit Teaching of Literacy this week. This learning will help us refine our whole school approach to teaching literacy and promises to improve the impact of teaching practices across the school. We have undertaken professional learning sessions at Curtin University and also visited schools who are considered to be high performing schools in the area of teaching literacy. We have formed a partnership with Calista Primary School who will support us in our literacy teaching improvement journey...an exciting journey ahead!

### MORE VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

This week we hosted 9 Deputy Principals and 7 Science teachers when they met to network about matters relevant to their role. Dowerin DHS has a reputation for high performance in the use of technology to enhance education as well as being recognised for the quality of the delivery of Science teaching. Both of these were highlights of the meetings. A huge thank you to the P and C who, once again, did a fantastic job catering for this event.

### COMBINED SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

When we work together and pool resources, the results can be much more effective. Next week, students will have an extra-long long weekend while teachers will be heading for Wongan Hills on Tuesday to take part in a combined School Development Day where a variety of quality professional learning is on offer. Organised by the Inland Lighthouse Network, it is also a great opportunity for teachers to broaden their networking with colleagues from a range of schools.

Don't forget to make sure haircuts are done and the best uniforms are worn for the upcoming school photos on Monday, June 14th!



Have a great couple of weeks!

Barb Garner  
Principal



## FOOD ALLERGY WEEK<sup>®</sup>

### ALLERGY & ANAPHYLAXIS AUSTRALIA

23 - 29 MAY 2021

Did you know one in ten babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy in their lifetime!



On the 28th May, the year 3 students combined with the 1/2 class to learn about food allergies and the importance of checking what ingredients are used when preparing different foods. The students identified the most popular foods that people in Australia are usually allergic to. They then discussed the different symptom signs that may be shown if someone is having an allergic reaction to ingesting food.

The students then worked in multi-aged groups to work out different ingredients that people could be allergic to in a cake, ice-cream, a variety of sauces and a stir-fry.

Once we shared all our wonderful work, we discussed what to do if a friend was suffering an allergic reaction. "Keep your friend still (sitting or laying down) and send someone to get an adult for help."



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAY

Last week, Dowerin hosted the Student Leadership Day with schools from all around coming together to help inform, educate and raise the next generation of leaders. At the event, students were able to have group sessions with inspiration speakers, such as Luke Kennedy and Claire Eaton, who not only taught our young leaders how to handle their physical and mental trials, but also taught them one very special message: It's okay to get knocked down, so long as you get back up.

Honourable mentions go to the Year 9/10 Student Leader, Willow Millar-Wheaton, for her dedication in helping set up the event and ensuring all the visiting schools were prepared, as well as Stirling Faction Captain, Aimee Barnes, for taking the initiative to network with peers from other schools and making them feel comfortable. And finally, an honourable mention to Forrest Faction Captain, Courtney Robinson, for keeping the rivalry strong between Dowerin and Wyalkatchem District High School.

Thank you to all the contributors that enabled the day to be such a success!

