

## YAY for FIELD DAYS

Congratulations to the Field Days Team on another very successful Field Day. It seems eerily quiet this week after the hustle and bustle of the last few weeks. We were very proud of the efforts of our students who had a variety of opportunities to engage with the Field Day and thank parents who made our job easy by supporting the school. Secondary students had great fun in the DFD Amazing Race and were a tremendous help in the many catering venues around the grounds, the Primary students investigated lots of different exhibits on the Field Day Trail, the Year 3-6 Choir performed the National Anthem at the opening, some secondary students (who were heavily involved with the 'build') showcased the Solar Bench, and our Head Primary and Head Secondary Student attended a morning tea with the Governor of Western Australia. Amazingly, many still had plenty of energy to head to the Field Days at the end of the school day! Enjoy the photos from our time over there.

## EXCITEMENT BUILDS FOR THE YEAR 3s and 4s

The Year 3 and 4 students are off on an exciting overnight excursion to Perth next week. They will be heading to the Optus Stadium for a Tour before going to the Perth Zoo where they will participate in several activities. They will sleep over at the zoo and get to see some of the animals 'after dark'.

## ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK

Don't forget to put the assembly in your calendar—2.00pm next Thursday (August 8th). Classrooms will be open after the assembly so take the opportunity to check out what your child has been up to.

## FACTION ATHLETICS

Thanks to everyone involved with the Field Days and Mr Hall for making sure the oval is ready for next Friday's Athletics Carnival. We hope there will be lots of spectators to cheer the students on. Forrest or Stirling—who will win???





# SCHOOL SNIPPETS



Together We Strive

## SOLAR BENCH PROJECT

THE SOLAR BENCH PROJECT DEMONSTRATES HOW STUDENTS AT DOWERIN DHS HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMBINE SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHS (STEM) SKILLS TO CRAFT A USEFUL PROJECT FOR THE DOWERIN COMMUNITY. A SIMILAR BENCH WAS FIRST SITED AT CURTIN UNIVERSITY WHEN STUDENTS ATTENDED A FIRST LEGO LEAGUE FINAL.

THE BENCH IS DESIGNED TO BE AN ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY, ALL WEATHER USB POWER SOURCE. IT WILL BE PERMANENTLY POSITIONED IN THE DOWERIN COMMUNITY CLUB PRECINCT.

THE FINAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN MANAGED BY AINSLEY, SAMUEL, WILLOW AND BLAIR WITH MR TREVOR GERRARD AND MS NICOLA SCOTT SUPPORTING THE STUDENTS.

WE WERE VERY FORTUNATE TO RECEIVE FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT THROUGH DOWERIN FIELD DAYS GRANT. WITHOUT THIS SUPPORT, THE PROJECT WAS NOT POSSIBLE.

SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT HAS ALSO BEEN PROVIDED BY:

- **DOWERIN MENS SHED**
- **WHEATBELT ENGINEERING**—CHRIS RAY (OVERSEEING WILLOW DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT THE STEEL FRAME FOR THE BENCH)
- **ELECTRITECH INDUSTRIES**—GRAHAM JOHNSTON FOR ADVICE REGARDING AND SUPPLY OF ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS.
- **DOTMAR COMPANY**—SUPPLYING THE POLYCARBONATE SHEETING AT A SUBSIDISED RATE.



THE AMAZING RACE



## Interschool Cross Country



On Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> we travelled to Meckering for Interschool Cross Country. After a lot of rain during the week the course was a bit slippery and the creeks were running, providing a couple of jumps for the competitors.

In the 9/10 races our best placed finishers were Koby Smith 8<sup>th</sup>, Tyreece Dickerson 11<sup>th</sup> and Ainsley Crippen 12<sup>th</sup> in the boys race and Aimee Barnes 12<sup>th</sup> for the girls. Our 7/8 girls started fast, heading to the first corner in the lead pack. Mollie Ratcliffe finished 8<sup>th</sup> followed by Laila McIvor 11<sup>th</sup> and Stevie Dix 20<sup>th</sup>. The boys race was close for positions 2-5, with Daniel Holberton finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> place and Matthew Grossberg 16<sup>th</sup>.

The year 5/6 boys were represented by York Jennings, David Couper, Caleb Metcalf and Cody Foster. Over the 2km's our boys performed well finishing strongly to place 9<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. In the 5/6 girls race our best finish was Tenielle McMorrnan 14<sup>th</sup>, Ava Todd 20<sup>th</sup>, Zoey Jones 24<sup>th</sup> and Isabelle Barnes 30<sup>th</sup>.

In the 3/4 division we had some fresh faces looking a little nervous before the start, but once the races started they gave it their best effort. The girls finished in 16<sup>th</sup> Ciarah Foster, Sarah Holberton 17<sup>th</sup> and Isla Hagboom 19<sup>th</sup>, with those competing in 2021 improving on their finishing position. The boys race included three year 3's and a year 4. Lewis Petchell was our best placed competitor in 9<sup>th</sup>, followed by Gavin Trenfield 11<sup>th</sup>, Caleb Barnes 27<sup>th</sup> and Mackinley Couper 28<sup>th</sup>.

We had to wait till the last two individual races to claim a individual medal. The P-2 Girls ran first with Lexi Dreghorn starting quickly, heading to the first corner in the lead group. Lexi maintained her contact with the lead group and finished strongly to claim the bronze medal, with Neve Hagboom and Kitarlah Barile 24<sup>th</sup>. The boys race is notoriously chaotic at the start with multiple students tripping over or being knocked over as everyone changes direction without looking. All of the Dowerin boys avoided the carnage with Hunter Hall heading out with the lead group. When the final group came into view including Hunter, there were 4 boys running for 3 medals. Hunter finished strongly to also claim the bronze medal, with Jack Warren 10<sup>th</sup>, and Richard Ray 17<sup>th</sup> who also ran well in their first Interschool event.

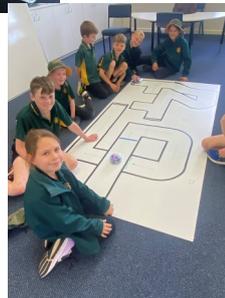


In the open events we only had two brave souls run the 4km, Mollie Ratcliffe represented the girls and Davey Couper the boys. Mollie ran a great race to finish 4<sup>th</sup> and Davey completed the course strongly to finish 12<sup>th</sup> against mainly year 9/10 boys. Overall Dowerin finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the primary shield and 4<sup>th</sup> in the secondary shield. All our competitors represented Dowerin with pride and determination.



From 13<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> August the nation celebrated National Science Week and Dowerin District High School did another epic Science afternoon to help celebrate. On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August, students from year 1 to year 6 participated in a multi-age rotation afternoon. This year the stations included: Marble Run where students had to create a unique marble run with cardboard and had to get a marble to go through a tube, hit a car and get the car to roll off a table. Mirror Maze saw the students get a laser beam of light to enter a shoe box, reflect off mirrors and exit the shoe box at a right angle. Stain Glass Windows were fun to make with cellophane instead of glass and students discovered light travelling through different coloured glass. The

Escape Room was a favourite and had students working through a series of activities to obtain a code to be able to exit the room. The last activity was a BeeBot challenge, students had to program the BeeBot robots with an algorithm to complete a set out course. It was a wonderful afternoon that both students and staff thoroughly enjoyed.



### WHAT'S ON?

- Thursday 1st September - OLNA Reading
- Foody Colours Day
- Friday 2nd September - OLNA Numeracy
- Tuesday 6th September - Yr 3/4 Overnight Excursion
- Kindy Readiness
- Thursday 8th September - Yr 1/2 Assembly - 2pm
- Friday 9th September - Faction Athletics Carnival
- Tuesday 13th September - Athletics Carnival Review
- Wednesday 14th September - Yr 3-7 Languages Day