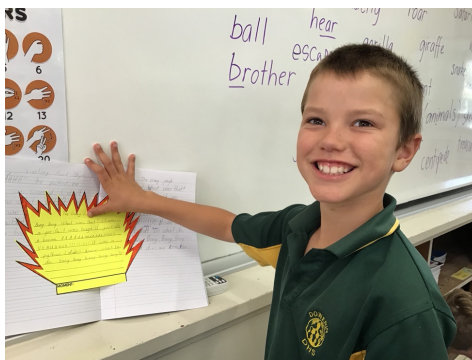
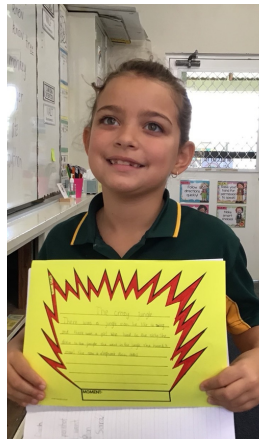
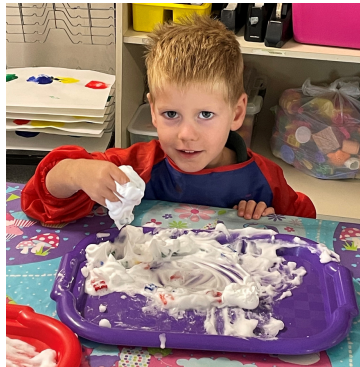
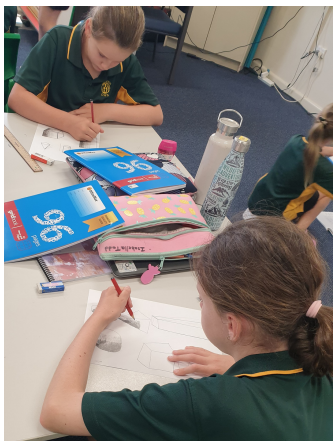


A Sensational Start... to 2021



Together We Strive

OUR VISION is to be a community conscious educational institution which produces socially and civically responsible citizens who are equipped for lifelong learning and strive for personal excellence.

Welcome back to what we hope will be a fantastic year for everyone.

We are grateful that school was able to open its doors as planned unlike our colleagues in the Perth, Peel and South-west regions. I would like to acknowledge the great work by our gardening and cleaning staff for the fantastic job they did getting the grounds and classrooms ready.

NEW FACES

We have welcomed a number of new faces this year. There are 4 new students in the Year 1/2 room, 2 in the Year 3/4 class and 5 additions to the Year 7 cohort who hail from Goomalling and Cadoux. That brings our total number of students to 130 with a record 44 students in the secondary school.

We are very pleased to have Mr Ion McAdam join the team as our English and drama teacher. Mr McAdam will also be part of the FESA Cadet unit and taking the K/P for Library and Health and the Year 1/2 for HASS. We are also fortunate to have Mrs Kristy Couper and Mrs Ebony Gard coming on board as Education assistants supporting our secondary students.



LOTS PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR

Well, there is always lots planned at Dowerin DHS but, COVID permitting, there are a couple of big ticket items for 2021. The whole school production will be taking place in Term 4 (October 22nd -put it in your calendar!) and Dowerin will host the third Inland Lighthouse Network Student Leadership Day.

Maintaining our quest for excellence in everything we do, the school continues its role as a Regional Teacher Development School -Mathematics and STEM, and we are looking forward to being part of the Internship for Excellence in the Explicit Teaching of Literacy.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons are well and truly underway (could you tell by the cooler weather?). Thanks to all the parents who support their children to be organised for classes and fosters resilience in their child by urging them to be the best they can, even when conditions aren't ideal. Next week promises to be a bit warmer!

REFURBISHMENT PROGRESS OVER THE HOLIDAYS

There was a lot of action at the school over the holidays. The Early Childhood Centre had a major face lift! The floor was completely replaced and new lino laid. Water damaged gyprock and skirting boards were also replaced in the smaller room, a limestone retainer wall was built and paving laid to improve air flow and better manage the water around the building. A new flywire door was installed. It was great to have the work completed prior to the students returning -thanks to Damien's Plumbing, I

& R Repairs and Darrell Kennedy for making this happen. It was a mammoth job to remove and replace all the furniture and resources and get cleaning up to scratch so there was minimal disruption to student learning. Special thanks to the students and staff who assisted, especially Miss Kelly, Mrs Grossberg, Mrs Lival, Mr Kennedy and Daven Petchell.

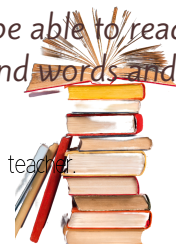
Work continues on the new Design and Technology facility and the refurbishment of the old D & T room, we can't wait to get it set up as our Makerspace!

READING GOALS

All primary students have received their reading log. Targets have been set for a minimum number of home reading days each term. Those who achieve the goals will be eligible to attend a reward event.

If a child memorises 10 words, the child can only read 10 words BUT

If a child learns 10 sounds, the child will be able to read 350 three sound words, 4320 four sound words and 21 650 five sound words.



Not sure how to help your child? See your child's teacher.

ENTERING SCHOOL GROUNDS & ATTENDING SCHOOL EVENTS

Sanitising stations have been set up at entry points to the school and all students are expected to sanitise before they enter classrooms. Parents are welcome on the school site but, for now, we ask that you also sanitise on the way in and refrain from entering classrooms unless you have an appointment with the teacher. The 2 square metre rule applies so please be mindful of this when you are on the grounds.

STUDENT LEADERS and ASSEMBLY

Classes are currently undergoing the processes to select their Class Representative and Mr Hall has spoken to students about nominating for a role as Faction Captain. The Student Leadership Team (SLT) will be finalised some time next week and announced at Friday afternoon assembly on Feb 19th. Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies which commence at 2.50 pm each week.

The first official task for the SLT will be to host the Parent Assembly on March 11th. This will feature BOTH the Year 1/2 and Year 5/6 classes. Another date for your diary!

We look forward to building relationships and partnership with our parents and the wider community so we can be the best possible school we can be.

Barb Garner
Principal