



IMPORTANT DATES

West Coast Fever Netball Carnival
19 August 2020

School Development Day
28 August 2020

MESSAGE FROM
THE PRINCIPAL



Covid-19 – Maintaining Vigilance!

Current events in the eastern states of Australia and now in New Zealand emphasise the need for all of us in our community to be vigilant in maintaining high levels of health and hygiene practices plus follow physical distancing requirements to better protect ourselves, others and the general health of the community.

All staff at Denmark SHS are required to reinforce to students the need for high levels of hygiene practices throughout the school day. Staff and students have access to hand sanitiser and there is a regular cleaning regime of the school throughout the school day.

The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee continues to note that there is very limited evidence of transmission between children in the school environment resulting in a relaxing of the physical distancing requirements between students.

All staff at Denmark SHS are required to observe the physical distancing of 1.5 metres where possible. Adult visitors to the school are asked to also keep a physical distance of 1.5 metres from other adults while in the school.

The gathering of adults in the school must adhere to the correct requirement of one adult per 2 square metres. This applies to meetings (e.g. Parent, P&C, School Board) and to school events to which adults are invited. Please note that the Drama and Music

events to be held in Term 3 and in Term 4 this year will have limited availability for adult attendance due to the size of the venue and the need to apply the 1 adult per 2 square metre rule.

Please continue to maintain high levels of health and hygiene practices in the community to minimise the risk and transmission of Covid-19 infection. Such practices also minimise the spread of the ‘flu’ and the ‘common cold’. If your child has flu-like symptoms, please keep your child home from school. Adults with flu-like symptoms are asked to not visit the school.



**Parent Information Evening
Senior School Courses**

Thank you to all parents who attended the parent information evening to learn more about the courses being offered at the school for Year 11 students in 2021. It was very pleasing to see the large number of parents who attended.

Interviews have commenced with parents and their child to assist with the selection of pathways and subjects to be studied in Year 11. If you are unable to attend a Course Counselling interview, please return your child’s signed subject selection forms as soon as possible. Failure to do so may result in your child missing out on their desired course selections

Please make sure you have completed the following items by their due dates:

- **Course Selection Forms to be returned no later than Friday, 21st August 2020**
- **Online VET applications to SRTAFE close Monday, 17th August 2020**

Trevor Henderson

EVERY DAY COUNTS



Absent average 1 day every 2 weeks
= **1 year** of school missed.



Absent average 1 day per week
= **2 years** of school missed.



Absent average 2 days per week
= **4 years** of school missed.

Don't let your kids miss out.

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Music Recital Nights

Every music student at Denmark SHS will this term, perform in a recital night. These are going to occur in the Staff Room during Week 9 from 6.00pm – 7.30pm. Parents are encouraged to attend. Please note the Covid-19 restrictions will apply, resulting in limited audience numbers who can attend the recitals.

The students have been working at a very high level and are looking forward to displaying their work to a public audience.

Each year group is performing on the following dates:

- Year 7: 14/9/20
- Year 8: 15/9/20
- Year 9: 16/9/20
- Year 10: 17/9/20
- Year 11/12: 18/9/20



Lois Olney & Dave Johnson

On the last day of Term 2, Denmark SHS was visited by Lois Olney and Dave Johnson. Lois is a celebrated jazz singer who, as a member of the Stolen Generation, uses her art to comment on difficult subjects such as loss, grief and the search for a sense of belonging.

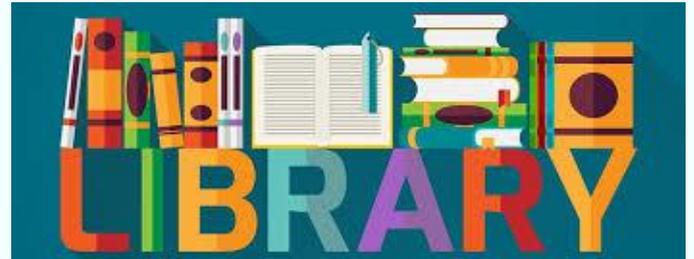
Lois and Dave performed four hour-long sets, and in doing so, shared their messages of positivity through adversity to all students from Years 7-10 and some available senior students. It was particularly exciting for the audience to see students, including some who were not studying music, join Lois and Dave for a haunting rendition of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah". These students were not selected to sing before the performance and showed great courage in getting up to sing when the open invitation was given to the audience.

Lois and Dave's incursion was an important cultural event which allowed students to gain further understanding on the impacts that history continues to have on First Nations people.

The Denmark SHS Music Department sincerely thank Lois and Dave for their captivating performance and look forward to future artistic engagements with them.



Ben Power



Library News

The Library has some new books for the students, here are just a few:



Looking forward to Book Week 2020 coming up 24th August for the High School.

More information to come.

Alex English



From the Board

Later this term the school will send out a survey that is conducted every few years. Part of the survey is a nationally standardised form, with a numerical response. These numbers provide a snapshot and a way to measure progress in many areas of the school's operations.

In addition, Denmark SHS has also added a section where people are able to provide a written answer. Please start thinking about what you would like to say in response to:

- What things does this school do really well?
- What could this school improve on?
- If you could change just one thing about this school, what would it be?

Keep an eye out for the survey link when it comes out, and our warmest thanks in advance for the time taken to provide your ideas and feedback.

Brad McDougall

Chickenpox

Chickenpox is caused by the Varicella Zoster Virus. In some children the illness will start with a fever or feeling unwell, but in others the rash will appear first.



The spots usually start on the chest as red, itchy lumps. These will become fluid-filled blisters, which will burst and form a crust.

Chickenpox is very contagious and is spread when the person sneezes or coughs or when someone comes in contact with the fluid from one of the blisters. Your child should have had the chickenpox vaccination at 18 months of age. Vaccination is the best way to avoid chickenpox, so make sure that your child is up-to-date with his or her vaccinations.

If your child does contract chickenpox, keep him or her home from school for at least five days after the first spots appear, and until after all blisters are dry. Give your child plenty of fluids and paracetamol or ibuprofen, if needed. If blisters are in the mouth, try a soothing mouth wash and don't give foods high in acid or salt. Soothing lotions or oils for the bath can help the itch.

Diagnosis should be confirmed by a doctor as chickenpox is a notifiable disease (it must be reported). Please make sure the school is informed if the doctor diagnoses chickenpox.

Contact your local Community Health Nurse, Paula Stretton on 0427 922 663 for more information or see the fact sheet at:

https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Chickenpox-varicella

Dragonboat Mini Regatta

1st July 2020



Dragon boaters young and old took to the water together on Wednesday, July 1st 2020 to sort out who could survive the rigors of racing under pressure.

Paddlers then feasted on burgers with birthday cake for afters at the Riverside Clubrooms. (Birthday celebrations for Coach Lexie Carter.)

'Young Dazzlers' from Denmark Senior High School, held their own amongst senior paddlers from Albany and Denmark Dragon Boat Clubs as well as parents and family guests.

The 'Denmark Dragonflies' with high school staff members Lexie Carter, Alex English and Dee Thorpe looked strong throughout the races, though having mixed teams on the water meant it didn't go all their own way. They shared the limelight with junior paddlers "Denmark Dazzlers" Elsie Edmonds, Jake and Ella Harris, Oakley Donohoe, Sarah McConigley, Annika Jeeves, Polly Haythornwaite, Iris Miller and Aila Williams.



This end-of-term event was a social fun gathering to introduce new junior paddlers to racing on the river. Usually meeting afterschool for training sessions on Wednesdays, the group rarely have the required numbers for getting 2 boats on the water for racing practice.



Seems it was so much fun that the coaches are planning a similar event for the end of this term. Newcomers are welcome to join the club and start training for the summer season of competition.

Mo Cowdell

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\$1000 YOUTH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

FOR Y12 DENMARK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Apply now for the Shire of Denmark \$1000 Leadership Award to assist with the cost of participating in an activity or program of your choice, focusing on leadership, skills development, confidence building, personal motivation, team work and or communication.

To download the award guidelines & application visit www.denmark.wa.gov.au.

Submit your application by **4pm, Friday 4 September 2020**.

For further information please contact Community Development Officer, Claudia Simpson on 9848 0300 or email cdo@denmark.wa.gov.au.

This information is available in alternative formats by request.

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DENMARK CRICKET CLUB

Registrations are now open for the 2020-2021 season

U14s – Year 7 and Year 8
U17s – Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11

Join your friends, have fun and be active while playing Australia's favourite sport.

For information and a link to the online registration, please email denmarkcricketclub@gmail.com

or go to our Facebook Page at Denmark Cricket Club – Juniors

Kidsport vouchers accepted



The Food Sensations Visit DSHS

The Food Sensations team from Foodbank in Perth visited us over the last 2 days, engaging students in their focus 'Healthy food is delicious and doesn't need to cost much'. Students produced some great dishes incorporating lots of vegies and enjoyed the shared feast. Thanks to Reearna, Amy and Laura. Jodie Pollard

