



IMPORTANT DATES	
30/11-04/12 Year 10 Exam Week	7 December 2020 – Interschool Athletics Carnival
3 & 4 December 2020 – Drama Performance Night Show	11 December 2020 – Music End-of-Year Showcase
4 December 2020 – Drama Performance for Students	16 December 2020 – Year 7-11 Awards Assembly
4 December 2020 – Basketball Awards Night	
17 December 2020 – BEACH CARNIVAL – LAST DAY OF 2020	

Congratulations to Charles Merrifield, Tyler Hartfield and Ryland Kontoolas whose achievements are profiled in this Newsletter.

Please note the 'Important Dates' for the remainder of Term 4 that are listed at the top of this page – there are many opportunities to come before the school year closes for students to showcase their knowledge and skills learnt throughout 2020. Unfortunately, Covid-19 has impacted on the extent to which family and community members have been able to attend events normally open to them.

School Holidays

School closes for the 2020 school year on Thursday, 17th December for students and on Friday, 18th December for school staff.

The school office will open for the 2021 school year at 8.30am on Wednesday, 27th January 2021. School commences for all students on Monday, 1st February 2021.

Best wishes for an enjoyable Christmas, holiday and for the New Year.

Trevor Henderson



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Final Newsletter for 2020

In this edition of the Denmark SHS Newsletter, the final edition for 2020, we are pleased to present to you a range of activities and student achievements that present student learning away from the stereotype of students sitting in orderly arrangements in a standard classroom.

Student learning is enhanced when students work collaboratively with peers in hands-on, authentic opportunities and experiences in different and new contexts. The learning is further enhanced when teachers engage the support of community members and organisations to value add to the learning experience.

I hope you enjoy reading some of what our students have been doing and learning throughout Term 4. Thank you to the community members and organisations who provided or assisted with the various learning experiences for the students.

National History Challenge 2020



Denmark SHS student, Charles Merrifield has won both the State and National prize in the "Australian Wartime Experiences" category. It is the first time that a GT Online student has won a national prize in this competition.

In a normal year, national winners would be off to Canberra this week for the national presentation but sadly, as we know it is not a normal year and Charles's GATE teacher accepted his medals/certificates at the state presentation which will be forwarded to Charles.

Congratulations on your achievement, well done!!



Youth Citizen of the Year Nomination



Denmark SHS student, Tyler Hartfield has been nominated for the 2021 Youth Citizen of the Year Award which recognises local residents for their contribution to community life and active participation in local projects. The awards presentation is at the Australia Day Twilight Concert at Berridge Park. 4-7 pm.

Tyler will also be at the National Disability Day celebrations on 3rd December 2020 at the Denmark Civic Centre. He will be presenting a PowerPoint about how inclusion has had a positive effect on his life.

I would personally like to say a big thank you to everyone who has contributed to Tyler's journey so far. Inclusion is key to making everyone feel better about themselves.

Jayne Taylor – Education Assistant

Denmark Chamber of Commerce Award for Entrepreneurship



Ryland Kontoolas was the recipient of this year's Denmark Chamber of Commerce award for Entrepreneurship which is awarded to a Denmark Senior High School student each year.

Ryland began exploring building and making many different things at a young age. After receiving an angle grinder for his 14th birthday, he slowly started to collect an array of tools including a welder and began his building experiments by making gates and garden beds before building a forge and trying his hand at making knives and rings.

He had previously made rings from wood but with access to a forge he moved onto working with soft steel and more recently silver. He has bought silver spoons from antique shops and turned these into rings.

After sharing pictures of his creations on social media he found himself with requests from people to make custom made rings for them. He says this has helped his progression as other people's input has fuelled his own creativity. He has posted his rings all around Australia to his customers.

Ryland also has made quite a few knives. These are very time consuming to make although as he says very satisfying as you can perfectly tailor the knife for its future purpose. The knives he makes are forged out of high carbon steel.

Through the High School careers program Ryland has had a few work experience opportunities. After first experiencing carpentry it was when he worked alongside local welder Daniel Wright from Denmark Mobile Welding that he was sure that metal was the medium he wanted to work with. He is now in his first year of a Boiler Makers apprenticeship under the skilled guidance of Daniel and is really enjoying learning new skills each day.



Textiles

We aim for zero waste to landfill in the Textiles classroom. Our latest projects are made from recycled t-shirts, scraps of wool, tip shop sheeting and scraps swept up off the floor. Well done Year 9s, 10s and 11s.!



Our Year 9 students supporting community initiatives. Using orange coloured, scrap fabric to create bunting to be used to promote '16 days in WA, Stop Violence Against Women' for the Denmark Community Resource Centre.

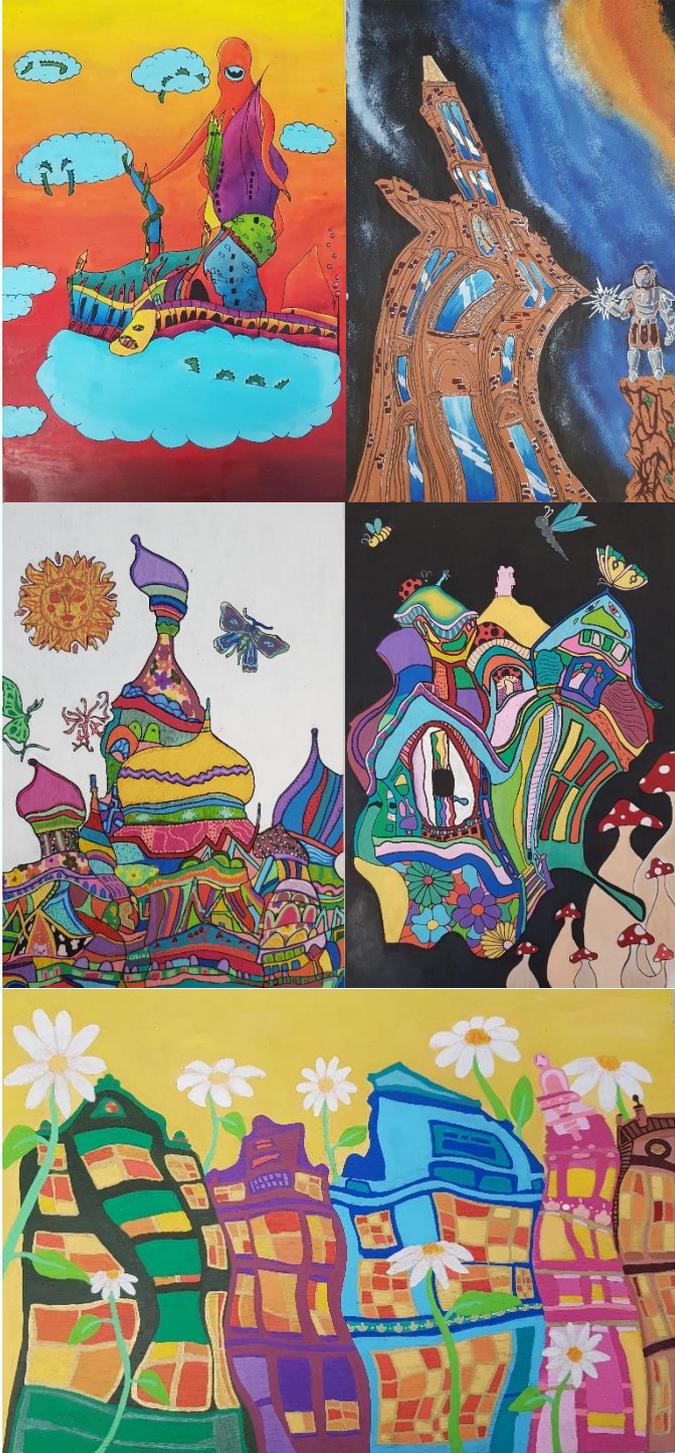


Jodie Pollard
For Maths Corner
Year 8s revising for Statistics test





Warped Fantasy Buildings



- is a form of Japanese poetry
- Are typically written about nature, but they can be about any topic
- Has a very specific syllabic structure
- The first line has 5 syllables
the second line has 7 syllables, and
the last line has 5 syllables.

Mrs Palmer's Year 7 English class has been having a go at writing Haiku poems with some examples below:

Autumn Poem

Sunset in the sky
Leaves fall through the Autumn
trees
Cool fresh wind blows soft

Which one are you?

Wave up, perfect waves
Paddle out back to catch waves
Get dumped on big wave

Da Beach Poem

Sand, water, seaweed
Sun, salty, sunny
Summer fun, shells
Wind, bathers, run

Summer

Softest, summer light
Dancing through the swining
leaves
Patters on the grass

Winter

Colling winter breeze
Drinking some nice hot cacao
Sittin on my porch

Magic

Centaur and Redcaps
Enchanting muttering hats
With magic wands

Darkness

Darkness is no fun
For some specific people
We all want to run

Cats Stink

Cats stink so very bad
I am definitely not a fan
I do not have one

Wizards

Casts spells, brews potions
Hat long, cloak dark, marmor
beast
A creature of night

Cheez Poem

C-h-e-e-z
Cheez get fleas
Cheese eat peas and pease

Spring Time

Spring time will be here
All the animals come out
It will be so fun!

Spare me all that be

It can only break my heart
When you're close to me

Sprinting through the air

Jumping on all the shipments
Trying to escape

When I go to bed

I wish upon a small star
And ask for one thing

You can stick around

I enjoy your company
But not for too long!

Thunder booms and cracks
Lightning strikes through the
dark

Sky. Rain down my window

Murder in the air
Made a crime scene unravel
Hope I don't get caught

MATHEMATICS

Year 11 Mathematics Essentials



In Year 11 Mathematics Essentials, we made chocolate crackles as a practical application of ratios. The different groups had various sizes of measuring cup, where they had to apply equivalent ratios to follow the recipe. All of the students were thoroughly engaged in the activity.

We would like to thank Mrs Pollard for allowing us to use some of her equipment

Year 8 Statistics revision

Year 8s had a statistics test this week, for revision, they found the measures of centre for their favourite numbers, placed them in a stem and leaf plot. The numbers were then placed into suitable class intervals, then into a frequency table. The class found this to be an inclusive way to strengthen content knowledge.



Year 7 STEM

This term the Year 7 STEM class are learning about biodiversity. On Friday the 27th November we were lucky enough to have Shaun Ossinger, from the Wilson Inlet Catchment Committee, as a guest speaker. The students were very engaged and full of questions. We would like to thank Shaun for taking time out of his busy schedule to come in to the school and help our students understand the topic to a greater length



Year 9 DSHS Aquaculture Class



On Tuesday, 17th November 2020, our Year 9 Aquaculture class transferred 22 one-year-old rainbow trout from our school tank to a new home at the Denmark Agricultural College.

The trout had been raised from the size of 5-10cm fingerlings in our aquaculture tank during semesters 1 and 2, but had outgrown it, so it was time to harvest or time to move to a new home.



While some students had been looking forward to a meal of fish and chips, the class teacher Lisa Nicholson and most students wanted the trout to continue to live if possible. Caring for the trout and exploring sustainable ways to raise fish and vegetables in an aquaponics set up had become a welcome part of the DSHS Aquaculture routine, however the trout had outgrown the carrying capacity of the DSHS school tank.



Darren Scahill, who runs the Aquaponics course at Denmark Agricultural College, offered a wonderful solution, which was to assist our class to transfer the trout to a new home where they could continue to thrive to sexual maturity (approximately two years old) and beyond. Denmark Agricultural College could use the trout to explore the viability of "milking" the trout for fingerlings (baby trout) which could be used to stock other aquaponics systems.



The transfer day began with netting each of the 22 trout from the DSHS tank, which was lots of drenching fun as the trout vigorously resisted capture. We carried each individual trout flapping in a bucket to a waiting mobile tank on the back of Darren's vehicle, where the trout were once again reunited. They were then driven across to Denmark Agricultural College with our Year 9 Aquaculture students transported in the Ag College bus close behind.

On arrival at Denmark Agricultural College, we then assisted with transferring the trout into their new tank home. They joined the Ag College's solo pet trout "Tony", who was probably glad to see more of his own kind coming to join him, to assist with producing baby trout in the future.



Darren Scahill then gave us all a tour of the Agricultural College Aquaponics systems, which included hand-made biofilters and tanks of marron, koi and goldfish. The morning finished with food, much to our delight – a delicious morning tea in the Agricultural College cafeteria.

We would like to thank Mr Scahill, Mr Swallow (Acting Principal of Denmark Agricultural College) and the cafeteria staff for providing a new home for our trout, for providing transport for those trout and ourselves, and for being such excellent hosts to our class. We truly enjoyed the opportunity to see how another aquaculture facility operates and hope to collaborate with WA College of Agriculture Denmark again in the near future. Our trout have a wonderful new home.

Lisa Nicholson
Class teacher



OUTWARD BOUND
Inspiring Australians



A few of our Year 9 students were chosen by teaching staff based on their leadership skills to embark on the Outward Bound Leadership Camp. A big thank you to Mr Laud for accompanying our students on camp and Ms Carver for organising and driving the bus to and from Walpole.

Outward Bound programs are designed to empower students to discover, develop and achieve their full potential as individuals and future leaders and to inspire and prepare them with the strength of character and determination they need to thrive – in the classroom, in the workplace, in the family and in the world.

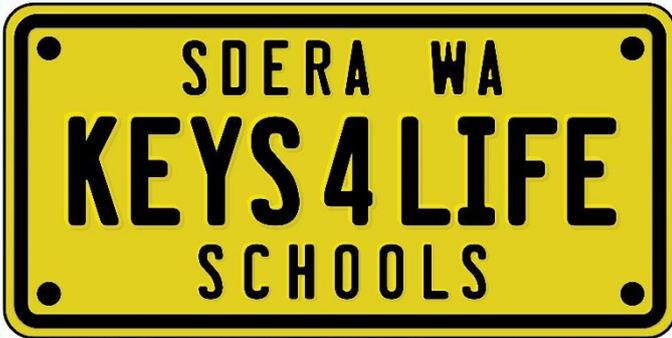
Outward Bound empowers school students, to reach beyond their limits through exhilarating outdoor education programs that take participants to a place apart and challenge them to reach their full potential. They return with a new outlook on life and the world. They work in the natural world allowing students to expand their awareness and appreciation for the environment.

Outward Bound courses are both internal and external journeys of discovery that enable students to develop inner strength, teamwork and leadership skills to sustain themselves and their communities throughout their lives. In bringing out the best in people, Outward Bound aims to develop the most positive elements of the human character consistent with their core values of integrity, responsibility, resilience, compassion, service and human potential.



Leavers Alive

Simulated car accident



A huge thank you to Denmark's Emergency Service providers in particular David Rae from St John's Ambulance for his organising and management, Denmark Police and DFES for providing their time and expertise in coordinating the simulated car accident at DSHS in support of the Leavers Alive program, we greatly appreciate what you do for our community.



Although these live simulations can be confronting, it provides students who are in the process of getting their Learners or Licence invaluable life lessons on the importance of safe driving practices and reducing risk taking behaviour by demonstrating the potential negative effects of road trauma.



Also a big thank you to DSHS's Phys Ed teacher, Mrs Kelly Judd for her time and effort in coordinating and helping this all come together as well as Mr McConigley and Mr Warburton for assisting on the day.

Sober Super Hero Campaign



Great Southern District - WA Police Force's, Sober Super Hero Campaign is now running, rewarding young drivers and their passengers for making the right choices. Blow 0.00 to win instant prizes

First Reward for this year's Sober Super Hero Campaign goes to Denmark SHS Year 12 student, Cameron Dufall for getting his two friends around safely. Awesome!

ALBANY NIGHTFIELDS

FREE
Run in conjunction with PCYC's Strike II program

WHERE: PCYC, 77 Sanford Road, Albany
WHO: Boys and girls aged 10 to 17
DATES: Fridays 20 November, 11 December, 8 and 22 January
TIMES: 6pm AFL 9's | 7.30pm Basketball and AFL 9's
WHAT: AFL and basketball skills and games

For more information contact Damien Yarran (Baldjamaar Foundation) on 0437 540 041
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8-15 NOV 2020





ALBANY INTRODUCTION TO AFL 9'S

THURSDAY NIGHTS • STARTS 26 NOVEMBER • 7 WEEK SEASON
5.30-7.30PM • CENTENNIAL STADIUM, ALBANY

FREE • AGES 16+ MALE AND FEMALE

AFL 9s is the AFL's official social version of the game. It's a fast, fun, free-flowing game that involves 9 players on each team playing on a smaller field. Best of all, it's 'touch football' with no tackling or bumping, making it suitable for everyone.

Turn up on the night and/or complete the Expression of Interest - <https://bit.ly/albanyafnlines>

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