



IMPORTANT DATES

07/03/2022	WA Labour Day		
08/03/2022	OLNA Reading (Yr 11/12)		
09/03/2022	OLNA Reading (Yr 10)	18/03/2022	Bullying. No way! Day
12/03/2022	School Ball	18/03/2022	Bullying. No way! Day
14/03/2022	OLNA Numeracy (Yr 10)	18/03/2022	DSHS Cross Country
15/03/2022	OLNA Numeracy (Yr 11/12)		

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope that you enjoy reading this first newsletter for 2022, noting the many examples that highlight that we are getting on with business as usual despite the unusual times we are facing as a community. I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone, especially our students, for how well they have adjusted to the mask wearing requirements and extend our best wishes to all of you impacted upon by the recent fires.

LOOKING BACK ON 2021

Our Year 12 results from last year were exceptional! In particular, our WACE achievement rate was 5% higher than the average for all public schools. More than half of our students were enrolled in a VET certificate with 34% achieving a Certificate III or IV and the remainder achieving a Certificate II. There were nine different VET certificates offered where our students gained 100% achievement.

We also had more Year 12 students engage in ATAR than generally expected by SCSA and had 44% achieve in the top third. Eleven students achieved an ATAR score to warrant entry into the 90+ Club. They can expect to see their names on the honour board donated to the school by our P&C. We also ranked in the top fifty schools across WA, gaining equal 31st place, and were the only government regional school to feature in the top fifty.

These results indicate that we are proving successful in catering for the whole child – the work of Student Services, teacher care and compassion, quality of service and support with pathway planning, as well as working in partnership with parents is what has set our students up for success.

PARENT – TEACHER – STUDENT REPORTING

We have made a few changes to how reporting will take place this year, partly to be COVID-safe, but also to provide more opportunity for us to value parents as partners in their child's education.

There will be two 'Reporting to Parents' days where the school will close early. This has been endorsed by our School Board and approved by our Director. Closer to the date, parents of bus students will be asked to confirm in writing whether their child can be released to go into town early or find an alternative way to get home as school will end at 12.51pm on that day. Those remaining on site will be supervised until 3.15pm.

The first will be on **Thursday, 31 March**, commencing at 1.30pm and extending until 6pm. This is for parents and caregivers of **Years 7, 11 and 12 only**. We are eager to make connections with our new parents to Year 7 and know that the upper school finish earlier than other years so engaging in dialogue early is a real advantage. Interim reports will be issued for these years then interviews can be booked using the online booking system as usual.

This year, the teachers will telephone you directly at the allotted time instead of asking that you attend in person. We hope that you will ensure that your child is present and switch to speaker phone so that everyone can contribute.

The second 'Reporting to Parent' day is scheduled for Thursday, 21 July – at the start of term three – after the Semester One reports have been sent and interviews will be for Years 8, 9 and 10.

Kind regards

Kath Ward - Principal

WELCOME

TO OUR NEW STAFF!

Kylee Weadley

Deputy Principal – Lower School



My name is Kylee Weadley and I am very excited to be joining the team at Denmark Senior High School.

I am looking forward to meeting you and being part of the school community. Having previously worked in Demark, it has been lovely to reconnect with

some friendly familiar faces and exciting to meet many new ones.

I live in Albany with my husband and our two sons who are both at high school, along with our 2 dogs, cat and 6 chickens. I have worked across a number of WA regions including the Kimberley, Pilbara and South West in both teaching and leadership roles. I enjoy travelling and going on family adventures, spending time with friends and gardening. Thank you to the Denmark community for making me feel so welcomed and I look forward to working with you to achieve successful outcomes for your students.

Kylee Weadley

Ehsan Warasi

Mathematics & Science Teacher



My name is Ehsan Warasi and I am very excited to be joining the Mathematics and Science team here at the beautiful Denmark SHS.

I have previously taught at Balcatta SHS in the Perth metropolitan area. I studied Engineering and

Finance at university level but my passion for education ultimately led to participating in the 'Teach for Australia' program to pursue a career in teaching.

I am passionate about bringing quality teaching and learning to the classroom and building healthy relationship with students and the broader school community.

My hobbies are gardening, social sports and DIY projects. I am looking forward to getting to know all students at Denmark SHS and a successful year ahead.

Ehsan Warasi

Drew Hammond

English Teacher



Words may be the most potent force on the planet - I hope to give a little glimpse of that power to your kids. We'll need them to help make the world a better place.

Greetings! As one student put it the other day, I'm 'that odd American English

teacher who talks funny.' While I haven't been here long, I know I'm ridiculously fortunate to be a part of the unique community here in Denmark as well as the crew at DSHS.

I taught English for six years in Minnesota before moving to Australia in late 2020 with my Aussie partner. I've spent my whole life playing with language as a writer and performer. Designing and building furniture is a passion I'm trying to find more time for when not planning, teaching, or marking papers.

I strive to foster independence, intrinsic motivation and critical thinking in every student I teach. It is a genuine honour to get to work with your clever, funny and silly children every day.

Drew Hammond

Jesse Millea

Music Teacher



I am so excited to be a part of the music team and community at Denmark SHS and beyond. I come from previously working at John Curtin College of the Arts and the Specialist Music program at Ocean Reef Senior High School. I studied jazz and contemporary

piano at WAAPA but play bass, guitar and sing for bands for studio sessions and gigs.

In my experience as a music teacher of ten years, I have directed many contemporary guitar ensembles, directed and accompanied the contemporary gospel/soul choir, senior and junior choirs, brass bands and directed musicals such as Annie (2019), Guys and Dolls (2020) and Shrek (2021). As the teacher for the Vocational music education program, I also facilitated regular external gigs at local venues in Perth and Fremantle for my contemporary certificate music students, annual recording studio projects and created collaborations with WAAPA and UWA for all students.

I am passionate about all things music in all contexts and especially writing original music. I have performed nationally and internationally in original and cover bands for over 10 years between teaching gigs in places like Japan, America, UK, South Korea, Germany, New Zealand, Malaysia and more.

I love transferring my knowledge and skills of the music industry, performing, touring and recording as well as the foundations of music theory that create virtuosity in the music community.

Thank you for welcoming me to your rich music community.

Jesse Millea

Rachael Reid

Art Teacher



Hi, my name is Rachael Reid and I am thrilled to be working as the Visual Arts teacher at Denmark SHS this year. I am passionate about encouraging young people to think creatively and supporting students to complete artworks that give them a sense of achievement and pride.

I have previously been working as a Visual Arts teacher at NASHS in Albany for 7 years and am very excited to have the opportunity to work in the Denmark community where I live with my partner, Ms Emily Gummer and our three children.

Prior to teaching, I spent most of my 20's living in Europe and was fortunate enough to experience living in a number of countries on the continent and in the UK. Whilst having a nomadic life, I worked as a freelance make-up artist in film, visited every art gallery I could find and enjoyed observing the cultural and social differences that made each country unique. Being in beautiful natural environments brings me a lot of joy and I was incredibly happy when I was able to settle in stunning Denmark.

I look forward to working with our community's young people and providing a supportive atmosphere that gives students a space in which to be inspired and express themselves whilst developing new skills.

Rachael Reid

Lateness to School



Parents are asked to ensure their child leaves home for school with sufficient time to arrive at school and be ready for the commencement of the

first lesson for the day which, is at 8.55am.

Currently, there have been several students arriving late to school and therefore missing important learning opportunities due to their lateness to class.

Mobile Phone Policy

'Off and Away all Day'

A friendly reminder to all students and parents/caregivers to please familiarise yourself with the Denmark SHS 'Mobile Phone/Portable Electronic Device Policy'.



There have been quite a few students who have already had their mobile phones confiscated this term.

A copy of the policy, 'Mobile Phone/Portable Electronic Device Policy' is available to view on our school website.

Dress Code

Parents, before your child does leave for school each morning, please check that he/she is wearing clothing that reflects the school's dress code.

Denmark SHS has a school uniform which forms the basics of the school dress code and is available from the coop.



Please note that if your child wears clothing to school that is outside the dress code then you may be contacted to deliver clothes that are more appropriate to be worn at our school.

The Denmark SHS Dress Code Policy is available to view on our school website.

Student Wellbeing Team



The Student Services team at Denmark Senior High School are here to support the health and wellbeing of our students through the support of a range of professionals:

Year Coordinators

Year Coordinators are usually the first point of contact for students and their parents. If you would like to know how your child is progressing or have a concern about their wellbeing, the Year Coordinator can liaise between parents and teachers. Students are encouraged to talk to their Year Coordinator if they are having a friendship issue or experiencing difficulties in classes.

Learning Support Coordinator

The Learning Support Coordinator oversees the development and implementation of Individual Education Plans for students with diagnosed learning needs. There is also liaison between teachers, education assistants and parents to provide the right support to each individual. The Learning Support Coordinator also works in consultation with outside agencies and visiting specialists.

School Psychologist, Nurse, Youth Focus Counsellor and Youth Worker

Our trained professionals have a range of skills and qualifications to provide targeted support to students that have specific learning difficulties, medical issues or may require counselling. Referral to these services can be made through the Student Services Coordinator. Alternatively, if the issue is particularly sensitive, you can contact the front office to make contact with these services directly.

Head of Student Wellbeing

The Head of Student Wellbeing can act as a bridge between teaching and health service staff. If your child is experiencing a significant barrier to learning, you may wish to contact David Brown directly. He is also responsible for monitoring students who are receiving support, attendance, Aboriginal education and student leadership. If there is a concern about your child's attendance or wellbeing you may receive a call from David.

We encourage parents to keep open lines of communication with the school about events and experiences that may impact student learning. All matters are treated with professional confidentiality and we work together to develop strategies to support student learning during tough times.

From the Student Wellbeing Team



The Senior School Ball is set for Saturday, 12th March 2022 at Ajar on Shadforth between 6.00pm to 10.30pm.

With décor inspired by The Great Gatsby, the ball promises to be an evening of glamour, sophistication and dancing. A sit-down meal precedes entertainment provided by Dig the Dust.

A reminder that masks will be required and this year parents are unfortunately unable to enter the venue. NO student and/or their invited guests will be permitted to depart until the designated and communicated time of 10.45pm.

Guests should also remember to write their names on the butt of their ticket and place it in the designated box inside the venue to be in the draw for the door prize. Other prizes will be also awarded on the night.... Be sure you hone your dancing moves.

Amanda Brown

An Important Message for Parents about the School Ball



Our school provides a welcoming and safe environment for this eagerly anticipated event so parents can be assured their children can safely celebrate and have fun at the official function.

We strongly advise against pre and post ball parties, largely because they usually result in risk taking behaviours. Please be aware that every student and their partners will be expected to greet the principal upon entry to the ball.

Anyone presenting as though under the influence of alcohol or other illegal substances will be refused entry.

Some parents believe that supplying alcohol to young people will control the amount they drink, however, surveys conducted with Western Australian students show this is not the case and that it is likely parents will be topping up alcohol supplied from other sources – for example from 18-year-old friends who can legally buy alcohol.

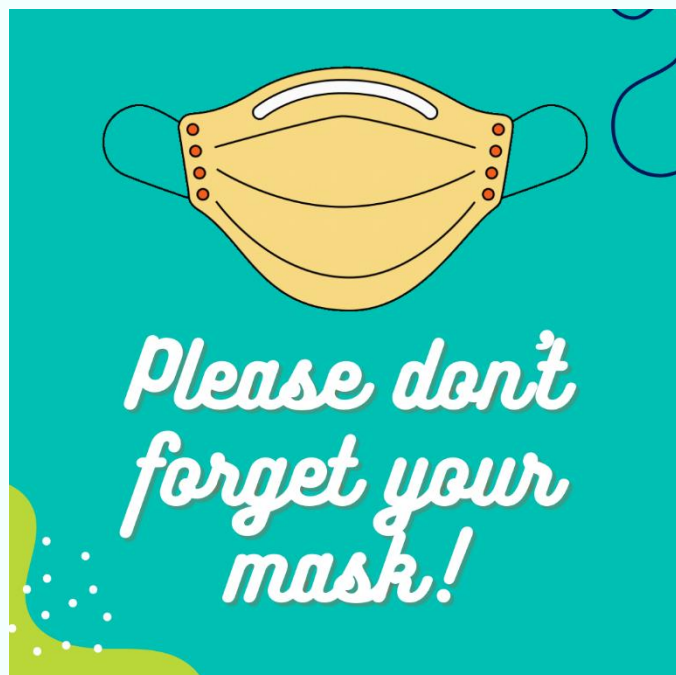
We also remind parents of secondary supply laws that make it an offence to supply under 18's with alcohol in a private setting without parental permission. If your child has reached the legal drinking age, please also warn them against giving alcohol to under-aged friends without their parents' consent.

We want our students to remain safe from harm throughout the night of the school ball, so we ask you not to give your child and their friend's alcohol at this time.

Due to the risk of harm and the damage that alcohol does to the developing brain, the National Health and Medical Research Council's alcohol guideline for young people under the age of 18 is that not drinking alcohol is the safest option. This and the secondary supply laws give you two good reasons not to supply alcohol to your child and their friends.

As a parent, you can help reduce the likelihood of alcohol-related harm occurring by talking about alcohol with your child ahead of the school ball. Accept that teenagers may see things differently to their parents, so make it a two-way process to discuss the issues calmly and effectively with them. For more information go to:

www.alcoholthinkagain.com.au



Year 12 Building & Construction

How fancy are the bench seating tables complete with wheelchair access that our Year 12 Building & Construction students helped build to put under the new gazebo!

Big thanks to Mr Warburton for your guidance and super fabricating skills, Mr Palmer for coordinating and facilitating and the P&C for co-funding.



Emergency Services Cadet Corps



Advice to parents of new students at DSHS, we have an Emergency Services Cadet Corps that meet most Tuesdays at 3.30 pm. Over the year, recruits will have the opportunity to learn valuable skills from our SES & FESA instructors, as well as participate in excursions and camp.

For more information, please don't hesitate to contact DSHS on 9848 0100.

Rob Jones



Thank you so much to the Denmark Senior High School Emergency Services Cadets for making the local firefighters' jobs a little easier.

Four Bushfire Emergency Vehicles arrived at the school for a thorough cleaning, two of which had just returned from a run out to the fires mopping up the remains and were covered in retardant. As a result, the volunteers had one less task to complete before returning home to their families.



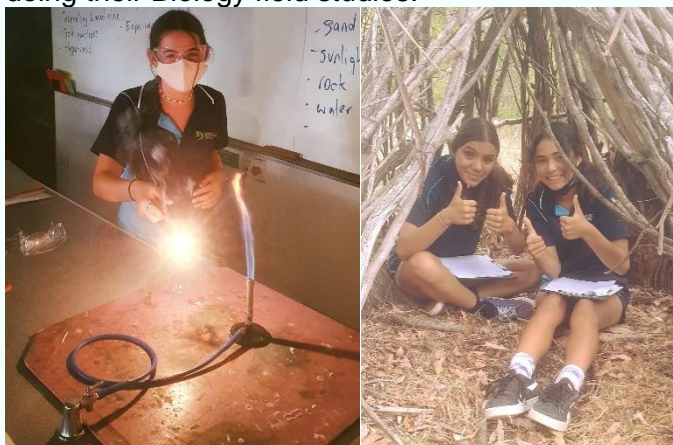
Thank you to everyone who helped, especially the volunteers who gave up their time to make Denmark safe.





Exploring the World of Science

Mr Bergmann's Science classes exploring the world of Science. Mary, Year 7 experimenting with Magnesium and Cheyenne and Tallulah, Year 9 doing their Biology field studies.



Chemistry Concoctions!

The Year 12 Chemistry students have been studying the topic of reaction rates and equilibrium as part of their ATAR studies. Chemical reactions can be made to happen faster or slower when some conditions - such as temperature, pressure or catalysts - are changed. A catalyst is a chemical substance that increases the rate of a chemical reaction without being consumed itself in the reaction.



To give students an understanding of how catalysts work in a "real-world" situation, the Year 12s recently conducted the well-known "Elephant's Toothpaste" experiment.



HOMEWORK CLUB



MATHEMATICS ROOM 2

THURSDAYS - 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Do you need assistance with your Mathematics homework or maybe just maths in general? Pop in for 5 minutes or stay for the duration. It is all about meeting your need. All students welcome!



SCIENCE - ROOM 15

MONDAYS - 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Come along and get help with your Science homework. Whilst it is mostly aimed at Upper School students, all students are welcome!



Masks masks masks, industrious Year 9 textile students!

In a world where we rely so much on mass-produced machine-made products, it's awesome to see students putting their textiles skills to the test.





Basketball Extension Program



Hi everyone, here's a quick update on happenings within the DSHS basketball community.

At the present time, our teams playing in Albany have continued their outstanding success with wins in all grades. Every team representing DSHS is currently in the top four which, means all teams will be playing finals!

If you haven't had a chance to come and watch your child, children or grandchildren play, I invite you to visit ALAC on Tuesday or Wednesday to see them in action.

The Year 7s who have newly joined our programme have settled in well and seem motivated and eager to learn. The squad is working hard on defensive skills and strategies and ball handling. Any home practise would speed this learning process up very quickly! Five minutes a day on ball handling would make a substantial difference.

The Denmark Basketball Association is heading towards its climax and three out of our four teams are in with a chance of qualifying to play finals. Considering this is a senior competition, our results are outstanding!

Good luck to all teams over the next three weeks.

Basketball Department



ISA World Surfing Championships



Congratulations to Denmark SHS student, Isis Campbell for being selected to represent Australia in the ISA Junior World Surfing Championships in El Salvador in May. The contest is regarded as the world's premier competition for under-18 and under-16 boys and girls shortboard surfers and gives a glimpse into the future stars of the sport.

Well done Isi, we wish you all the very best!



Year 8 Positive Education



The Year 8 Positive Education class got some help from years 9 and 12 students in their tug-of-war leadership challenge.



Follow the Dream

Follow the Dream is a state-wide programme aimed at nurturing high achieving indigenous secondary students who show a keen interest in achieving academic excellence and in pursuing their career aspirations.



For students to be eligible to join Follow the Dream they must exhibit:

- Exemplary behaviour
- Excellent school attendance (ideally 90% or better)
- And be achieving well academically (ideally C grades or higher in Maths, English, Science and HASS subjects)

Follow the Dream students typically graduate from Year 12 and undertake tertiary study, further training or meaningful employment.

The programme offers students tutoring after school and all students have a personalised learning and career plan.

Students have access to a variety of guest speakers, excursions and camps that aim to increase students' knowledge of culture, career options and assist with personal development. Where possible, these opportunities are conducted out of school hours.

For more information on our Denmark SHS based programme, please contact:

Sarah Carver

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WHO TO CONTACT?

Principal
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Student Wellbeing

Kath Ward
Kylee Weadley
Amy Palmer
David Brown

Year 7-8 Coordinator
Year 9-10 Coordinator
Year 11-12 Coordinator
Learning Support Coordinator

Clea Candy
Ken Davies
Chloe Lewis
Melissa Palmer

Manager Corporate Services
(Contributions and Charges)
School Psychologist
School Nurses

Peter Ridge
Abigail Weber
Paula Stretton
Rochelle Klose



A Note from the Community Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year. Your Community Health Nurses for 2022 are Paula Stretton and Rochelle Klose.

Community Health Nurses are skilled in assessing adolescent health needs. We engage in health counselling with young people to identify issues, risks, and protective factors, provide advice and brief intervention, assist with access and referral to other services, and provide follow up care. Young people can drop into the health centre or make appointments to discuss health and wellbeing issues.

Adolescent support services - Where to go for help?

Kids Helpline is a free, private, and confidential telephone and online counselling service specifically for young people aged between 5 and 25 years. You can phone the helpline anytime on 1800 55 1800 or visit the website at www.kidshelp.com.au.

ReachOut.com is an online mental health organisation for young people, providing practical support with a range of youth issues not just limited to mental health but also sexual health, relationships, abuse, cyber-bullying, body image, drug use and more. This website is suitable for students, parents and health professionals and provides links to emergency counselling, resources, and useful tips. www.reachout.com.au

Headspace is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation providing early intervention mental health services to 12–25-year-olds, along with assistance in promoting young peoples' wellbeing. This covers four core areas: mental health, physical health, work and study support and alcohol and other drug services. Go to www.headspace.org.au

YouthBeyondBlue aims to equip young people with the knowledge and skills to maintain their own good mental health and wellbeing and to help recognise symptoms in people close to them. An online chat service and 24-hour telephone support line is available to assist young people to find the help they need. Go to <https://www.youthbeyondblue.com/> or call 1300 22 4636.

All services to the Community Health Nurse are free and confidential. Please don't hesitate to call me at the school.

Reminder to all Year 7 parents to return Immunisation forms please. Even if their child will not be receiving vaccinations at school.

Paula Stretton & Rochelle Klose



CLEANERS WANTED!

Denmark Senior High School is looking to appoint school cleaners for early morning and/or after school shifts. Fixed-term, full-time and part-time vacancies currently exist for an immediate start.

Suitable applicants will carry out cleaning duties in the school and work as part of a capable team. Training is available as required.

If you are interested in knowing more, please contact:

Peter Ridge, Manager Corporate Services
9848 0105 during school hours or
0407 774 343 after hours
Peter.Ridge@education.wa.edu.au

Support will be provided for the application process.

YEAR 11 & 12 SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS



RESPECT

Zen Shepherd
Reece Simpson



RESILIENCE

Reef White
Chenumi Jayasekara



ASPIRATION

Kynan Diack
Vanessa Sims

YEAR 9 & 10 SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS



RESPECT

Sam Marshall
Xabi Launay



RESILIENCE

Ethan Hunt
Skye Parker



ASPIRATION

Adam Crispin
Madeleine Gamblin

YEAR 7 & 8 SCHOOL VALUE AWARDS



RESPECT

Jack Breaden
Teo Forman



RESILIENCE

Jemima Batt
Alex Adams



ASPIRATION

Lily Visser
Nais Chambost

PODCAST OPPORTUNITY

Students, do you have something that you are passionate about that you want to share with the community? We have some amazing recording equipment set up in music that can be utilised and shared within the school community. We also have a zoom portable recorder. You can book in to use the equipment once you have an idea of what you would like to present. A teacher will supervise and assist you with the equipment and moderate before it airs the radio.

IDEAS:

- 30min playlist of songs that you love and why you love them
- Poetry reading
- Tribute to an artist
- Short story reading
- Movie review or album review
- Environmental topics
- Soundscape
- Interview a friend or teacher

If you're interested to record your podcast and have it featured on Denmark FM please see Mrs Millea in the music room or emailing her on jesse.millea@education.wa.edu.au



**WE WANT TO MAKE SURE ALL CHILDREN
GET THE BEST EDUCATION POSSIBLE
WHICH IS WHY ATTENDING SCHOOL EVERY
DAY IS SO IMPORTANT.**

Western Australian law stipulates that all school-aged children must go to and attend school every day.

Each school is required to keep accurate attendance records for all its students. This includes taking attendance at every lesson for secondary school students.

Developing the habit of going to school every day is vital so children do not miss out on important ideas and skills they need for future learning.

Did you know:

- missing half a day of school each week equates to one month of missed learning each year
- learning is cumulative – if children miss a day, it is harder for them to catch up.
- research has shown that regular attendance at school directly correlates with success in later life.

You can help by arriving and collecting your children on time; making sure they get nutritious meals and enough sleep; and making appointments with doctors, dentists and specialists, and making holiday plans during school holidays and not during the school term.

If your child is unwell and unable to go to school, let the school know straight away by telephone or by Compass. If they miss a day it is important you talk with their teachers to find out how you can help them catch up. If your child cannot attend school because of their mental or physical health contact the Student Support Officer on 9848 0108 to see what options are available for your child.



Denmark Junior Soccer Club

**2022 Season Registrations
Now Open**

- ONLINE REGISTRATIONS ONLY -

STRICT CLOSING - Monday 21st March

<http://bit.ly/regosoccer>

Contact: Kanae Jones
Email: denmarkjuniorsoccer@gmail.com

Women's Cricket in Albany

Want to give cricket a try?

A training session, with a hard ball, will be held for girls and women aged 15 and over, on

Tuesday 8th March @ 5:30pm @ North Road Cricket Nets
(near ALAC).

NO prior experience needed, and equipment is provided.
Details about the 2022/23 season will be discussed.

If you can't make it to the training session but are still interested, register and our coordinator for Denmark - Jules Langley will be in touch.

Any questions, please email juleslangley14@hotmail.com

To register, click on the link below:

https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fforms%2Fd%2Fe%2F1FAIpQLSd0wcUryB0djdZu902lHHmv14DDqnYWBfSBrrdsyTeRDf1fsQ%2Fviewform%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR1tBubN9Qypuh2l8kuCHpCaTTl8KedBfG7lpy1JMnL7e8DlmggAM8WgY0&h=AT3-XNXwNnCLzp2OgH17QkZFDpZGwDePRGEkOSV2x4Dnp-S8Dj8mX9BzxUKYttNUGfh2nq3R1-3Yz_lyksOb65bLYICryNc5vHt2NU9K3njsF_iiVbs6nllkK1OVYDKO3ihFLO