



**IMPORTANT DATES**

07/12/22	3.30-5pm- Year 9 HaSS Presentations	14/12/22	Beach Carnival
09/12/22	Music Showcase	15/12/22	Students Last Day of 2022
13/12/22	Year 7-10 Awards Assembly	16/12/22	Staff Last Day of 2022

MESSAGE FROM  
**THE PRINCIPAL**

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2022. As you will see, we have much to celebrate and we're not finished yet! Please be aware that we will be holding our Year 7-10 Awards Ceremony at the end of this term (9am on Tuesday 13 December) and holding off on announcing the Year 11 award recipients until the first assembly of the 2023 school year. This will allow all our current Year 11s to be present and to be recognised in front of the entire school.

2023 has a lot of great opportunities in store for students too. You will see some changes in structure and staffing. To begin with, we are moving to a five-period school day. This allows for a little more time in each class each day which is especially good for the practical lessons. Recess will be at 11am and lunch will be at 1.30pm with just one period to go before the end of the day. Students will commence at 8.50am – going straight to period one as we have decided to remove form class. The end of the school day will remain the same – 3.15pm.

With the approval of the School Board, we have also made some adjustments to the school uniform policy. As of 2023, **every student must wear a school approved and badged top** – shirt, jacket, hoodie, leavers' top. Students still have the flexibility to wear navy blue or black plain trousers, shorts, skirts. In the cooler weather, they may wear a plain undershirt – white or navy, as an additional layer. We have been impressed with how many students have embraced the hoodie. They look very smart too.

We also have quite a few changes in staffing planned for next year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following staff who were appointed in a fixed term capacity this year and will be leaving us – Kylee Weadley-Deputy Principal; Aly Artemis-English; Janine Terry-Science & Max Puls-HaSS.

An enormous thanks goes to Abigail Weber, our school psychologist who has been appointed to a different school in the Great Southern for 2023 and to Amber Nekel, our 2022 AFL Trainee. We also wish Jesse Millea and Asha Arlandoo all the best for their move to Perth. Next year will see us welcome back Anthony Ritchie who undertook a year at Albany SHS this year.

Incoming new staff include:

- Wayne Austin – Deputy Principal – lower school
- Nola Formentin – Music specialist teacher
- Claire Worung – Indonesian specialist teacher
- Kate Henderson – English teacher
- Lee Beatty – English teacher
- Ben Garnaut – Maths/Physics teacher
- Charlotte Turnbull – Health and PE teacher
- Jay Vella - Mathematics teacher (Jacinta Wright on leave – all year)
- Jeremy Hartley – Mathematics/Science teacher (Lisa Nicholson on leave – all year)
- Ashley Chopping – D&T teacher – term one (Patrick McConigley on long service leave T1)
- Brooke Bevan-Wilson – School Psychologist
- Kai Thrupp-Probst – AFL Trainee

2022 has certainly had its share of challenges. I am grateful to my staff, students and our parent community for the resilience displayed. I hope that, like me, you are looking forward to 2023 being a great year and I wish you all a restful summer break.

**Kath Ward - Principal**



# Year 12 Valedictory Ceremony



We said farewell to our Year 12 Class of 2022 at their Valedictory Ceremony where we celebrate students completing 12 years of education. Congratulations, good luck and we wish you all the happiness and many more successes in the future!

We give special mention and congratulate five students who achieved exceptional academic achievement during their upper-school courses.

Congratulations to all other award winners and to EACH and EVERY student for completing 12 years of education. You should be extremely proud of this momentous achievement and we wish you all the very best for your future endeavours.

## Luka Milbourne

### ATAR DUX

Luka has performed at an incredibly impressive academic level consistently over the past two years - gaining straight As in 2021 and a very strong A grade average in 2022 - having undertaken six courses for both years. Inherently self-motivated and always striving to do his best, he approaches his studies with consistent diligence and determination, demonstrating an exemplary work ethic and high level of commitment. Alongside his academic accomplishments, he has been an active member of the school's student leadership team. He is also a passionate performer in school productions and a fine contributor to the Arts community. Luka has made an outstanding contribution to the school and achieved exemplary academic achievements.



## Todd Brown

### VET DUX

Todd completed a Certificate II in Building & Construction, 5 General courses and ATAR Mathematics Applications - achieving to a high standard across all courses. He completed the required 220 hours of workplace learning, including some time during the summer holidays. Despite several builders jockeying for his services as an apprentice - Todd was determined to complete Year 12. Fortunately, Steve Madaffari from Weststruct Constructions agreed and subsequently offered him a school-based apprenticeship. This year, our VET Dux gained several competencies of his 4-year apprenticeship whilst completing 5 general courses at school and some 200 additional hours of on-the-job training. His impressive unwavering work ethic has resulted in the completion of double the amount of grade equivalents required to achieve a WACE.



## Ashton Morrison-Gianatti

### GENERAL DUX

Ashton completed a certificate course in Automotive Servicing Technology and Work Placement in Year 11 whilst achieving an impressive range of grades across all general courses. This year he continued to impress and worked solidly to achieve, amassing an impressive 104 credit points representing an extremely high level of performance



## Maya Gibson

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Maya demonstrated high levels of excellence in all five of her courses. She participated in a wide range of school related activities and made positive contributions to the Year 12 student body and the school in general. Maya's current academic standing place her in good stead to attain a potential ATAR score placing her in the top tier of all ATAR students in Western Australia for 2022.



## Sara Simpson

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# THE ARTS

## Year 9 3D Visual Arts



The Year 9 3D Visual Arts class have been busy creating some beautiful sculptures using natural materials inspired by Andy Goldsworthy, British sculptor, photographer and environmental artist.

In keeping with Goldsworthy's process, students gathered natural materials and found ways to merge them back into the landscape. Discussion was had about impermanence, change and transformation and how these artworks may be altered through exposure to the elements and/or people interacting with them.



## School Production - Nottingham



## Year 9 Drama



The members of the Year 9, Scripted Drama class presented, "The Importance of Being Earnest". The highly appreciative audience enjoyed tea and cake on arrival and laughed heartily at the clever and well delivered dialogue. It's wonderful such young performers deliver such a sophisticated and mature performance.

# TECHNOLOGIES

## Robotic First Lego Competition



On Thursday, 24th November students across Year 7 to Year 9 competed in the first Lego regional robotics competition across four challenges including robot design, coding, energy innovation and core values. The students over 10 weeks of preparation gave up many of their lunchtimes to tackle these four challenges with enthusiasm and perseverance.

Denmark had two teams representing the school, a Year 7 / 8 team and a Year 9 team. Both Denmark teams performed incredibly well and displayed some amazing talent and teamwork in their challenges. The second robotic team made up of Year 9's Hunter Lynam, Shakira Lukey, Darcy Taylor, Oakley Donohoe and Henri Bellanger took out the 'Innovation' trophy for best innovation project, so a huge congratulations goes to them for their achievement.

The Year 7 and 8 team made up of Caleb Arvino, Lachlan Berry, Noah Cook, Harley Duggan, Nash Hibbs, Alex Strang, Kade Van Lill and Benjamin Wells performed admirably and deserve a congratulations for an amazing first year performance and innovation project.



The first robotics competition is an international competition with 32,000 teams competing all across the world. The top 3 regional teams each year travel to Perth to compete against the top WA teams and those winners will go on to compete internationally. Denmark will be continuing to compete in the competition for the coming years, with the primary school joining next year. With an increase in regional teams to 26 next year, competition will be fierce!

A big thank you goes to teachers/coaches Mr Bergmann and Mr McConigley for giving up their time to help. Special thanks to our amazing Denmark parent energy innovation professional Natalie Wells. Another huge thank you also goes out to all the parents who came down to watch and support the students. Looking forward to next year!

**David Hay**

## Tiki - Fibreglass

Our Year 11 Recreational Pursuits class have been working on the restoration of Tiki over this past year and they are now up to the fibreglass stage.

We can't wait to see the finished product of the restoration of this beautiful vessel.



## Reclaim the Void



Reclaim the Void is a bold cross cultural project seeking awareness of the story and beauty of country and its importance to Aboriginal culture and spirituality. It was about bringing community together, and about everybody contributing to healing country. The project was born from Ngalia elders sharing their pain about 'those gaping mining holes left all over our country' and the idea to symbolically 'seal' one of the holes.



Our textiles students have made 60 mats of various sizes, all from recycled discarded fabric. These will be sent to Leonora, home of the Ngalia people where they will be joined together in a giant artwork. The

students had fun arranging them, including the addition of human tassels.

## Year 9 Food Technology

Life is about exploring pasta-bilities!



## Albany Show Cooking



We pulled our skills together, tried and tested recipes and gave it our best shot at entering the cooking competition at the 2022 Albany Show. Our entries included Brownies, Gluten free cookies, Traditional Shortbread, Carrot Cake, Orange Cake, Anzac Biscuits, Muffins, Chocolate Slice, Scones.



Well done to all of our student entries into the Albany Show on the weekend and congratulations to the following students who placed in their respective categories.

- Arlo Hall** - First Prize (Gluten Free Biscuits)
- Jordan Stadler** - First Prize (Traditional Uncut Round Shortbread)
- Hannah Kirkwood** - First Prize (Chocolate Slice)
- Betty Richardson** - First Prize (Chocolate Brownie)
- Daniel Hall** - Second Prize (Anzac Biscuits)
- Kyro Hughes** - Second Prize (Chocolate Brownie)
- Noah Arvino** - Second Prize (Orange Cake)



## Year 11 Food Science & Technology

How fabulous are these Gingerbread houses made by our Year 11 General Food Science & Technology students.



## Christmas Cooking 2022

A Christmas end to the year!





# SCIENCE

## Motion and Newton's Laws Lab Activity



This term, the Year 7 Science classes have been studying physics and part of the curriculum involves forces, motion and Newton's Laws. Isaac Newton was a 17th Century scientist who developed the Law of Gravity, calculus, and also three laws that describe how and why objects move.

Year 7 students conducted a lab activity where they modelled different types of vehicle collisions.

They built their own "crash test dummies" from plasticine and toothpicks, and recreated some of the standard ANCAP tests that are used to evaluate vehicle safety in Australia. This involved collisions between moving and stationary vehicles, stationary objects and moving vehicles, and vehicle occupants wearing seatbelts and not wearing seatbelts.

We've included some videos that the students took to display their findings!



# HASS

## Year 10 Market Day



The Year 10's hosted their 'Coins for a Cause' market with stalls, live music and part profits donated to the Denmark Homeless Project and what an epic day it was. It was exhausting, overwhelming, funky, successful and heartwarming. They should be super proud of their efforts!

Terry Macintosh from Homeless Project Denmark came to DSHS to gratefully accept our donation of \$700 raised. He also chatted with the Year 10 cohort and explained how the money would be utilised to support those in our community who are experiencing housing insecurity. The students really appreciated the insight he offered into the different types of homelessness and the impacts it has on people. Our students discussed the businesses they had created and shared the process of what inspired them and why they chose to donate their profits to the Homeless project.



## 3 ways to help Homeless Project Denmark

### 1. Make a bank donation

Our bank account details are below. The donations received will be used to financially help People in need.

- Bank: Westpac
- BSB: 036609
- Account number: 030052

### 2. Collect eligible containers and donate at the Denmark tip shop.

You can also bring eligible containers to Denmark Tip Shop and use the code "C10591994" to send your refunds to the homeless project.

### 3. Donate food, clothing, sleeping bags, etc.

The collection point is **The Uniting Church Shed** (open on Wednesdays 10:00-12:00). There are also cash donation boxes around the town.

- Third Stone Traders
- The Denmark Health Shop
- The Mixing Pot Gallery

Please check our Facebook page for items in need or contact us on messenger.



# HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

## Year 10 Games

Year 10 Games class playing some tennis over at the Country Club. How lucky to have these facilities right across the road!



## Year 11 ATAR Outdoor Ed Camp

Our Year 11 ATAR Outdoor Education students have just returned from an expedition out near Cape Riche. How awesome is it for these young adults to gain real life experience in the great outdoors!



## 2021 Athletics Carnival



What a ripper day this year's Athletics Carnival was. Students and staff both embraced the Denmark SHS House System by dressing and accessorising in their nominated house colours with house pride & spirit. Special shout out to Linkin Gething who took out best dressed followed closely by Jayde McHenry.

The weather conditions didn't deter students competing with effort and enthusiasm throughout the day, be it for championship points or just for fun, you should be proud of your efforts. As you will see, the photos always prove our students have so much fun with lots of happy smiles.

Our Year 12s also enjoyed a cook up for breakfast for the last day of their schooling career. It was a lovely relaxed way to celebrate a momentous occasion.



Big thank you to Nat for providing great food and drink, [Mavis & Me - Dessert Cafe](http://www.laserscape.biz/) (Thalie) for the coffee and Albany Laserscape for providing an element of fun the students always love. <http://www.laserscape.biz/>.



Many thanks to all staff involved in organising such a great day, your efforts don't go unnoticed. An extra special mention to our superstar parent volunteers who worked their magic for yet another year, Andrew Milne and Belinda Ross. Your time, effort and support each year is greatly appreciated.



Not to forget our fellow community groups for their assistance and support, [Denmark Recreation Centre](#), [Shire of Denmark](#) for always going above and beyond and [Denmark Walpole Football Club](#) for the use of their clubrooms.

The winner of our official House System this year was 'Lights' followed by 'Greens', 'Parrys' and 'Oceans'.

Our championship winners for each year group were:

#### Year 7

Champion Boy - Beau Loton  
Champion Girl - Amelie Reid  
R/up Champion Boy - Sam O'Toole  
R/up Champion Girl - Indi Coates-Ahomiro

#### Year 8

Champion Boy - Jake Schwarzbach  
Champion Girl - Tiannah Dixon  
R/up Champion Boy - West Rogers  
R/up Champion Girl - Lumeah Masih

#### Year 9

Champion Boy - Reuben Winter  
Champion Girl - Indy Rogers  
R/up Champion Boy - Jayden Ross  
R/up Champion Girl - Eva McMillen

#### Year 10

Champion Boy - Charlie Benson  
Champion Girl - Emma Hederson  
R/up Champion Boy - Evan Delbene  
R/up Champion Girl - Amy Dominiak

#### Year 11

Champion Boy - Blayde Bax  
Champion Girl - Saffron Truong  
R/up Champion Boy - Justin Otway  
R/up Champion Girl - Hannah Edmunds

#### Year 12

Champion Boy - Matt Eyles  
Champion Girl - Imogen Tooke



Special mention to our wonderful P&C for their generous contribution towards our new House marquees. I think you will agree that they have complimented and supported the implementation of our House System.



## Interschool Athletics Carnival

This week saw DSHS compete in the 2022 GSSSSA Interschool Athletics Carnival in our very first A-Division against ASHS, NASHS and St Joseph's.



Our students did themselves very proud having being moved up to A-Division this year and having to compete against the bigger schools. Well done to all students who competed.

Congratulations also to two of our students bringing home championship medals including:

**Year 8 – Tiannah Dixon - R/Up Champion Girl**  
**Year 9 – Indy Rogers - R/Up Champion Girl**



Many thanks to organising teacher Mrs Judd who is always a fierce motivator getting our students to participate and perform to the best of their ability and also to the supervising teachers Mr Judd, Mr Rogers and Amber Nekel.

## Greens Pool to School... An adventurous journey



A group of Denmark Senior High School students involved in the Duke of Edinburgh International Award have succeeded in their expedition to walk from Greens Pool back to school.

Exploration on the way included:

- Collecting all the rubbish littering the trails.
- A meeting with the local Bird Group on the Ocean Beach sand flats to learn about the importance of protecting habitat and what we can do to help these amazing birds who travel so far to these vulnerable feeding grounds.
- A chat with local DBCA ranger about the indigenous significance of the area, invasive species and protection of vulnerable species, his role as a ranger and great tips about becoming a ranger.
- A hands-on session with South Coast Bush Services where we wandered through an inlet reserve and helped manage the invasive weeds in the area. Lightning weed was the target species and over the morning in what had felt like a gym work out, we had succeeded in pulling out a whole ute load. It was such a feeling of achievement looking back and seeing it gone.



How fortunate we are to have such valuable volunteers' and groups in our community. We thank Brad Kneebone and his passionate bird crew for the work they do and for sharing their time with us. We thank Shaun McHenry for his inspiring chat. We thank Diane Harwood and Nadine who care for our bush and carry out weed management exercises regularly, for the extra work out when our legs and feet were already feeling it.

We have learnt so much and have a newfound respect and appreciation of caring for our environment.



This was a joint venture with Denmark DFES & SES Cadets, thank you to James Anderson, Darrin Hockley, Rob Jones and Cameron Williams for your support of our young adults and your part in making the camp such a huge success.



On completion of this journey two students will have completed their Bronze level and three students their Silver level of the Duke of Edinburgh International Award.

If you are interested in being a part of what we do contact Jodie Pollard at Denmark SHS.

**Jodie Pollard**



**DSHS CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 2023!**



IF YOU HAVE TIME TO GIVE AND WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER IN OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN DURING THE 2023 SCHOOL YEAR, WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

PLEASE CONTACT  
NAT - 0475 793 825



## Regional Youth Training!

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## ENJOY THE FESTIVE SEASON

Wishing You a Safe and Wonderful Time!



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## 2022/2023 Basketball Season

The Denmark SHS 'Approved Specialist Program – Basketball' students have commenced the 2022/2023 season both in the Denmark Basketball Association and Albany Basketball Association with great success so far. Playing in these competitions gives the students an opportunity to develop the skills learnt in the Basketball Program.

We have had some great success with lots of wins on the board and lots of game experience to learn and grow from. All students have represented our school with impressive sportsmanship and basketball skill with our teams standing out against their competitors. The students should be proud of the way in which they have conducted themselves so far.

As well as playing, we have lots of our students umpiring, coaching and helping out with Aussie Hoops. It's really great to see these young adults utilising the skills and knowledge learned through the program in volunteering their time and giving back to the sport of Basketball.

Of course, we can't forget to thank our coaches who volunteer a huge amount of out-of-hours each week to coach and ferry our students back and forth to Albany. Without them, our students would not have these opportunities.

Results from the first three rounds of competition are attached.

## DSHS SECURE THREE GOLD MEDALS AT GREAT SOUTHERN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

DSHS competed in the great southern school basketball tournament recently and with three gold medals secured the champion schools shield. The winning teams comprised the Boys A grade, the girls A grade and the boys B grade sides. Considering there were only four divisions and DSHS competed against schools with significantly higher student populations, to win three division was outstanding. Our fourth team, the B grade girls were unlucky not to have made the finals finishing a very gallant third in their division.

A huge thanks to our Year 11s, Abi, Jayde and Jhett who umpired and/or scored all day. Also to Amber our AFL trainee who helped organise, umpire and score throughout the tournament.

Best players were as follows:

**A BOYS - Evan, Wil, Tait and Jhye**  
**A GIRLS - Emma, Amy, Indy and Ali**  
**B BOYS - Sam, Xavier, Jed and Gavin**  
**B GIRLS - Lumeah, Chloe, Hayley and Nais**

Congratulations to all players! One of our most successful tournaments ever! Your behaviour, sportsmanship and talent is always of the highest order!!!

Cheers DSHS staff.

# 2022 DENMARK SHS BASKETBALL AWARDS



## 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS

YEAR 7

YEAR 8

YEAR 9

YEAR 10



Sierra Jones

Jethro Thompson

Nais Chambost

Reuben Winter



LUKE LONGLEY LEADERSHIP

KEN HICK COMMUNITY SERVICE TO SPORT



Maya Gibson

Jayde McHenry

Jhett Morrison-Carter

## SHOOTING AWARDS

YEAR 7

YEAR 7

YEAR 8

YEAR 8



Amelie Reid

Jacob Kelly

Chloe Ross

West Rogers

## BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYER

YEAR 7

YEAR 7

YEAR 8

YEAR 8



Harlow Phillips

Charlie Grochowski

Yuma Jones

Lumeah Masih

## SHOOTING AWARDS

YEAR 9

YEAR 9

YEAR 10

YEAR 10



Ali Judd

Rory Turner

Evan Delbene

Will O'Toole Gardner

## BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYER

YEAR 9



Jed Loton

# MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

YEAR 7

YEAR 7

YEAR 8

YEAR 8



Josh Anderson

Emelyn Smith

Nate Wilkes

Nais Chambost

# PERSONAL EXCELLENCE

YEAR 7

YEAR 7

YEAR 8

YEAR 8



Sam O'Toole Gardner

Scarlett Schober

Jake Schwarzbach

Mia Dominiak

# MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

YEAR 9

YEAR 9

YEAR 10



Xavier McGregor

Jasper Whooley

Oscar James

# PERSONAL EXCELLENCE

YEAR 9

YEAR 10

YEAR 10



Samuel Marshall

Marlon Mastalerz

Amy Dominiak

# MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

YEAR 7

YEAR 7

YEAR 8

YEAR 8



Matilda McHenry

Ben Judd

Siri Matthews

Ryan Hick

# MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

UPPER SCHOOL



Ashlee Kerr

Todd Brown

# MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

YEAR 9

YEAR 9

YEAR 10

YEAR 10



Indy Rogers

Tate Stirling

Emma Henderson

Evan Delbene

# MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AT COUNTRY WEEK

GIRLS

BOYS



Emma Henderson

Todd Brown

# 'LAST DANCE'

Todd Brown

Ashlee Kerr

Maya Gibson

## 2022 GSSSSA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT WINNERS



## YEAR 7 - 2023



## YEAR 7 - 2022



## YEAR 8 - 2022



## YEAR 10 - 2022



## YEAR 9 - 2022



