



IMPORTANT DATES

5 June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – WA DAY	11 July	Year 9 Canberra Tour
29 May – 2 June	Year 12 Exam Week	17 July	School Development Day – PUPIL FREE
8 – 15 June	Year 11 Exam Week	27 July	Production Performance
25 – 30 June	Country Week	31 July	P&C Meeting at 5.30pm

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Care givers,

Reporting to Parents

Many thanks to those families who actively engaged in the opportunity to speak directly with your child’s teachers at one of the two formal reporting to parents early close days held this year. We note that most families have taken advantage of the convenience of phone calls rather than face-to-face visits and welcome feedback on whether this meets your needs. While we miss your smiling faces, my teaching staff have indicated that it works just as well from their perspective. Please email the school at denmark.shs@education.wa.edu.au if you would like to share your views on this.

Planning for our future

Independent Public Schools are required to have a ‘business plan’ that serves to identify the key targets and milestones that we seek to achieve as a school. The School Board has an important role to play in the devising of this plan and, given that we are nearing the end of this three-year cycle, we have already started robust discussion of our logical ‘what next’. The Board recently agreed that our three pillars – student success, teaching excellence, health and wellbeing – remain as key foci for the school. They have suggested that we add a fourth pillar focused on community engagement. This is, in part for the school to be more outward facing and aligning to community values – such as embedding sustainable practices in how we function as a school. It is also an opportunity for us to better showcase the very many positive ways in which we currently work in partnership with our community. It then opens an opportunity for the community to work with us in new and exciting ways for the ultimate benefit of all parties. In term three, I will be calling for interested parents and community members to join some ‘think tank’ sessions. If you are interested in this – or know of a community member who has

something to offer – please consider registering your interest when the time comes.

Principal movements

While I am on the topic of next term, I take this opportunity to share that I will be taking some long service leave at the very start of term three. Amy Palmer will be stepping into the role of Principal for the first four weeks of that term. Gavin Palmer will step into the role of Senior Schooling Deputy Principal. I have no doubt that the school will be in great hands.

Slime Spectacular

I take my hat off to the parents, students and especially Miss Amy Palmer, for the planning put into our major fundraising event for the year. The Slime Spectacular was held on Thursday 25 May on our oval. Students needed to pay \$15 to take part, however, there were a wide range of very impressive prizes for the higher fundraisers ... and yes, the rumour is true ... the very highest fund raiser got to slime me. Congratulations go to *Jye Madaffari* who got me good and proper! This event was proudly supported by our awesome P&C with profits being split three ways between the P&C general fund, the Student Council and the Canberra trip fundraisers.

A bye for now

Toni-Maree Richardson is heading off on parental leave as of today. We wish her and her family all the best on this next adventure and thanks Mrs Richardson for her service to the school.

Kind regards

**Kath Ward
Principal**



HASS

Our **Year 11 ATAR Geography** class recently hit the road for some fieldwork studying invasive species. We had guest speakers present about weeds; saw mala, woylies, quendas and boodies at Barna Mia; and experienced full power Gary Muir on a personalised WoW Ecocruise in Walpole.

We saw the world's biggest paperbark, cheeky possums, and the ENORMOUS slide at Manjimup.

Thanks to Ms Carver for the pumpkin curry and apple crumble! And thanks to the brilliant and fun students who gave up part of their weekend to learn more about Geography. Bigger and better next year!

Anthony Ritchie



HASS WEEK

Well, the best week of the year at Denmark SHS... HASS Week didn't disappoint!

We were overwhelmed with entries for our famous people competition in Year 8; our country names rebus puzzles in Year 7; a great interactive experience with the World War 1 handling kit in Year 9; and some Geography field work with our Year 10s looking for the urban heat island effect at our school.

Best of all the HaSS department hijacked the airwaves with some classic tunes. And of course, the staff dress up day on Friday was the icing on the cake. Crikey! There sure were some beauties this year!

Congratulations to all our winners in years 7-12, and a huge thank you to our sponsors.

Sarah Carver



Staff dress up 14.05.23

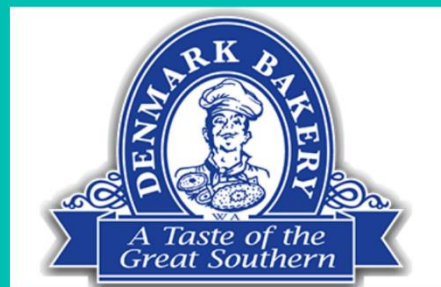


HaSS Week Prize winners



Major Prize Winner
Misti Atkins

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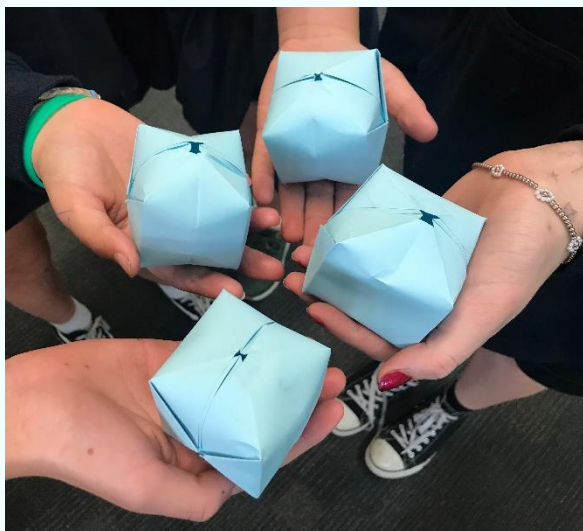
New origami: A fusion of mathematics and technology.

Medical implants and space cargo may at first appear unrelated to the ancient practice of paper-folding. A surprising connection exists, however, between origami and modern technologies that prolong human life and extend our knowledge of worlds beyond the Solar System.

Origami was once considered a quaint paper-folding activity practised by children in classrooms throughout the world. Most adults possess shared memories of creating simple, pre-determined models of frogs, flowers and planes. It has a long history in East Asian cultures, perhaps predating the invention of paper as materials such as cloth and leather were transformed using precise folds.

Today, mathematicians are extending ancient techniques to create innovative forms that are beautiful and practical. From just three fundamental mathematical principles involving geometry and algebra, origami has evolved to incorporate complex designs with applications in a range of emerging technological areas.

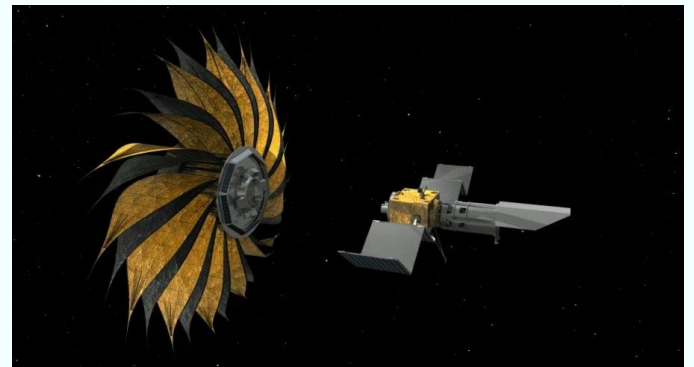
Mathematics students at DSHS recently explored two examples of this new technology. The first is Oxford University's collapsible cardiac implant, a self-deployable 'rounded cube' device that travels flat in folded form to a damaged artery in the heart and increases to full size once in place. The experimental design is based on the 'waterbomb' origami technique, invented in the East millennia ago and introduced to the West via Italy in the 17th century.



The second is NASA's Starshade. Designed to be launched into space and positioned to block the light of distant stars, the Starshade enables clearer observation and analysis of the atmospheres of exoplanets, allowing astronomers to search for signs of life. Mathematics-based origami solved the problem of how to create a large disc-shaped structure that can be stored in the compact cargo area of a rocket before being unfurled in space.

The application of mathematical thinking to solve real-world problems is impacting a wide range of industries in surprising new ways, providing exciting opportunities for young people as they consider the course of their future careers.

Jay Vella



NASA Starshade model



Students Starshade origami models



THE ARTS

Perth International Jazz Festival comes to Denmark SHS

Our fabulous music students were offered the opportunity to work with renowned Perth jazz musicians on Friday 12 May.

The students participated in learning C Jam Blues by Duke Ellington. They were shown the basics of improvisation and many students plucked up the courage to play along.

Well done to everyone who participated and stepped out of their musical comfort zones!



Workshop presenters Zac Grafton (bass), Alex Reid (kit), Sorcha Albuquerque (gtr) and Ricki Malet (tpt).



Guitarists and musicians watching and playing along



Asher Bowman-Moore, Amber Vermeulen and Ross Dwyer



Rhythm section drives the C Jam Blues



Denmark SHS horn line emerges!

JOHN CLARK MEMORIAL BAND AT THE ALBANY EISTEDDFOD



Congratulations to Miss Warnock and the **John Clark Memorial Senior Band** for winning their division in the 2023 Albany Eisteddfod last week. Even more wonderful, they were chosen to perform in the Winner's Concert On Friday night at the Albany Entertainment Centre and they did themselves and Denmark SHS proud.

Well done to all band members for your hard work this year!



Keep an eye out on the Denmark Festival of Voice program this weekend for some of our staff and students.

Julia Anwar (IMSS voice teacher and choir director), Sandon Phillips, Yr 10, the Denmark SHS Choir and Ms Formentin (under the band name Psykeltia) will be offering their unique voices to the festival. Check out the program to see when they are playing.



HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

2023 AUS LITTLE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS



Congratulations to **Ginger Gleeson** for representing WA at the Australian Little Athletics Championships held in Melbourne recently.

Ginger placed an impressive 11th in her 800m race with a time of 2.28.05 and smashed her personal best to place 7th in the 1500m with a time of 5.03.57.



YEAR 7-10 INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to the squad of 40 competitors who represented our School on Monday 8th May at the GSSSSA Interschool Cross Country event held at Great Southern Grammar School. The weather was sensational, and our students did extremely well!

Year 7 girls took out the trifecta with Ginger Gleeson coming in 1st place, *Esme MacDonald* 2nd and *Leah Hughes* 3rd. With a new team scoring system in place *Ginger, Esme, Leah* and *Eliza Barrow* won the Year 7 Girls Team Event.

Year 8's placing included *Indi Coates-Ahomiro* coming in 1st place for girls and *Jy Drummond* in 2nd place for boys. *Reuben Winter* in 2nd Place for Year 10.

Very well done to all that ran their best, we are very proud!



WEST COAST FEVER HIGH SCHOOL NETBALL CUP CARNIVAL - GREAT SOUTHERN

Congratulations to ALL students who attended the WEST COAST FEVER Netball Carnival in Albany on Thursday. Your behaviour, sportsmanship and efforts on and off the courts were outstanding.

Congratulations to Year 7/8 Girls 1 and 7/8 Boys 1 teams on winning their very hard fought and close grand finals. It was nail biting watching those exciting games.

A special thanks to all our coaches, umpires and organisers for the day.



**WEST COAST
FEVER CUP** 

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

SOAR - West Coast Eagles Wellbeing series for Youth Girls



Our year 7-10 female students were fortunate enough to receive a presentation by West Coast Eagles staff with insights from AFLW players here at Denmark SHS.

The program comprises of 4 interactive models:



- Healthy Food Relationship: Nutrition and Recovery
- Training for Elite Performance
- Overcoming the Female Q Angle: Athletic Movement and Injury Prevention
- Body Image + Impact of Menstrual Cycle on Performance.

The program fosters the development of skills, knowledge, and strategies for adolescent girls to become the best versions of themselves.



YEAR 7 & 8 AFL CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the Year 7&8 students who competed in the West Australian Football Commission Carnival held in Albany on Wednesday.

Our girls team came away as winners on the day thanks to the mighty coaching efforts of Mrs Judd and Amber. The boys fought hard under the expert guidance of Mr Davies and Kai, but weren't quite as lucky.



SUNSMART WA SCHOOL SURFING TITLES

Well done to all who competed in the surfing titles last week. An impressive effort by all!





- Jye Madaffari - Ipad Pro
- Zahra Phillips-Hart - Bike
- Eddie Mulligan - Galaxy Tab7
- Sadie Barker - Nintendo Switch
- Cedar Elliot - Monkey Rock \$300 voucher
- Rowan Goodwill-Buczak - Orana Cinema passes
- Gracie Wleshman - Tree Top Walk family pass
- Leah Hughes - Denmark Soccer Golf voucher
- Rylee Hearn - Airpods
- Jake Schwazbach - Orana Cinema passes

Congratulations

to all of our Slime Fun Run prize winners!!





**Thank
you!**

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