NEWSLETTER

DERBY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

'A Strong & Smart School'

A message from Mr Money



We are working at full steam as we come into the long straight of Term 3. We see a majority of our school camps, events and competitions happening over this term. Derby District High School continues to bust the myths round District High School Education with not only fantastic NAPLAN results, but sporting prowess, regional music participation and other academic successes.

It takes a whole community effort to see these changes and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our local supporters of education from the EarlyYears Partnership, to our employment partners and local businesses that take on students to try areas of trade and employment.

Recently Derby District High School has been named a finalist in the Education Awards- Early Years category. This is a fantastic achievement for the huge amount of quality work happening in the Early Years priorities.

The winners will be announced in November, so stay tuned.

Our school garden project with Liyarn Foundation has finally broken ground and we got to see Mr Cooper, scratch around with an excavator to get the pathways ready for concrete pouring see more below.



Let's Go Derby DHS for the big win!!

Mr $$

Merit Award Winners

Term 3 Week 5

Mia Angwin
Kahleel Bangmorra
Vinnique Bear
Scotty Birrell
Charlie Buggins x 2
Charlotte Bylund
Georgia Bylund
Shikaya Carter
Andrew Clark
Lillian Conopo-Tolentino
Con-nell Cox
Nehemiah Cox
Rosanna Cronin
Kingsley Dann
Spencer Egan
Ryan Filjoe x 2
Kharki Hunter
Althea Jose
Indiana Kenafake
Mervina Leering-Walkerbear
Cheza Luscombe
Fergus McCumstie
Qinn McCumstie
Christopher McKenzie
Dallas McLeod
Connor Moir
Noah Moir
Shania Mumberay
Kainoa O'Donnell
Tiajuanah Oliver
Mirisha Ozies
Khylon Perry
Darryl Pritchett
Xzavier Reid
Zyleah Riley
Lukah Rodd-Gough
Antony Sancha
Ernia'rae Sarah
Charris Tapper
Jerome Tapper
Skylah-Marie Tapper
Dwayne Taylor
Harriet Taylor
Shaun Walker
James Wungundin

Merit Award Winners

Term 3 Week 7

Cydney Anderson
Alfie Angwin
Nate Angwin
Bryce Anyon
Alita Bangmorra
Collishai Bangmorra
Emery-Jay Birrell x 2
Terrelle Carter
Jayrani Charles-Bear
Joash Cooper x 2
Michael Dolby
Andrew Edgar
Kye Egan
Xander Ellis
Te Kaha Ellison
Braxton Hardy
Pahau Harris
Amber Holzhauser
Dominic Nelson
Elyra Nelson x 2
Philiana Obah
Lyla Obrien
Ivy-Jaye Jenkins
Annmia Jose x 2
Scout Jungine
Billie Kennedy
Zachyrius Kitching
Milan Letufuga
Faith Little
Cohen Lockyer
Vicki Lucy x 2
Juen-Joong Lwoy
Lydia Malo
Mistique Malo
Saraniyah Malo
Carson Martin
Darryl Morgan
Shania Mumberay x 2
Karla Mungulu
Saul Pindan
Darryl Pritchett
Tupou Raki-Putaura
Xavier Reid
Eric Rose
Owen Salzgeber
Jessie Sebastian
Genelia Shibin x 2
Reggie Kerr Siddons x 3
Rautohunga Simpson
Darcel Siomi
Damien Skeen
Aaliyah Steer
Hunter Stevens
Ava-Shay Stewart
Harmony Webb x 2
Cassidy Winton
Maleik Woodhouse

Early Years News

There is plenty to celebrate in Early Years at Derby District High School! We are incredibly proud that DDHS has been announced as a finalist for Excellence in Early Childhood Education at the 2026 Western Australian Education Awards. This is an incredible recognition of the dedication of our staff, students, families and community and the strength of our Early Years programs.

Our Kindy and KindiLink families recently enjoyed a fantastic Teddy Bears' Picnic, filled with play, connection and a fun scavenger hunt. It was wonderful to see our youngest learners and their families enjoying time together at school.

Our Year 1 students have also been busy learning through memorable experiences. As part of their Talk for Writing preparation for their upcoming Suspense Narrative Campout, students enjoyed their own campout and "roasted" marshmallows around an imaginary fire. This engaging experience will provide plenty of ideas and vocabulary for their upcoming writing.

The Kindy Teachers and Students hosted our Father's Day Breakfast last week where all of our important people gathered and participated in some fun activities.

Our Year 1 students also impressed us with their assembly performance, The Best Toy, showcasing their learning about persuasive texts with confidence and enthusiasm.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome our 2027 Kindy students and families to our Kindy Ready Program, commencing 23 October. More information will be shared with families soon.

At Community House Kindi Link we had record numbers for our fathers day morning brunch! How wonderful to have so many men involved in our childrens lives.
Science week as all about getting messy and wet as the weather has been warming up.











ENROLMENTS OPEN NOW!

DILIGENCE COURAGE STRENGTH
DERBY D.H.S.

FULL TIME KINDERGARTEN AT DDHS IN 2027

Derby DHS is excited to announce our optional **5 day a week Kindergarten** program commencing in 2027



DDHS offers a high-quality play-based approach to learning where children develop curiosity, creativity, confidence and problem-solving skills. Our students build strong foundations in oral language, literacy and numeracy through our evidence-based teaching practices.
Wellbeing is central to everything we do, with trauma-informed approaches and positive behaviour support fostering resilience, positive relationships and a genuine love of learning.



PLACES ARE LIMITED!

REGISTER NOW

MORE INFORMATION :

(08) 9193 3000

angus.mcmillan@education.wa.edu.au

Star Of The Week

Term 3 Week 8

CLASS		
1A	**Maverick Singh**	-
1B	-	-
1/2C	**Lyla Obrien**	-
2A	**Elijah Frost**	-
2B	**Treyvahn Jungine**	-
3A	-	-
3/4B	**Harriet Taylor**	-
4A	**Montez Waiomio**	-
4B	**Steviarnah Bundora**	-
5A	**Elyra Nelson**	-
5B	**Aryn Pope**	-
6A	**Tiana Marrar**	-
6B	**Malachi Bidewell**	-
PS Science	**Scout Jungine**	-
1-2 Support	-	-
3-4 Support	**Russell Riley**	-
5-6 Support	-	-
Music	-	-
1-3 HPE	**River Bidewell**	-
4-6 HPE	-	-
Digi Tech	-	-

DERBY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
KINDY READY 2027

WHAT

Will your child be 4 years old by June 30 2027?

Help prepare your child for Kindy in 2027 by attending our Kindy Ready transition sessions. You will meet the teachers, see the learning spaces and take part in some fun activities!

WHEN

We are running 6 sessions at DDHS in Term 4 on Fridays from **9:00am - 11:00am**.

- 23/10/2026 - Principal and Deputy Principal welcome presentation for parents.
- 30/10/2026 - DAHS Connected Beginigs Team and School Health Nurse
- 6/11/2026
- 13/11/2026
- 20/11/2026
- 27/11/2026

WHERE

Derby District High School

Please check in at our reception

MORE DETAILS

If you have any questions, please contact Angus McMillan, Early Years Deputy on 9193 3000 or angus.mcmillan@education.wa.edu.au

Primary School News







What a busy Term 3 it has been! The past few weeks have been packed with camps, carnivals, celebrations and plenty of opportunities for our students to learn, participate and have fun.

Our Year 4 Camp to Broome was an absolute blast! Students participated in a range of activities and team-building challenges, showing great enthusiasm, resilience and teamwork along the way. There were plenty of laughs, new experiences and memories made, and we thank all the staff who gave their time to make the camp such a success.

Children's Book Week was another highlight, with some fantastic activities taking place across the Primary School. It was wonderful to see students and staff getting into the spirit of the week, particularly with the amazing costumes on display!

Our Whole School Twilight Athletics Carnival once again demonstrated everything that is great about the sportsmanship and community spirit at our school. Students encouraged one another, represented their factions proudly and gave their best across the events. Selected students will now represent DDHS at the Interschool Athletics Carnival in Broome on 10 and 11 September. We wish them the very best of luck!

This Thursday night, our YOH Fest students will take to the stage in Broome. We know they have put a great deal of work into preparing for their performance, and we wish them all the best as they represent our school.

Important wellbeing messages have also been a focus this term. Bullying No Way Week provided opportunities to reinforce the importance of kindness, inclusion and speaking up, while R U OK? Day is still to come. These initiatives allow us to continue important conversations with our students about looking out for themselves and one another. A big thank you to everyone involved, particularly our Student Services Team, for coordinating these important events.

Our Spelling Bee was also a blast, with students showing plenty of courage and enthusiasm as they put their spelling skills to the test! We cannot wait to see our selected students head to Broome for the Interschool Spelling Bee in Week 9.

There is still more excitement to come before the term finishes! In Week 10, our Year 6 students will head to Kununurra for camp, where they will join students from Holy Rosary and participate in a range of activities focused on teamwork, building connections and having fun.

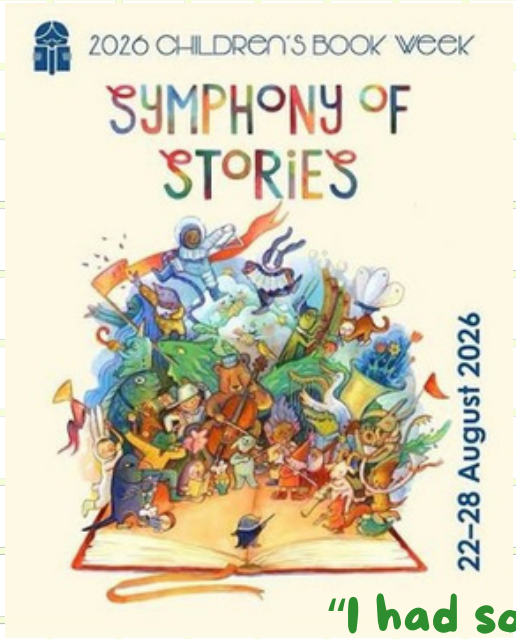
What a busy and rewarding term it has been! Thank you to our students, staff, families and wider school community for continuing to get involved and support the many opportunities happening across our Primary School. We look forward to finishing Term 3 on a high!

Book Week 2026!

Symphony of Stories

We had agreat weeksharingstories,writing books, designingbookcovers,dressingup and decorating classroomdoors.







Buddy Reading

During bookweek, we had whole-school buddy reading. This saw all of our high school students buddied up with students as young as Kindy to do some buddy reading. It was a great success and our older students really showed off their reading skills!

"I had so much fun reading with the big High School kids!"









Check out our awesome door display competition winners!

1/2C
Cat in the Hat

5B
The lion, the witch and the wardrobe

Secondary Art
The Wizard of OZ

Student Badges

AT DERBY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL, THE STUDENT COUNCIL HAS INTRODUCED BRAND NEW RESPONSIBILITY AND EXCELLENCE BADGES, AND STUDENTS ARE LOVING THEM!

THE BADGES ARE AWARDED TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DURING MONDAY MUSTER, GIVING THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE RECOGNISED AND CELEBRATED FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.



THE RESPONSIBILITY BADGE IS AWARDED TO STUDENTS WHO DEMONSTRATE OUR SCHOOL VALUES THROUGH THEIR ACTIONS, BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDE.

THE EXCELLENCE BADGE RECOGNISES STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVE OUTSTANDING RESULTS IN TESTS, EXPERIENCE SUCCESS IN OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES OR DEMONSTRATE EXCELLENCE IN ANY AREA.

WHO KNOWS... YOU MIGHT JUST BE THE NEXT BADGE RECIPIENT!







Library News



August- September Events

National Science Week 17-21st August

Daffodil Day August 20th

Book Fair - Aug. 24th-4th Sept

CBCA Book Week - Aug. 24th with Parade on Wednesday 26th August

Teacher Aide Appreciation Week 31st Aug

Save the Koala Month Sept 1-30

Indigenous Literacy Day Sept 2

Australian National Flag Day Sept 3

Father's Day Sunday Sept 6th

National Child Protection Week Sept 6-12th

R U OK? Day Sept 10th

Roald Dahl Day Sept 13th

National Bilby Day Sept 13th

Talk Like a Pirate Day Sept 19th

International Day of Peace Sept 21st

TWILIGHT CARNIVAL

Our 2026 Twilight Athletics Carnival was a fantastic celebration of sport, teamwork and school spirit. Students proudly represented King, Leveque and Gogo, competing in track events, relays and team games throughout the afternoon. There were plenty of close finishes, outstanding performances and great examples of students supporting their teammates and giving their best.

A huge thank you to all students, staff, families and community members who helped make the carnival such a success. Congratulations to all competitors, champions and runners-up, and to King Faction for taking out the overall carnival championship!





PRIMARY CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

Primary Girls		
Year	Champion	Runner-up
PP	Samosa	Mirisha
1	Marisa	Honey
2	Mary	Scout
3	Alarnah	Jeanette
4	Matilda	Nuela
5	Tamaya	Savannah
6	Faith	Tiana

Primary Boys		
Year	Champion	Runner-up
PP	William	Col
1	Sakio	Patrico
2	Wesley	Joaquin
3	James	Bayden & Judah
4	Jahmari	Frank
5	Maleik	Thomas
6	Malachi	Stevie

SECONDARY CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

Secondary Girls		
Year	Champion	Runner-up
7	Karla	Jemma
8	Mistique	Mwatima
9	Faith	Kayla
10	Jamie	Alayne
Open	Indiana	Audrey

Secondary Boys		
Year	Champion	Runner-up
7	Robert	Hecson
8	Eric	Jaxon
9	Kayleb	Chad
10	Terelle	Thurston
Open	Luke	Josarni

















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World Vision

Term 3

EVERY WEDNESDAY

RUN CLUB

YEAR 3 - YEAR 12

TIME

6:45AM - 7:30AM

WHERE

DDHS OVAL

ENTRANCE VIA EARLY YEARS CARPARK



No Run Club Week 8 but back to finish off the term in Week 9 and 10!

STUDENT SERVICES

Bully No Way Week

Derby District High School celebrated Bully No Way Week from 31 August to 4 September! 💜
Throughout the week, our students got involved in a range of activities focused on kindness, friendship and creating a positive school community. 🌿✨
We created a beautiful Kindness Garden, made friendship bracelets, and captured plenty of fun memories at our photobooth! 📸
It was a wonderful week celebrating kindness, inclusion and the importance of looking out for one another. 💜



















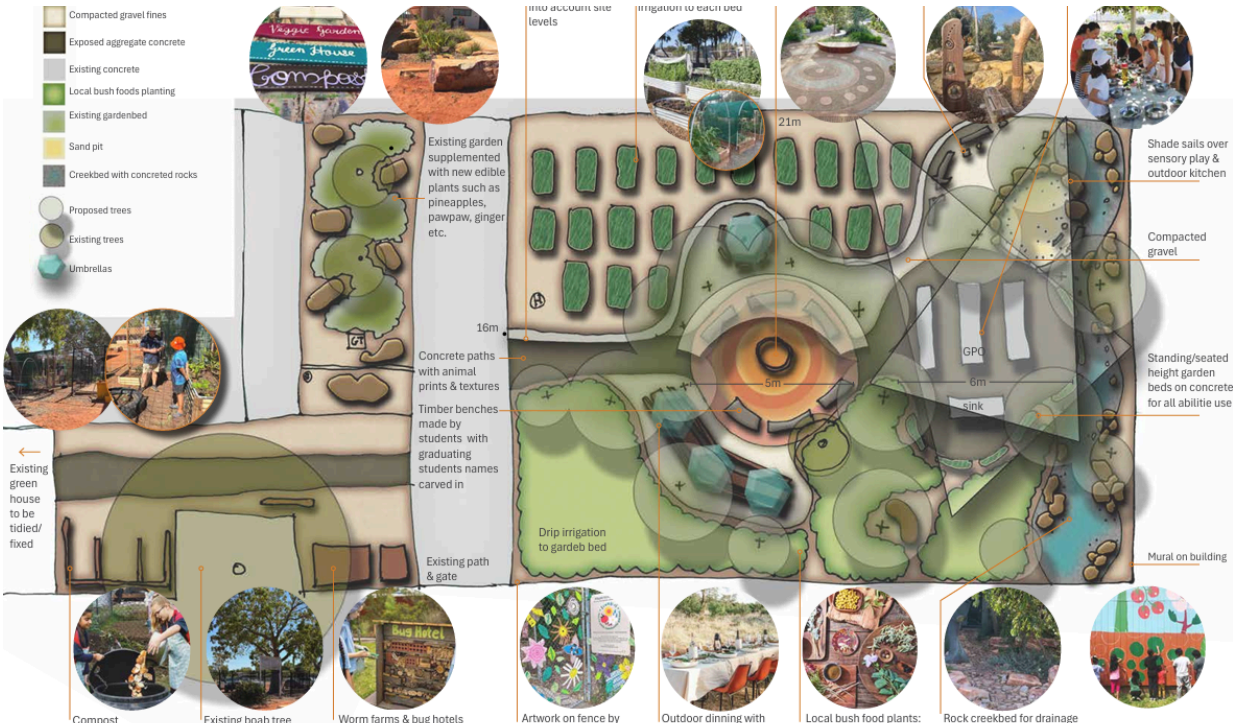






School Garden

Derby District High School is pleased to announce that construction of our new School Garden has commenced! In partnership with the Liyan Foundation and support from 24 Carrot Gardens and MONA Gallery, our new school garden will be a “paddock to plate” concept for students to grow produce in our garden that can then be used throughout the school. This will be a valuable teaching and wellness space for our staff and students as we look to further integrate outdoor learning and connections to land and Country. A big thank you to Adam Cornish from Pindan Earthworks for his support with excavator hire last week. Stay tuned over the next few months as our garden takes shape!





LIYAN FOUNDATION

High School News



HIGH SCHOOL LITERACY STUDENTS IN THE EMAMA NGUDA ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM HAVE BEEN STUDYING A GRAPHIC NOVEL WRITTEN BY RESPECTED BROOME-BASED AND FIRST NATIONS AUTHOR, BRENTON MCKENNA

LAST MONTH (AUGUST 11TH) THE CLASS TRAVELLED TO BROOME TO MEET BRENTON AND PARTICPATE IN A ILLUSTRATION WORKSHOP

IT WAS A VERY HANDS-ON AND CREATIVE SESSION AND A REWARD FOR THE STUDENTS FOR ATTENDING AND ENGAGING IN LITERACY CLASS.

AFTERWARDS THE BOYS WERE TREATED TO HAIRCUTS AND LUNCH AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT TRIP TO BROOME.

FROM MR JAMES BYRNE (DDHS) AND MR CLAUDE SMITH (ENAC)





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OCTOBER ATAR EXAM PREPARATION & REVISION PROGAMS

Tuition for students Year 11 to 12

Week 1 (29 Sep-1 Oct)
Ashdale SC
(Year 12)

Week 2 (5-9 Oct)
Hale School (Year 11-12)

Mt Lawley SHS
(Year 12)

The October School Holiday Program offers students comprehensive subject revision and prepares students for their final school and ATAR exams.

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For each secondary school student

Claims close
25 September 2026

Claim on the **ServiceWA app**

DILIGENCE COURAGE STRENGTH

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SUPPORT OUR DISTRICT COUNTRY WEEK

STUDENTS!

CAR WASH

SATURDAY
12TH SEPTEMBER
9AM – 1PM

PRICES
BIG CARS $40
SMALL CARS $25

LOCATION
THE FIRE STATION
(OPPOSITE BP)

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

CANS OF DRINK AVAILABLE ALSO!

SAUSAGE SIZZLE	$3
SOFT DRINK	$3
COMBO (SAUSAGE SIZZLE + DRINK)	$5

Important Uniform Notices

For Parents and/or Guardians

DDHS Uniforms Now Available at the Front Office

Derby District High School uniforms featuring our **new** DDHS design are now available for purchase directly from the school's front office.

Shirts are $35 each and can be bought:

Monday toFriday

7:45am - 9am & 1:30pm - 2:30pm

If you need any help with sizing or have questions about the new design, our office staff will be happy to assist.

Important Dates for Term Three

For Parents and/or Guardians

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Outdoor ED Camp	2 Outdoor Ed Camp Whole School Assembly	3 Outdoor Ed Camp	4 Senior School Ball	5
6	7	8	9 Kindy Sports Carnival	10 YOH Festival -Broome Primary Interschool jumps and throws - Broome Secondary Interschool Athletics Carnival - Broome RUOK? Day	11 YOH Festival -Broome Primary Interschool Athletics Carnival - Broome	12
13	14 Yr10, 11 & 12 TAFE Block Walalakoo Jun. Rangers	15 Yr10, 11 & 12 TAFE Block Walalakoo Jun. Rangers Community BBQ Pandanus	16 Yr10, 11 & 12 TAFE Block Walalakoo Jun. Rangers Principals Assembly	17 Yr10, 11 & 12 TAFE Block Walalakoo Jun. Rangers Community BBQ Mowanjum	18 Yr10, 11 & 12 TAFE Block Walalakoo Jun. Rangers	19
20	21 DHS Country Week Year 6 Camp – Kununurra	22 DHS Country Week Year 6 Camp – Kununurra	23 DHS Country Week Year 6 Camp – Kununurra	24 DHS Country Week Year 6 Camp – Kununurra	25 DHS Country Week Year 6 Camp – Kununurra LAST DAY OF TERM 3	26
27	28	29	30			

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 FIRST DAY OF TERM 4	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Yr10, 11 & 12 TAFE Block Walalakoo Jun. Rangers	20 Yr10, 11 & 12 TAFE Block Walalakoo Jun. Rangers	21 Yr10, 11 & 12 TAFE Block Walalakoo Jun. Rangers	22 Yr10, 11 & 12 TAFE Block Walalakoo Jun. Rangers Remote School Basketball Comp	23 Yr10, 11 & 12 TAFE Block Walalakoo Jun. Rangers Year 12 last day Year 12 Graduation Primary Multisports Carnival - Broome	24
25	26 Swimming Lessons Yr PP, 1 & 2	27 Swimming Lessons Yr PP, 1 & 2 CIntrf Boab Cup B/ball Yr 9-11 BME	28 Swimming Lessons Yr PP, 1 & 2 CIntrf Boab Cup B/ball Yr 9-11 BME Yr 12 WACE ATAR Exams	29 Swimming Lessons Yr PP, 1 & 2 CIntrf Boab Cup B/ball Yr 9-11 BME Yr 12 WACE ATAR Exams	30 Swimming Lessons Yr PP, 1 & 2 Yr 12 WACE ATAR Exams	31