



NEWSLETTER

DERBY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

'A Strong & Smart School'



A Message from...

Mr Money

Mr Money's Moment

Week 4 Term 4 is the best time to be at Derby District high School!

The weather is beautiful and hot, and the learning programs are getting to the fun bits.

Well done to our Year 12's who graduated and completed school at the end of week 2 this term. We look forward to you sharing your stories and to see what amazing adventures you get up to.

This month we have had some huge successes, with the school bands playing at Mowanjum community. This has been the first time in a long time we have been able to have a cool event due to the complexities of modern life.

Our school participated in the Shire community consultation which helps us look forward into the next big school planning cycle we are trying to get into play by week 6 (middle of November)

Your school looks to you as students, parents and carers to help us shape what education looks like for you and your pathways. There are times where members of the school will approach you for your thoughts and views on school business, and there is always the option of sending me an email or making a time to come and yarn with me about your ideas. I am keen to move Derby District High School into the next glorious chapter of success, but to do this requires input from our community. Strong community, strong school, strong school, strong futures.

There are still plenty of exciting things to look forward to this term, including: awards nights, camps, excursions and incursions so keep sending the kids in and encourage them to do their best every day. Let's make some miracles happen!!

Woo Hoo!

Mr \$\$





Merit Award Winners



Term 4—Week 3

Aasiya Saeed

Alayne Skeen

Austin Mwangi

Blake McGraffin

Caleb Fiebig-Ambi

Celeste Mungulu

Darryl Pritchett

Grace Young-Buckle

Isaiah Buggins

Jasmine McKenzie

Lexiana Delvin

Lyric Gordon

Mirisha Ozies

Savannah Pritchett-Tadrous

Taine Moore

Tutaki McLeod

Abigail Shaw

Andrewleya Bangmorra

Bailey Letufuga x 2

Braxton Hardy

Cassius Cronin

Connell Cox

Ernia-rae Sarah

Hassin Fredricks

Jabin Edgar

Jye Taylor

Linden Barba

Marjorie Jumburra

Orion McCumstie

Scout Jungine

Taniora Lawrence

Tyson Gibuma-Hahn

Alarnah Lwoy

Antonio Malo-Podessor

Bennet Edwards

Brooklyn Lwoy

Cattalaya Bani

Daniel Ejai

Genelia Shibin

Indiana Kenafake

James Morgan

Karla Mungulu

Logan Wells

Miraniah Ryder

Patricio Lightning

Shanara Bedford

TeKaha Ellison

Zenique Neliman



Stars of the Week



Term 4

Week 1

1A | Terahn Carter

1B | Bailey Letufuga

2A | Bayden Rivers

2B | Jeanette Waina

3A | Reggie Kerr Siddons

3B | Neula Binkali

3/4C | Arlo Hoath

4A | Lincoln Cairns

4B | Aryn Pope

5A | Wyatt Benn

5/6B | Shikaya Carter

6A | Blake McGaffin

6B | James Morgan

1-3 HPE | Con-nell Cox

4-6 HPE |

Pennash Sebastian

Digi Tech |
Junior

5-6 Support |
Andrew Edgar

Week 2

1A | Middaya Ambi

1B | Wesley Maher

2A | Jezie Pryor

2B | Ling-Ling Ishiguchi

3A | Evelyn Singh

3B | Johnny

3/4C | Frank Junior Marrar

4A | Quinn Scott

4B | Anthony Cooper

6A | Shanara Bedford

6B | Isobella Waina

1-3 HPE | Helena Lawrence

4-6 HPE |
Junior

Digi Tech |
Helena Lawrence

Support | Cassius Cronin



Early Years News

...with Mr Angus and the Early Years Team

Our Kindy Ready program has started for our students who will be in Kindy from 2026 every Friday 9:00am – 11:00am. This transition is for students to get to know our staff and each other, and for parents to have a look around the school and find out about important information for 2026. The Kindy Ready kids enjoyed some outdoor play time with a host of intriguing activities followed by some kindy routines then of course, fruit time! If you know of any little ones in the community who are 4 years old by June 30th, 2026, please encourage them to come down! Kindy Ready runs until Friday week 9.

We have seen some fantastic attendance at our KindiLink program running in Mowanjum on Monday & Tuesday and the Rodgers Street Wellness Centre in town on Wednesday and Thursday 9:00am – 12:30am. New families are always welcome to join with little ones from birth to Kindy age.

It has been great to get into our learning spaces this week to see some of the incredible learning that our students are doing. I have been particularly impressed with the students writing and their engagement in our Talk for Writing program. It has been great to see the everyone so engaged in learning to write different text types and recite the stories with some very creative actions!

Our Year 1s along with the Year 2s and Year 7s will commence their swimming lessons in week 7 at the Derby Memorial Pool. This is such an important opportunity for students to learn all about water safety and learning how to swim. It will be a nice break from the November heat!



Primary School News

...with Mrs Franz and Mrs Dowding

Our recent country trip around Derby was a huge success! Students enjoyed exploring a range of local highlights including the museums, jetty, Mowanjum Art Centre, and the famous Prison Boab Tree. The trip was filled with hands-on learning, creativity, and plenty of fun, helping everyone appreciate the rich culture and history of our region.

Last week's Halloween Disco was a spook-tacular success! Students danced the night away in their amazing costumes while raising funds for the Year 4 class. A big thank you to everyone who helped organise and support this fun-filled event.

Our Talk for Writing poetry unit has wrapped up with wonderful results. Students have shown fantastic creativity and confidence in sharing their poems — a testament to their growing skills and imagination. Well done, everyone!

In Weeks 7 and 8, our Year 1 and 2 students will be taking part in swimming lessons. These sessions are a great opportunity for students to build confidence and develop important water safety skills.

On Friday, we celebrated World Teachers' Day. A heartfelt thank you to all our dedicated staff for their ongoing commitment to our students and to creating a positive, engaging learning environment every day.

Year 12 Graduation

On the 24th October, we gathered to celebrate one of the most memorable milestones in our school community – the **Year 12 Graduation Ceremony**. The evening was filled with pride, joy, and heartfelt reflection as we honoured the hard work, resilience, and accomplishments of our graduating class of 2025.

The ceremony opened with a warm welcome from our Key Note Speaker Belinda Duffy who spoke passionately about the determination and growth our Year 12s have shown throughout their schooling journey. From the challenges of turning left or right to the triumphs of leadership, teamwork, and friendship, this remarkable group has truly embodied the school's values of perseverance, respect, and excellence.

Awards were presented to students who demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, leadership, creativity, and community spirit. Each name called to the stage represented not only personal success but also the collective effort and support of teachers, families, and peers who have guided our graduates along the way.

There were plenty of proud smiles (and a few happy tears!) as students crossed the stage to receive their graduation certificates. The sense of accomplishment in the room was unmistakable — a fitting reward for years of dedication and hard work.

As the ceremony drew to a close, the graduates tossed their caps high, marking both an end and a beginning — the end of one chapter and the exciting start of many more to come.

To our **Year 12 Class of 2025**: we are incredibly proud of all that you have achieved. You have shown courage, resilience, and determination, and we know you will carry these qualities into whatever path you choose next.

Congratulations, graduates!

You have made us all immensely proud.

Anna Gavan

Senior Deputy

Year 12 Graduation



Primary Science

...with Miss Salmeri and Mr Farren

This term in Science, our Year 2 students have been exploring sound energy. We were lucky to have Trevor Menmuir visit and share some traditional sound makers, which the students then used to create and perform their own songs. Students have been learning how the vibrations from these instruments travel through sound waves to our ears — it's been an exciting and hands-on way to learn about how sound works!

Miss Salmeri & Mr Farren



Home Economics

Kimberley Cuisine: Broome Barista Training + Barramundi Filleting

Students in our Endorsed Program have been developing valuable hospitality skills — both during our recent trip to Broome and back here at school.

While in Broome, students took part in hands-on barista training where they learnt how to produce a range of café-style coffees as well as follow correct workflows for hygiene, cleanliness and food safety when working with an espresso machine. This experience supported students to grow confidence in using industry equipment and understanding how quality and consistency are maintained in a café setting.

Back at school, students have begun learning how to fillet whole Barramundi. This fish was generously donated by Tassal, and we are extremely grateful for their support. So far, students have focused on identifying the fillet lines, removing bones carefully, and reducing waste through controlled cuts. This has been an excellent opportunity to build knife skills and understand the preparation process before fish is used in cooking.

These experiences continue to build employability, capability and industry-aligned skills for our students as they progress through the program.





YOH Fest State Finals

The stage is **YOURS**
shine on!



STATE FINALS

The drama club students had an amazing time in Mandurah/ Perth for the YOH FEST state finals. They performed beautifully and looked like they absolutely belonged on that big stage! On Sunday we got to enjoy and escape room, bowling and lunch.



Thank you for your
Support!



Thank you to Marnin Bowa Dumbara Family Healing Centre, Woolworths and IGA for your support!

Join us:

The drama club takes students from years 5- 12, so listen out for when we start again next year.



Halloween Disco



Thursday's Halloween Disco was a fantastic night of music, dancing, and creative costumes! Students came dressed to impress and filled the dance floor with energy and excitement. The PAC came alive with spooky decorations, flashing lights and plenty of laughter as students danced the night away and enjoyed celebrating together.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our Year 4 fundraising efforts throughout the year. From bake sales to car washes and now the disco, your support has made a real difference and helped create so many great memories for our students.

A special thank you also goes to the staff and volunteers who helped make the night such a success. Your time, effort, and enthusiasm are always so appreciated!





International Day of
People with Disability

Derby Celebration

3rd December 2025

11am-2pm @ Derby Airport

Derby celebrates IDPwD again this year with music, food, activity stalls and an art showcase @ Derby Airport.



Stallholder

Expressions of Interest

Community stalls are a key feature of our Derby IDPwD celebrations. If your business, NGO or area of Government is interested in hosting a stall at this year's event, or for more info, please visit:



idpwd-derby.com.au

or contact Jules p: 0448 201 270

e: julie.bonner@farnorth.org.au



With support from



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Department of Communities

Reminder of unpaid camp and school fees

Has your child attended a school camp this year?

All school camps have charges that will require payment. If you have not already paid your child/s camp fees please make arrangements asap.

We also encourage you to make payments for school voluntary contributions where possible.

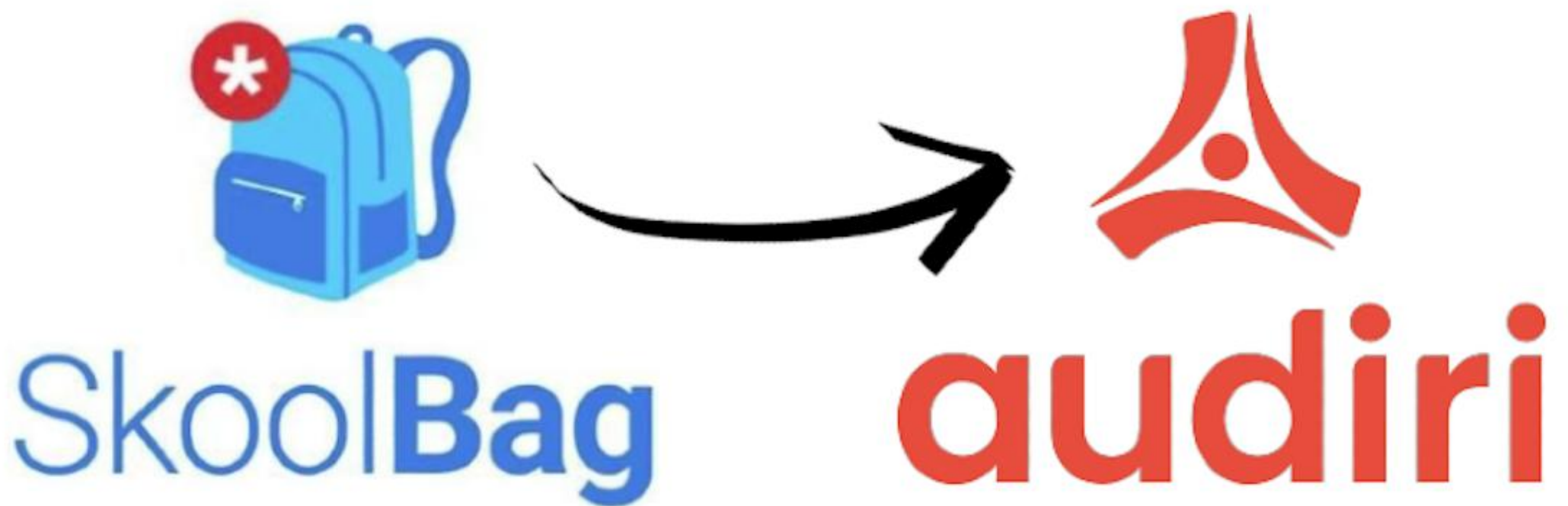
You can make these payments via cash, cheque, direct deposit and we also have eftpos, facilities available

Derby District High School

BSB: 016 620

ACC: 340 881 924

Direct Deposit: please use Surname as reference



**PLEASE NOTE: AUDIRI (SKOOLBAG) HAS CEASED
AT DERBY DHS**

If you have been using Audiri (Skoolbag) and have this App on your phone, we will no longer be continuing with this service.

Now that Derby DHS is using compass any communication regarding your child/s absences and school notices can be communicated this way.

If you would like more information on setting up Compass and how this works, please contact our helpful admin ladies on
(08) 9193 3000

Important Canteen Notices

For parents and/or Guardians:

Please be advised that our canteen now has an EFTPOS machine.

This is for same day orders **only**

We ask that students with accounts continue to pay by card at the front office.

We are no longer accepting book ups at the canteen

If your student wants to order recess/lunches, please make arrangements to set up a payment method ASAP.

You can set up payment methods via CentrePay, EFTPOS, Cash or Direct Deposits and our friendly staff in the Front Office can help you do this.

Need to Contact the Canteen?

Please contact **Kellie Randall or Bettina Archer** on

08 9193 3000 for all

Canteen/account enquiries.

DO YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL?

We are seeking parent and community representatives who want to contribute to school decisions.

Becoming a parent or community representative provides a great opportunity to get involved in our school community and therefore the education of your child.

Parents on a school board can provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

We meet once per term & are calling for all nominations. If you are interested, please email Principal Mr Eliot Money

E: Eliot.Money@education.wa.edu.au

Vacation Swimming Enrolments

NOW OPEN

As we head towards summer a lot of families are starting to get back into the water or planning holidays by the beach, rivers or swimming pools. It is important we help them support their child to stay safe and confident in the water.

VacSwim provides children 5 to 17 years of age with the opportunity to develop and progress their swimming and water safety skills during the school holidays across the State. There are programs for beginner, intermediate and advanced swimmers.

Students who complete Stages 13 to 16 through VacSwim enjoy the benefit of having their rescue award fees waived by Royal Life Saving Society WA. It is a great opportunity for them and a huge benefit to the community.

Enrolments are now open, and families can [enrol](#) online.

Further information, details of locations and information on how to enrol is on our [website](#).

www.education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

Community Notices

For parents and/or Guardians:

Have you Changed your Address?

Got a New Phone Number?

As Term 3 begins, many families have changed addresses and/or contact details. If this has occurred,

it is important that we have up to date information.

The safety of the children at our school is of the utmost importance, however when a child becomes ill or there is an accident in the playground, we need to be able to contact parents immediately. In order for this to occur, the records that are kept on file must be relevant and up to date.

Therefore, we need our parents to inform the Front Office of any changes to personal details - most importantly phone contact and address details.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter by contacting the Front Office on (08) 9193 3000 as soon as possible with this updated information.

IMPORTANT DATES—Term 4

Every Friday to the end of term - 2026 Kindy Ready Program

17th November - School Development Day

19th November - Clontarf Awards Night

24th Nov to 5th Dec- Swimming Lessons Years 1,2 &7

25th November - Year 6 Parent Night for 2026

11th December - Year 6 Graduation

16th December - End of Year Concert

18th December - Last Day for Students

Term 4 Weeks 5 -10

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| November Week 5 | 10 Yr 11 SOE Exam TAFE Block Yr 10, 11 & 12 Clontarf Yr 11 State of Origin Meet. E-Waste Collector | 11 Remembrance Day Melbourne Cup Day TAFE Block Yr 10, 11 & 12 Clontarf Yr 11 State of Origin Meet. E-Waste Collector | 12 Assembly Music Dept - Yr 2 Music Dept TAFE Block Yr 10, 11 & 12 Clontarf Yr 11 State of Origin Meet. E-Waste Collector | 13 TAFE Block Yr 10, 11 & 12 Clontarf Yr 11 State of Origin Meet. E-Waste Collector | 14 S.L.T. - 7:00 am Kindy Ready TAFE Block Yr 10, 11 & 12 E-Waste Collector | 15 | 16 |
| November Week 6 | 17 School Development Day 5 | 18 Secondary Student Council Speeches | 19 International Men's Day | 20 World Children's Day | 21 S.L.T. - 7:00 am Year 11 Last Day Kindy Ready | 22 Clontarf Svr School Trip Gold Coast | 23 Defence Tour - Perth Clontarf Svr School Trip Gold Coast |
| November Week 7 | 24 Career Taster Day VR Headsets Swimming Lesson Yrs 1, 2 & 7 Clontarf Svr School Trip Gold Coast Defence Tour - Perth | 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women Swimming Lesson Yrs 1, 2 & 7 Clontarf Svr School Trip Gold Coast Defence Tour - Perth Year 6 Parent Night for 2025 5:00pm | 26 Assembly - Pre Primary | 27 Swimming Lesson Yrs 1, 2 & 7 Clontarf Svr School Trip Gold Coast Defence Tour - Perth | 28 S.L.T. - 7:00 am Kindy Ready Swimming Lesson Yrs 1, 2 & 7 Clontarf Svr School Trip Gold Coast Defence Tour - Perth | 29 Clontarf Svr School Trip Gold Coast | 30 |
| December Week 8 | 1 November Artworks Due Year 5 Student Leadership Speeches Swimming Lesson Yrs 1, 2 & 7 | 2 Swimming Lesson Yrs 1, 2 & 7 | 3 International Day of People with Disabilities Swimming Lesson Yrs 1, 2 & 7 | 4 Yr 6 Transition into High School Day Swimming Lesson Yrs 1, 2 & 7 | 5 S.L.T. - 7:00 am Kindy Ready Yr 6 Transition into High School Day Swimming Lesson Yrs 1, 2 & 7 | 6 | 7 |
| December Week 9 | 8 Fanger Cart NRT Clontarf Yr 5/6 End of Term Forward Day School Council Meeting | 9 Fanger Cart NRT | 10 Assembly - End of Year Book Presentations NO TIEL Fanger Cart NRT Clontarf Best of the Best Camp Yr 8-10 PJ | 11 Fanger Cart NRT Clontarf Best of the Best Camp Yr 8-10 Year 6 Graduation 6:00pm | 12 Midwin Show Kindy Ready/Freshet Fanger Cart NRT Clontarf Best of the Best Camp Yr 8-10 | 13 | 14 |
| December Week 10 | 15 EOY Concert Practice 8:30 - 10:00 Reports to go Home with Students | 16 EOY Concert Practice 9:00 - 10:00 End of Year Concert - 6:00 pm start | 17 Clontarf Christmas Lunch Staff & Students | 18 Last Day for Students | 19 School Development Day 6 | 20 | 21 |