



NEWSLETTER

DERBY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

'A Strong & Smart School'



A Message from...

Mr Money

What a fantastic Term3 we have had! All of the school camps from Follow the Dream expo, STEM expo, Clontarf events, Year 4 Camp to Boome, Year 7 Camp to Coral Bay, Athletics Carnivals and so much more, this has been a whirlwind of a term. Everyday something fun and exciting for Derby District High School students to engage and create lasting memories. Our students continue to shine when engaged in the public eye, and I was proud to receive such positive feedback from both Broome and Coral Bay camp schools.

It has also been a time where our school NAPLAN results were posted. This brings me to this newsletter point, "reading needs to be practiced". At school, we teach and encourage students to practice reading, and we ask students to do all those other skills with regularity. Our kids need more though.

Reading a book, a set of instructions to fix your motorbike or even the lyrics to some of your favourite songs are all great ways to build fluency in reading.

There have been world-wide studies conducted that prove that the more fluent (accurate and fast) a child is in reading, the better the life experiences of that child. This is an important skill that should be supported and encouraged in the home. A student who can read well, is able to complete their work easier.

Our Library has many books available for students to take home, and I encourage our parents and carers to have a routine and space where kids can relax and read at home. Storytelling is a wonderful way to share and connect.

As we move into the next term, I encourage families to reach out if they need support to get kids to school. Regular attendance and participation in school is also a proven element of positive growth for kids moving into adulthood. Take out there. Thank you to all families for your continued support of your school.

Mr Eliot Money \$\$





Merit Award Winners



Term 3—Week 5



Kai Alford

Lucas Altham

Cattalaya Bani

Rebecca Bunworth x2

Collishai Bangmorra

Ivan Cox

Zahara Charles x2

Rosanna Cronin

Terahn Carter

Sakio Charles-Bear

Marjorie Cox

Paullah Cartwright

Andrew Edgar x3

Jabin Edgar

Riley Ferguson

Portia Flack

Samaya Gault

Braxton Hardy

Arlo Hoath

Kaison Kitching

Brandon Hope

Ayvah Hepi x3

Indiana Kenafake

Jahmari Maher

Brody Malay

Xavier McCumstie

Audrey Neate

Axel O'Brien x3

Heath O'Neil

Shakira-Storm Prouse

Skiann Roe Watson Cox x2

Lukah Rodd-Gough

Tineale Riley

Kainan Rose

Cameron Steer

Evelyn Singh

Yatim Shadforth

Autochanger Simpson

Harriet Taylor

Kayla Walker

Gladys Ward

Luke Ward





Merit Award Winners



Term 3—Week 7

Izyc-Keel Al-Won

Linden Barba

Wyatt Benn

Paullah Cartwright

Jemma Charles x 2

Kayvarniss Cooper-Raki

Cassius Cronin x 2

Robert Cronin

Te Kaha Ellison

Johnny Fiebig-Ambi

Tom Hardman

Braxton Hardy

Lincoln Hoath

Demi Jenkins

Joevahn Kelly

Joaquin Lawrence

Hecson Loberio

Carson Martin

Arnold McKenzie

Zinhle Murenje

Richard Oliver

Nate Angwin

Shanara Bedford x 2

Scotty Birrell

Henri-Arnah Charles

Freda Clinch

Jack Councillor

Rosanna Cronin

Aoife Deane

Uriah Ejai

Helen French

Zalleha Haji-Noor

Achilles Hicks

Rachael-Jael Juboy

Ivy-Jaye Jenkins

Dennis Kitaura Binbusu

Zykeem Lissan

Brody Malay

Riley May-Pearson

Kalizah Mungulu

Lyla O'Brien

Chase Jnr Oobagooma



Merit Award Winners



Term 3—Week 7



Mary Oozies

Tineale Riley

Taomea'ara Sampi

Harriet Taylor

Dominic Walley

Mwatima Wungundin

Ren Pedro x 2

Bayden Rivers

Patrick Sohia

Anewanewa Thiering

Kiarnah Wungundin





Stars of the Week



Term 3 Week 5

1A | Niddaya Ambi

1B | Ren Pedro

2A | James Wungundin

2B | Con-nell Cox

3/4C | Helena Lawrence

3A | Reggie Kerr-Siddons

3B | Nuela Binkali

5A | Thayne Mutsigwa

Digi Tech | Karson Pritchett

1/3 PE & Health |

4/6 PE & Health |

Week 6

1A | Elijah Frost

1B | Kaison Kitching

2A | Alarnah Lwoy

2B | Poppy Kennedy

3/4C | Ivan Anthony

3A | Evelyn Singh

3B | Shari Skeen

4A | Lincoln Cairns

5A | Bella Sampi

5/6B | Rachael Juboy

3/4 Support |

1/3 PE & Health |

Matilda Nandoo

Ivan Loberio

4/6 PE & Health |

Rachael Juboy

Week 7

1A | River Bidwell

1B | Germace Waterloo

2A | Bayden Rivers

2B | Marley Hoath

3/4C | Cassius Cronin

3A | Xavier Egan

3B | Milan Letufuga

4A | Spencer Egan

5A | Aasiya Saeed

5/6B | Kattalyna Bani

6A | Karla Mungulu

Digi Tech | Auhla Eve-Simons



Primary School News

...with Mr Angus, Mrs Franz and Mrs Dowding

It has been a wonderful and very busy term across the school, with plenty of exciting events and opportunities for our students.

In the Early Years, we celebrated Father's Day with a special Kindy breakfast. It was fantastic to see so many dads and father figures join us for bacon and egg rolls, while the children proudly shared their craft creations. The Kindy Carnival was also a great success, with students showcasing the progress they have made this year. They should all be very proud of their efforts!

In the Primary, students have already competed in the Interschool Jumps and Throws, displaying great determination and sportsmanship. This Friday, Derby District will head to Broome to compete in the Interschool Athletics Carnival, and we wish all our competitors the very best. We also look forward to seeing our students shine on stage at Yoh Fest later this week.

The Year5s will engage in a 2 Way Science excursion on Thursday the 9th of September. We are looking forward to the learning on country and hearing about the students experiences from this opportunity.

This Thursday is **R U OK? Day**, where students will enjoy a range of fun and engaging activities to promote wellbeing and connection. The day will finish with a burst of colour as everyone takes part in our exciting Colour Run.

Our Year 6 and Year 4 students have recently returned from their camps to One Arm Point and Broome. Both were a huge success, with outstanding feedback from the principals who joined them. These experiences are such a valuable part of learning, and the students represented our school with pride.

Book Week was another highlight of the term, with students and staff putting in an exceptional effort. From the creative parade costumes, to writing and sharing books, and buddy reading across year levels, the week truly celebrated a love of reading.

It has surely been a big and busy term so far, and everyone should feel proud of their hard work and achievements. Looking ahead, we have even more to look forward to, including the Interschool Spelling Bee, incursions from Constable Care, and the highly anticipated **Big Freeze**. Keep an eye out for dates—it's going to be an exciting finish to the term!

As always, thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to bringing more exciting updates,

Angus McMillan, Amy Franz and Tara Dowding.

High School News

...with Miss Dennis, Mr Cooper and Miss Gavan

Derby District High School was one of only 11 schools across Western Australia invited to present at the 2025 Resources Technology Showcase (RTS) in Perth. The biennial event brings together leaders from government, industry, education, and research to highlight the role of STEM in shaping the future. This year's theme, *"Realise Another World"*, encouraged participants to showcase innovative solutions that extend beyond current boundaries.

Four Year 9 Digital Technologies students presented microcontroller-powered cars they designed and built, combining 3D-printed chassis, servo motor circuitry, Arduino coding, and wireless webserver control. Students also explored the wider exhibition, gaining insights into STEM careers and technologies.

Our students demonstrated Courage,

Diligence, and Strength, proudly representing themselves, the school, and the wider community. As a regional school, the chance to attend an event of this magnitude was both unique and inspiring, opening students' eyes to the exciting career pathways that STEM can offer.



National Simultaneous Storytime 2025



On Tuesday the 21st of May at 12:00pm, students across Derby District High School came together to celebrate National Simultaneous Storytime 2025. This annual event promotes the value of reading and literacy, bringing children and books together across Australia.

This year's story, *The Truck Cat*, was shared enthusiastically by staff in classrooms filled with eager listeners. It was a fantastic opportunity to pause and celebrate the joy of storytelling!



Book Week!

In week 6, we celebrated book week at DDHS. Some of the highlights were the parade, reading buddies and the DDHS Spelling Bee.







Year 2 Runner Up Grace Young-Buckle and Winner Alannah Lwoy



3/4 Runner Up Spencer Egan and Winner Helena Lawrence



5/6 Runner Up Felicity Murenje and Winner Karla Mungulu



7/8 Winner: Althea Jose

7/8 Runner Up: Eric Rose

7/8 3rd Place: Aleksia Ozies

7/8 4th Place: Jaxon Egan

Primary Science

...with Miss Salmeri

Our Year 5 students recently had the opportunity to participate in an engaging two way science lesson with Jane Edwards and Farren. The focus of the lesson was on the Minni Ritchi tree and its traditional medicinal uses.

Students explored how fire can cause changes in matter, learning to distinguish between reversible and irreversible changes. They boiled Minni Ritchi leaves to create a medicinal wash, observing how the leaves and water transformed through heat. This hands-on lesson provided a meaningful connection between Western science and Aboriginal knowledge, showing students the importance of cultural understanding and care for Country.

It was a wonderful example of learning that is interactive, cultural, and scientific.



Music

...with Miss Rees

Music News

It's been a huge few weeks in the music block, with plenty of sound, energy, and creativity spilling out of every classroom! Byron's music group had the enjoyment of going to Larrkardi Radio Station to record their own music — giving them a proper taste of what life in the studio is like.

In **Miss Alice's classes**, our Year 4s have been singing their hearts out, working together in bands, and even producing their very own Drum and Bass tracks. The Year 5s have jumped headfirst into electronic music, writing lyrics and creating their own House and Techno tracks, while the Year 6s are starting to record the original songs they've been working on, in their bands, this term. Our Year 7s are going full steam ahead, growing into all-round musicians with instrument practice, singing, and even a bit of DJ-ing and music production thrown in for good measure.

Meanwhile, our **extracurricular groups** have been just as busy! The School Choir, *Rees's Pieces*, *Food Truck*, and Byron's *Derby Deadlies* have all been learning new music and getting performance-ready.

And now for the big news - **save the date: Saturday 20th September!** From 2pm to 6pm, there will be a free sausage sizzle. Our bands will be performing at Mowanjum, and it's set to be another brilliant celebration of music and community. Bands playing will be; Primary school band: Rees' Pieces, High school band: Food Truck, Derby School Choir, Australian Children's Music Foundation band: The Derby Deadlies, School Staff Band: The Circles of Apes, Local Mowanjum band: The Kruizers and others to be confirmed. Letters for band members will be coming home in the next couple of weeks with all the details.



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

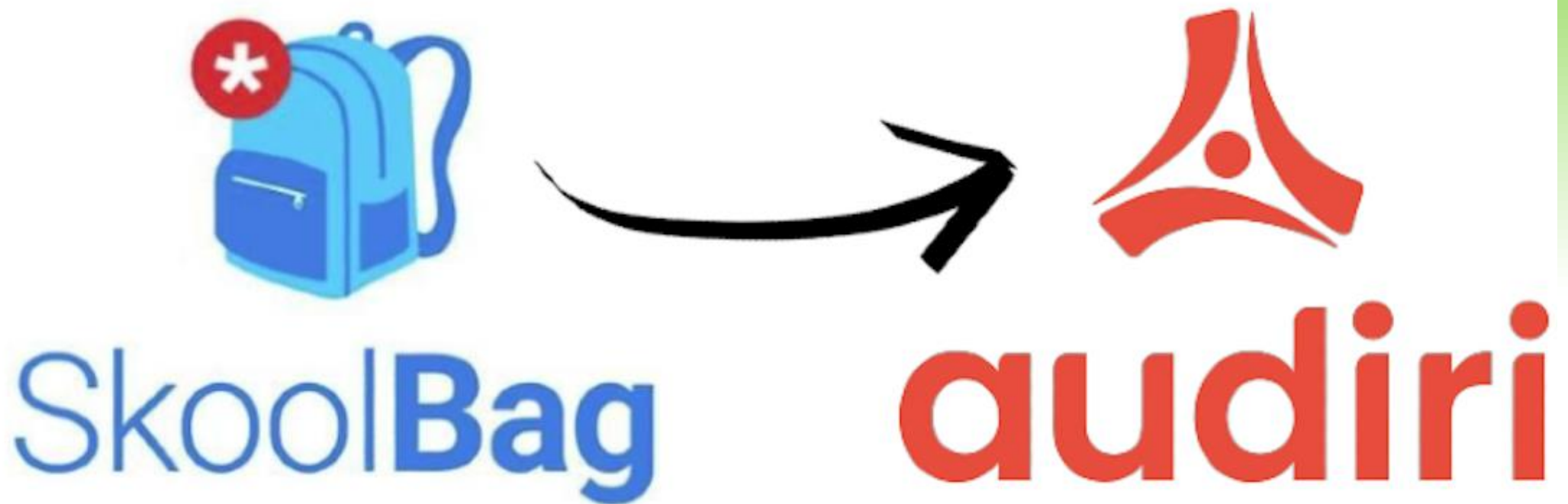
We are seeking parent and community representatives who want to contribute to school decisions.

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



**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.

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

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 3

11th September - RUOK Day?

12th September - Primary Interschool Athletics Carnival

16th September - Interschool Spelling Bee

20th September - Music Showcase - Mowanjum

26th September - Last day of term 3

13th October - First day for term 4

Term 3 Weeks 8-10

September Week 8	8	Newsletter Articles Due OLNA Year 10, 11 & 12						
		Student Services Meeting 2.30 pm						
	9	OLNA Year 10, 11 & 12						
September Week 9	15	OLNA Year 10, 11 & 12 TAFE Block Yr 10, 11 & 12 Ranger Cent NRT						
		Staff Meeting 2.30 pm						
	16	OLNA Year 10, 11 & 12 TAFE Block Yr 10, 11 & 12 Ranger Cent NRT Interschool Spelling Bee - BME						
September Week 10	22	OLNA Year 10, 11 & 12 Astronomy Night TBC						
		Open Night 5:00 – 6:30 pm						
	23	OLNA Year 10, 11 & 12						
	24	OLNA Year 10, 11 & 12 TAFE Block Yr 10, 11 & 12 Ranger Cent NRT SSPBS Committee Meeting 2.30 pm						
	25	OLNA Year 10, 11 & 12 TAFE Block Yr 10, 11 & 12 Ranger Cent NRT Social Club Committee Meeting 2.30pm						
	26	SLT - 7:00 am SALT Gilgunda (Gambling) Night						
	27	OLNA Year 10, 11 & 12 TAFE Block Yr 10, 11 & 12 Ranger Cent NRT The Big Freeze Period 5						
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