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# Term 4 Newsletter

## Principal's Report

Dear Dianella ESC School Community,

As we reach the final days of 2023, I reflect on the achievements and growth our students, staff and school have achieved. It is with pride that I can acknowledge strong student engagement and participation, a happy and calm school culture, and a robust vision for 2024. We have enjoyed successful camps, assemblies, sporting events, whole precinct celebrations, a public school review and semesterly discos!

I wish to thank all the amazing staff for their endless dedication and hard work in supporting our students socially, emotionally, and academically to feel they are connected to our school community. I would also like to thank all our families for their ongoing support throughout the year. I am also grateful to have parent representation on our Precinct School Board and would like to thank Toni-Louise Saunders and Anita Lohani for their engagement in this governance.

Unfortunately, at the end of the year we sadly farewell staff and welcome others as they return. We farewell Ms Marrs as she takes a permanent position with the School of Special Educational Needs: Disability and we wish Mr Naidoo a happy retirement! Logan Naidoo has been a member of our school staff for 15 years and a committed teacher for 21 years with the Department of Education. We will miss him dearly and I would like to acknowledge his contribution to the education of our students and thank him for his dedication.

In 2024 we welcome back Mr Cranston Collis after a three-year secondment back into his role as Deputy Principal and farewell Mr Breadmore as he take up an amazing career opportunity in another secondary school.

Merry Christmas to everyone! I wish all families and staff a happy and relaxing holiday season. We will welcome our students back in 2024 on Wednesday the 31st of January.

Stay safe and go well.

## IMPORTANT DATES

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| Students Commence | Wednesday 31 January |
| Labour Day (Public Holiday) | Monday 4 March |
| Cut-off to apply for Secondary Assistance | Thursday 28 March |
| School Holidays | Friday 29 March - Monday 15 April |

## Charges and Contributions

Charges and Contributions for the 2024 school year were sent out via Connect in late November. They are also available on our school website at: www.dianellascesc.wa.edu.au/contributions-charges/

## Book Lists

All 2024 Book Lists can be found on our school website at: www.dianellascesc.wa.edu.au/booklists/

## Memories of 2023

We asked some of our students for their favourite memories of 2023.

Brock: My favourite memory of 2023 is all the time I spent with Garath.

Phoenix: My favourite memory was meeting Zoe.

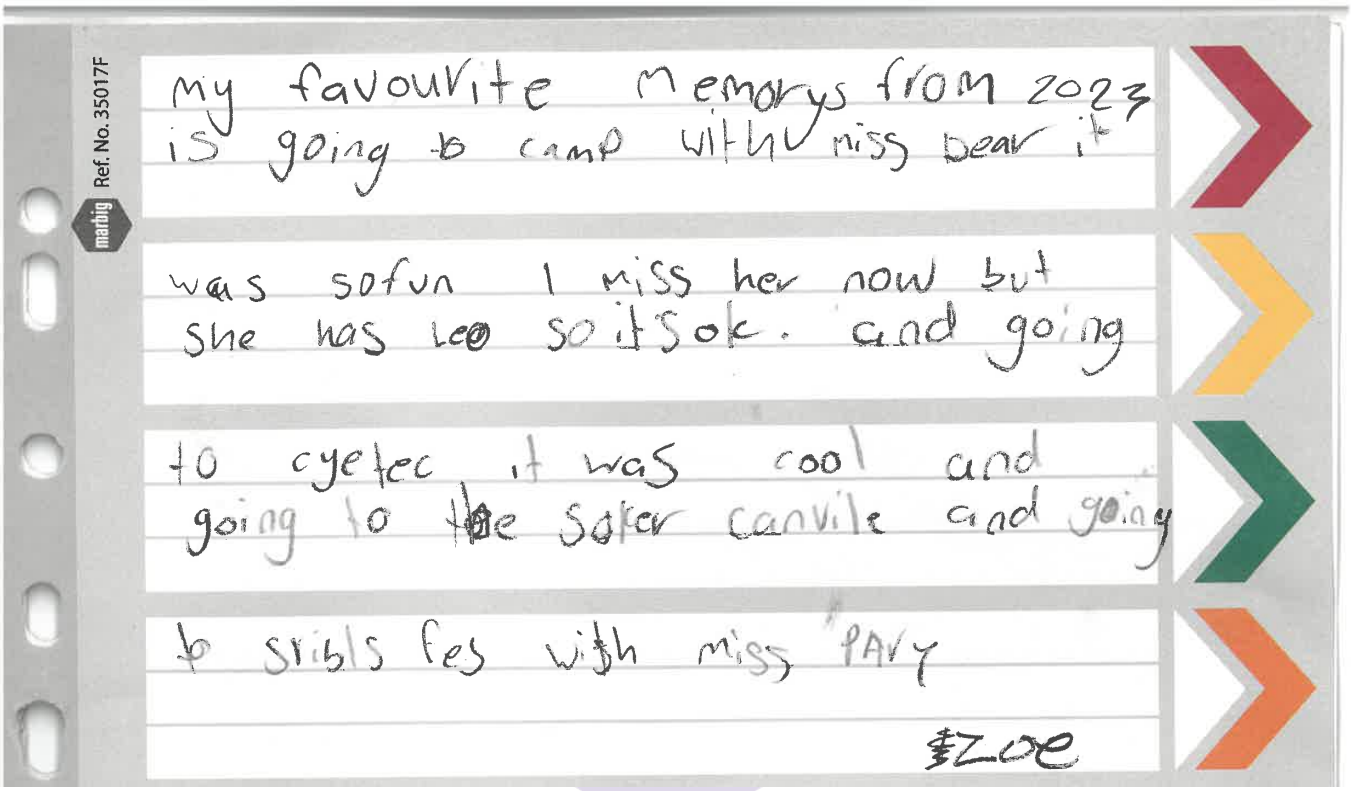
Riley: My favourite memory of 2023 was getting to go on camp with all my friends and cut wood and make a fire.

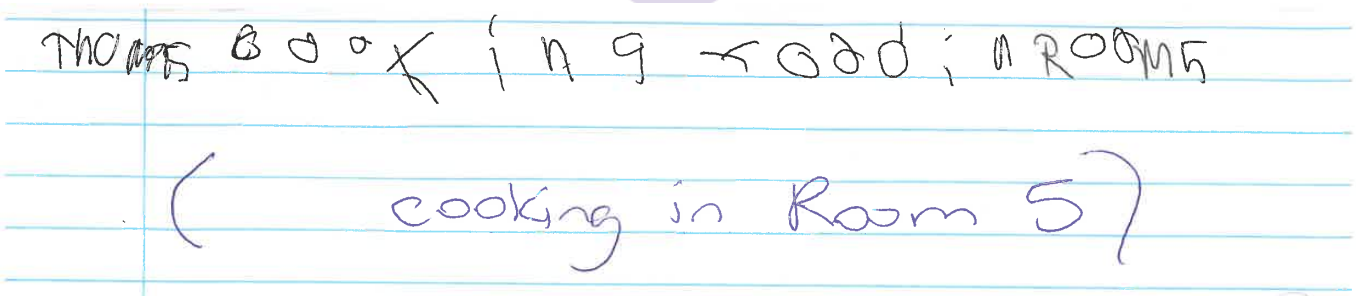
Garath: My favourite memory from 2023 was hanging out with my friend Brock.

Jacob: My favourite memory of 2023 was when I became a house captain for Hydra.

Liam: I loved going on Camp with my friends.

Angus: I enjoyed learning how to fish.



**Memories of 2023**

Was Making the Scoota movie With my Friends and having fun doing the movie. in room 5.

by Laith

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I'm gratful for starting the tradition of Gratitude Journals.

Animal museum 14/12/23Achuk because it has funy moments and cool Aanimil stachy.

(cool animal states)

Sam

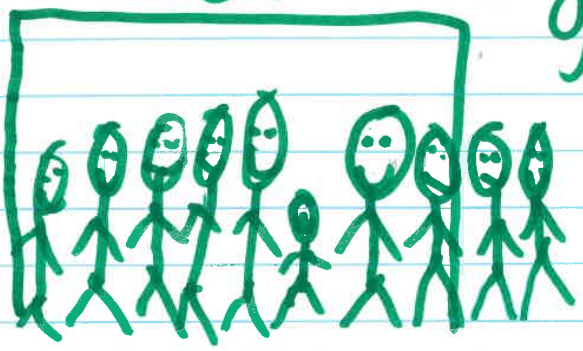
Me singing at Dianella. Got talent.

my favorite highlight of 2023 is the year 8/9 camp at Bickly. with Deegan, Leo, rosie, Emillie, Krystal, george, izzy, Zoe, shonequa, lucas, ashatosh, and lily. that was fun with more girls. But the girls were very loud.
-Elizabeth

**Memories of 2023**

Leon 14/12/2023

i went to perth zoo this year it was good

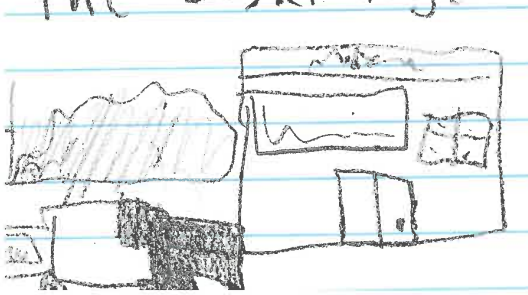


Irina

The Zoo

Ali 14-12-23

My fdvourite memory this year is the Bushranger Reward Camp and silent disco.



Chloe

going dancing

Cheerleading

**Memories of 2023**

My favourite memory of this year was the last excursion -

George

Rosie

My favorite memories of 2023 all the silly things we did and silly things max and george say like: Sorry core, there's a horus in the toilet, thank you for saying sorry but don't do it again.

JAMIE

Making new friends and COOKING TOASTIES FOR cheesy tuesdays.

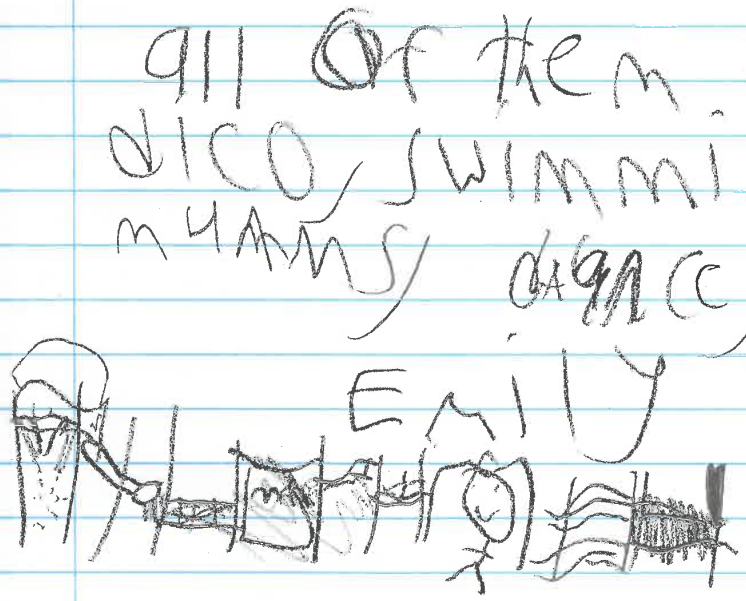
I REALLY LOVE the ZUMBA dances. ZUMBA is the best the disco was the best the CAMP IS the best.

**Memories of 2023**

- going to camp and do the Zipline.
- do Surfing was fun.
- going to bounce

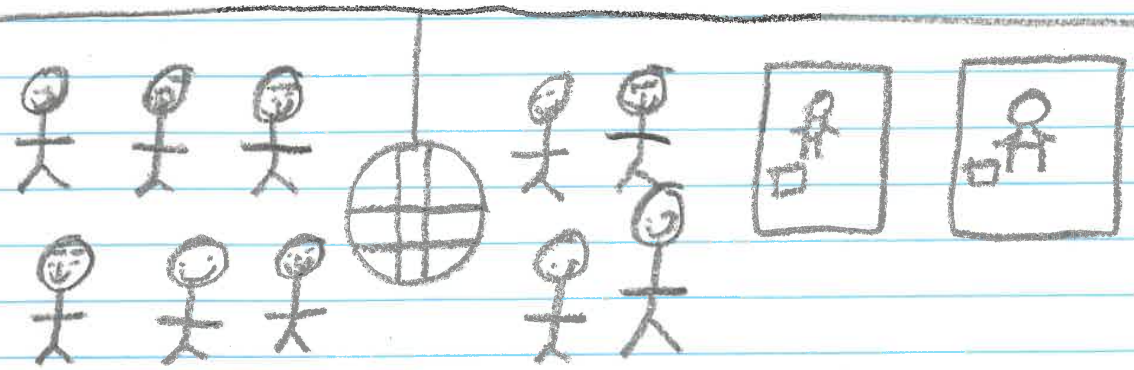
My Favourite Memories was hang out with Zoe, Riley and Phoenix at School.

Krystal



**Memories of 2023**

I had a great time at the Disco.



Playing football with Jai and Bushrangers reward Camp and going on "The Wall" at Outback Splash.

Deon Room 1

RAYDAN

PLAYING MUSIC AND HANGING OUT AT MUSIC ROCKS WITH MR STOCKLEY

**Memories of 2023**

my favourite time in 2023 was going on camp. I had so much fun!

- Atong

My favourite part of the year camp.

Stephanie

I loved the Silent Disco that was this week.

Lawson Room 1

The fun day event take room 1

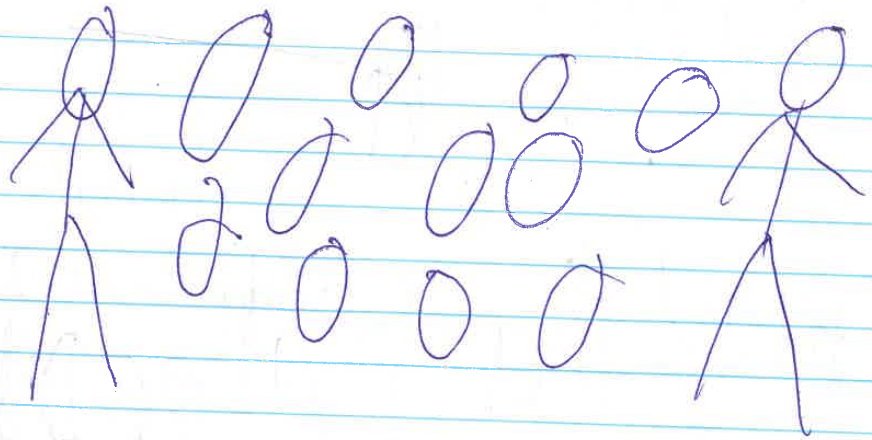
**Memories of 2023**

My favourite memory is whole school sport

Irum Room 7

I really like playing Dodgeball (dodgeball)

Mylo



## Room 1

Room 1 has had a busy term 4. We have enjoyed excursions to the Perth Zoo, the Fremantle Maritime Museum and Kings Park. The students have designed and built dioramas using recycled materials and have made stop motion animations using them. The students have created characters using Plasticine and have brought them to life using stop motion!

As a Year 7 cohort we held an Ancient Greece party to celebrate all we have learned over the semester. As the school year comes to a close, we wish all the students a safe and happy holidays!

## Room 2

Room 2 has had a busy Term 4! To finish off an amazing year we have participated in many different fun events such as many community access excursions to Perth Zoo, Kings Park and the Maritime Museum in Fremantle. All the students had lots of fun and a highlight was having lunch at Cicerello's in Fremantle.

This term we had an Ancient Greek lunch to consolidate all our HASS learning. Students planned the menu including the key parts of what the Ancient Greeks used to eat and created wreath crowns for students to wear. They were then divided up into three groups to represent the different societal roles and role played how things were in the Ancient Greek life. All the students showed the knowledge they had learnt and enjoyed the Ancient Greek lunch.

The students should be so proud of all they have done this year.

Have a happy and safe holiday.

## Room 3

To finish of an amazing year, Room 3 has enjoyed many different excursions with the other year 7 classes. We went to the Perth Zoo, Kings Park and the Fremantle Maritime Museum, where we enjoyed lunch at Cicerellos. The students have been demonstrating their amazing painting skills and learnt about Picasso, landscape and self-portrait painting styles.We have also been learning about Ancient Greece in HASS and have enjoyed exploring the different roles, jobs, houses, clothes and food. They have created Minecraft Ancient Greek houses, created meal plans and designed Greek costumes. To finish the term, they have participated in an Ancient Greek party, playing different roles and making food to eat from this era.  It has been an amazing year in Room 3, with many memories, laughs and friendships made.

## Room 4

Room 4 has had a very busy and productive term, the students had the opportunity to go on an excursion to DFES Education and Heritage Centre. After catching the bus to the city, we had a lovely walk through the centre of Perth. At the Heritage Centre we walked around and saw amazing examples of old firefighting equipment and the latest equipment used to fight fires. We had the chance to sit inside a fire truck and try on helmets and jackets. It was a fun and educational excursion.

Also, this term one of our students had surfing lessons which she enjoyed and had so much fun!  All the students have also been doing a lot of creative writing and have even written, illustrated and published their own story book and they look amazing!

Along with learning lots of new and challenging maths, some amazing science experiments, and coding, we have had a fun year and learnt a lot and now we are looking forward to doing some Christmas cooking and craft activities to end a fantastic year.

From Room 4 we wish everyone a safe and happy holiday!

## Room 5

It's incredible how fast the end of this year has come about, and how much has been achieved by the students of Room 5. They are all competent times table tellers, clock readers, persuasive and creative. They have grown to think beyond themselves, to research without relying on Wikipedia, and to discuss their beliefs and opinions about local and current affairs.

There has also been a lot of fun with involvement in the Robotics Lego competition, surfing, on an excursion to Scribblers Festival students heard the author Lev Grossman speak about his book "The Silver Arrow" which we had studied in class. They also enjoyed decorating the classroom into a spooky Halloween house!

As the school year draws to a close it is important to recognise how much the students have grown academically, emotionally and socially, how wonderful and supportive their families have been of myself and the journey of their children, and the incredible EA staff who have made all of this possible.

Thank you and all the best to everyone for 2024.

## Room 6

As we quickly approach the end of the year, the buzz of activity in Room 6 is undeniable. This term has been filled with a multitude of captivating projects and engaging activities that have kept us all on our toes.

In an effort to enhance independent travel skills, our students embarked on exciting excursions to Lakeside Joondalup and Karrinyup Shopping Centre. These trips provided valuable opportunities for them to navigate the community and practice their travel skills. Additionally, they had the chance to purchase items for our Retail program, Cheesy Tuesdays.

Creativity has also been a school-wide focus this term. Our students engaged in various art projects, including creating Halloween decoration masks, pom poms, a bush hammock, and chatterboxes. The results were truly impressive, and we are proud of the creativity they have demonstrated.

In preparation for the future, our students had the opportunity to develop their job interview skills and techniques. Through mock interviews conducted by our Careers expert, Mr. Jorgenson, our students gained valuable insights into the interview process. These sessions were instrumental in building their confidence and preparing them for future job opportunities.

As we conclude Term 4, we would like to express our gratitude to all the students for their efforts this year and best of luck in 2024!

## Room 8

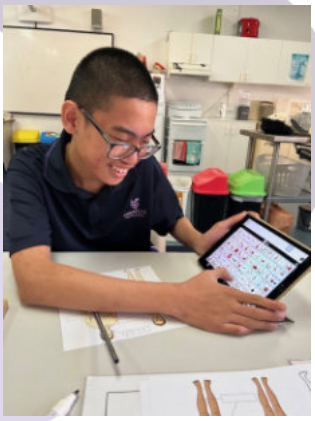
Room 8 has had a very exciting, enjoyable and productive Term 4! The students have learnt about a range of new topics and further developed their personal skill-sets. In History the class have been learning all about the Viking era. They have participated in a variety of activities to build their knowledge of Viking life, jobs, food and traditions. The students have experienced some hands-on tasks, including making parchment paper, helmets, writing their names in Runes and planning and cooking a Viking feast!

The class topic for Health this term has been puberty and all the wonderful and strange changes the body goes through. The students have tried their hardest to be mature and to understand and learn about how best to recognise and manage these changes.

Our wonderful and amazing Education Assistant Miss Dear left our class to commence her maternity leave. The students had the fortunate experience of tracking her baby's growth throughout the year and enjoyed seeing the changes in sizes. The class helped to organise a farewell party for Miss Dear and created lovely baby gifts to give. We played lots of fun baby shower games, such as tasting baby food, guessing the poo, pin the dummy on the baby and egg and spoon races!

The school started the Surfing Program this term, allowing certain students to learn how to surf. Zoe has been a participant of this program and is becoming quite the talented surfer. Gnarly dude! The Creative Writing Program has returned this term! Izzy has joined the program and attends every Monday to develop her writing skills over a range of genres. It has been fantastic to see her engagement in the program and to see all the great work she has produced.

We are all very proud of the students in Room 8 and all that they have achieved.



## Room 9

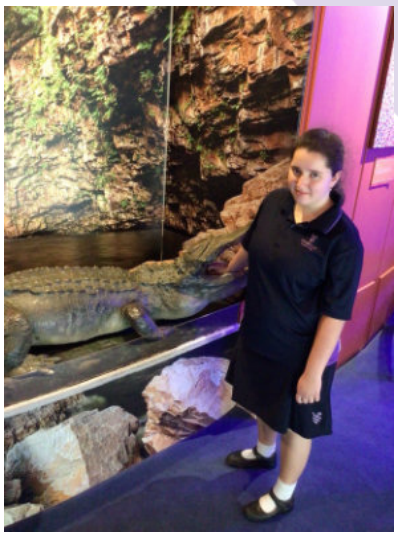
Room 9 has had a very busy, enjoyable, and productive Term 4.  We have continued to commit every lunch 1 to our Sensory Program of music, games and having outdoor fun.

Room 9 has been cooking different recipes and learning new skills. Some of the dishes we have created included frosted cupcakes, cheese/chive muffins, caramel brownies, chicken wraps, noodles topped with egg, macaroni cheese and risotto. We also have an ongoing breakfast club every Monday.

The class has been on a few excursions including Mirrabooka Square where they shopped for ingredients for their cooking. We also visited AQWA, Scitech and Perth Zoo where the student's had amazing times.

Congratulations to Sarah and Ali for their commitment to learning and to excellence within the Bushranger Program over the year.  Both students will be attending a reward camp to Swan Valley Adventure Centre. Congratulations to Irina who received Room 9 Excellence Award.

We wish all students and families Happy Holidays and look forward to a wonderful 2024!!



## Room 11

Room 11 has had a busy term! The start of the term was focused on completing ASDAN units, emphasising work safety and readiness, and developing their cooking skills as part of the Meal Preparation module. The students have been working hard on creating persuasive leaflets about famous Aboriginal landmarks, infused with hyperbole and irony, showcasing their creativity.

The work readiness programs—Cheesy Tuesday, Lansdale Farm, and Café BFE—have been in full swing, and the students have become more independent and risen to the challenges set. In the Café, all students have trialled the industrial coffee machine and perfected their customer service skills, interacting with staff members. Independent ordering and delivery has now come to fruition, and the culinary delights served are all made by the hardworking students.

It is that time of the year when we reflect on our growth and progress. We've experienced a growing closeness as a class, and social games have become more competitive! The students have come so far, and they all deserve commendation for their hard work.

Congratulations to Liam and Roshan for their commitment to the Bushranger Program throughout the year, and for being the newly appointed Bushranger cadet leaders! Congratulations to Jacob for achieving the Room 11 Excellence Award.

We wish you a happy and safe holiday, and the best of luck for the next year.

## Room 12

Term 4 has been a busy term for the students in Room 12, with the students preparing for their futures in Year 10 and 11. Some of the Room 12 students went to Cyril Jackson during the term to complete their White Card training. This training allows the students to enter work sites for work experience and future employment in construction or trades. All three of the students that attended the training passed and are looking forward to getting out into the industry and applying their knowledge.

During Outdoor Education this term, the students have been lucky enough to go Surfing at Brighton Beach, with Ocean Heroes. It has been an extremely fun and challenging experience with students mastering their balance and control to stand up on the board and ride some waves. For some, the long board was not challenging enough, so they attempted the short boards but sure enough, met their match!

In Science the students have worked extremely hard, learning about natural disasters. They conducted research about their natural disaster and then created a diorama based on their topic. The students put their knowledge into practice and used a range of materials to recreate their natural disaster which destroyed their diorama, but not before catching it on film.  Once the students had their footage, they created a news report, describing the natural disaster and what it would be like to experience. This was a very fun project which had some amazing news reports from the Dianella Newsroom.

We are extremely proud of the hard work Room 12 have put in this term. It's bittersweet to see the end of the term approach but everyone has definitely earned their holidays!

## Room 14

We have had a wonderful and memorable year in Room 14. Our Year 12s had a busy beginning of term participating in the Big Plan celebration and the Graduation Dinner before their final graduation in Week 4. Although we'll miss them, we're excited about their futures.

Our Year 11s finished up in week 6, looking forward to a long summer holiday ready to come back for Year 12 next year. We'd like to thank all the parents for their support this year. It's been a great year for everyone in Room 14.

## Room 15

We can't believe it is the end of what has been an extremely busy but fun year in Room 15 where the students have created many special memories. It was a short final term for our year 12 students who graduated in week 4. It was an exciting and moving graduation assembly where we farewelled Matthew, Bao and Jos. Although it is sad that they have graduated we are so excited for what the future holds for each of them. The Year 11 students finished in week 6 and are to be commended on working hard on finishing off their work and completing programs in such a short term. From all of us in Room 15, we would sincerely like to thank all the parents for their amazing support throughout this year. It has been a fantastic year that all the students have enjoyed.

## Room 16

This term has been a very busy one for the students in room 16. We have moved our classroom from Room 10 to Room 16 in the first week. The students enjoy their new classroom with a beautiful view to the back oval.

Our Year 12 students had several exciting events such as The Big Plan, Graduation Dinner and Graduation Ceremony.  The graduation dinner was a big success with all students and their families. It was a great night for everyone having tasty meals and dancing together. It was nice to see all the graduates smartly dressed in their graduation gowns. The ceremony was very pleasant and the students were all emotional. We wish them all the best in their future.

Some of Year 11 students had opportunities to participate in bush walking and swimming on the beach. They have enjoyed walking through the Cottonwood Reserve and seeing wild flowers in fresh air. Some of them tried boogie board on the beach and had a wonderful time.

We wish all our students and their families a safe and joyful holiday. We are eagerly looking forward to the start of Term 1 in 2024 and all the exciting learning opportunities it will bring!

## STEM

Room 6 has been frightfully busy this term with a wide range of STEM activities, both inside and outside the classroom. From crafting characters to building bush hammocks, organizing a Halloween Party, and moulding clay flowers, our students have been on a thrilling journey of discovery and innovation.

One of our recent STEM endeavours involved creating character masks using recyclable materials. Our students demonstrated their imagination and problem-solving skills by designing unique characters from everyday items such as cardboard, plastic bottles, and old magazines. This activity not only fostered creativity but also instilled a sense of environmental consciousness as they repurposed the unwanted things.

As Halloween approached, our class organised a spooktacular Halloween Party with a STEM twist. Students were challenged to use the Dianella Design Process to build their own Halloween decorations again using recycled materials. This activity not only enhanced their creativity but also encouraged teamwork and critical thinking. The party itself was a blast, with students showcasing their decorations during Cheesy Tuesday's opening hours for the whole school to enjoy.

Stay tuned for more STEM adventures as we continue to explore and innovate at Dianella ESC together in 2024!

## Outdoor Education

Term 4 is all about the beach! We have been working with the highly qualified and knowledgeable crew from Ocean Heroes who specialise in surf lessons for young people on the Autism spectrum. Our students have learnt the fundamentals of surfing while having some fun in the ocean. It has been awesome to see our students step outside their comfort zone and try something new!

## Physical Education

We have spent the first five weeks of term developing our indoor hockey skills and game play. Students have learnt to control the ball through warm up drills and have enjoyed competitive games with their peers. The second half of the term has been focused on AFL, students have particularly liked playing AFL 9's during session times.

It has been an absolute blast teaching O.D.E & P.E this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all classes across the school and going on many fun and exciting excursions!

## Work experience 2023

It has been a busy year for the year 11/12 students attending the work experience program.

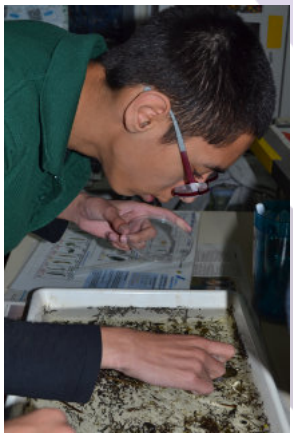
- GMS Training Academy, Malaga – Students attend 2 days paid work over 18 months to complete SBT Certificate II:  Supply Chain Operations. We have had 3 students graduate during the month of August, Ryan, Cameron and Caleb. With 2 more students completing their traineeship in December, Tri and Jos. Congratulations!
- Bao has been successful securing a SBT, Certificate II: Hospitality at The Aloft Hotel, Rivervale.  We look forward to celebrating his completion during 2024.
- Dianella ESC has built a great relationship with Edge Employment Solutions for select students to complete a 7 week employability program, 'Charged up for Work'.  Students attend independently to either Subiaco or Joondalup.
- Students have also completed various work experience placements in supported employment at Westcare, Alinea, Good Sammy and Workpower. These students attend with an Education Assistant to build their employability skills, social and communication skills.
- There was also a small group of students that completed their work experience independently at Events Cinemas, Jim Kidd Sports and Red Dot Stores.

## Bushrangers 2023

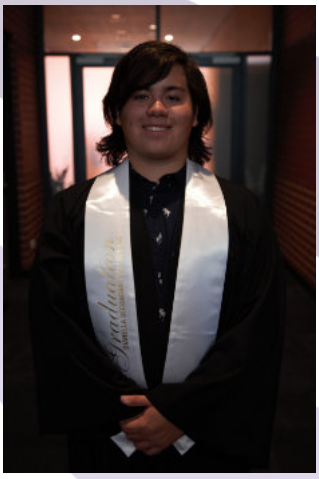
2023 has been an exciting year for our Bushranger Cadets at Dianella ESC. Thanks to parent support, many of our students were able to go on camps and excursions. When the cadets go on camps, it help to develop their independence.

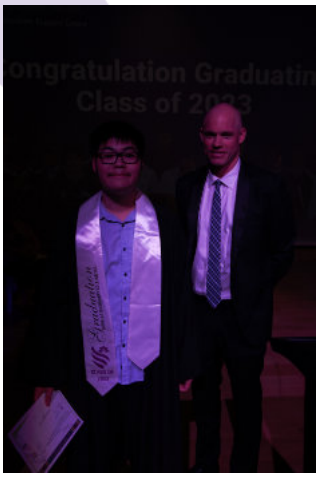
The different incursions at school helped to educate our cadets about the importance of caring for our environment. We had a whole school litter clean up in Term 1 whilst National School Tree Day in Term 3 was useful to green the area around our school by planting native shrubs and trees. Bushranger Day is an event all students look forward to. There were great presentations on macro-invertebrates, birds of prey, turtles and native animals.

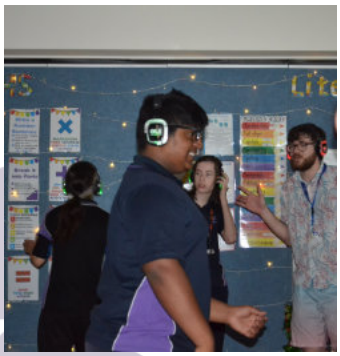
Thanks to all our current Bushranger Student Cadet Leaders for presenting interesting facts on Western Australian native animals on the school PA system. Congratulations to the 2024 Bushranger Student Cadet leaders. We will continue to fight food waste by composting and running our worm farm.



# Graduation 2023





## End of Year Fun Day 2023

As always our End of Year Fun Day is one of the student's favourite days of the year. Everyone had a fantastic time playing laser tag, dancing at the silent disco, playing water games and swimming in the pool.  This was all followed up by a delicious sausage sizzle.