

# Term 3 Newsletter

## *Principal's Report*

Kaya Dianella ESC School Community,

Congratulations on completing Term 3! The year is flying by, and I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our families and staff for your unwavering dedication and support. Your efforts have been essential in ensuring a smooth term and strong attendance.

I'm excited to highlight the exceptional student engagement and participation this term. The AFL carnival was a fantastic event, providing an unforgettable experience for our students. Our NAIDOC celebrations were a success, thanks to our collaboration with our neighbouring primary school and Miss Rekeisha, our shared AEIO.

Our students have shown great enthusiasm in their literacy program (PLD), and it was a pleasure to celebrate their progress at our recent assembly. Congratulations to those excelling in their reading!

The bushranger camps at Bickley and Swan Valley were a memorable first camping experience for many students. The positive feedback reflects the lasting memories created, made possible by our staff's dedication to outdoor learning and social-emotional growth.

R U OK? Day was another important occasion for our community to come together and support one another. A special thank you to the staff who volunteered their time to prepare morning teas and cupcakes, fostering a safe and welcoming environment for our students every day.

A highlight of the term was our Dianella's Got Talent day, where our students truly shone, displaying confidence and talent that made us all proud. Thank you to everyone involved for making it such a special event, and it was wonderful to see so many parents joining us to celebrate our amazing performers.

Enjoy the upcoming term break! We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on October 8. Stay safe!

Best regards,

Julie Allsopp

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>Start of Term 4</b>	<b>Tuesday 8 October</b>
<b>Year 7 Vaccinations</b>	<b>Tuesday 22 October</b>
<b>All Abilities Basketball Carnival</b>	<b>Wednesday 30 October</b>
<b>Year 12 Graduation</b>	<b>Thursday 31 October</b>

## Room 1

Term 3 in Year 7 Room 1 was another blockbuster of activities, the main one being away on school camp with the other two classes.

Coming second in the excitement stakes was the Kalability AFL Day and all the other amazing sport opportunities with netball, volleyball and soccer.

It wasn't all just sport however, we concentrated on our PLD spelling each morning (with some students already moving up a level!), extended our maths tally and graphing skills during the Olympics medal counts, planted a bee and butterfly garden, and improved our language skills learning some phrases in Spanish, French and Italian.

Two of our students Haiden and Aliyah entered the Prime Ministers Spelling Bee and competed against thousands of other students across the country, receiving participation certificates for their excellent efforts.

Our vegetable gardens are thriving as is our class fish Neptune Indigo Oceanus the Siamese fighting fish who is fed, and his tank cleaned as part of the class jobs.

It is wonderful to see the students working so well as a team, growing up as they move towards Year 8 and having settled so well into the year.



## Room 2

Our Year 7's have had a busy term 3!

This term we have participated in many different fun events! The students have learnt lots of new sports including netball, volleyball, soccer and learnt some sports for the athletics carnival.

This term we also had book week. Students and staff dressed up as their favourite characters from different stories and books they have read. We also learnt about the Olympics and researched the country Spain and tracked their progress throughout the games.

A highlight from this term is the year 7 camp. We went to Swan Valley Adventure Centre from the 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> of August. The students participated in a range of fun activities such as a park visit, Perth Zoo and a quiz. We finished camp with a trip to Bowling where everyone had a great time!

The students should be so proud of all they have done this term!

We look forward to term 4!



## Room 3

Term 3 has been busy and full of exciting experiences for Room 3.

Across the term we have participated in Olympic challenges as a class and with the whole school. Each student has selected a country and completed research finding out the national dish, traditional dress and interesting facts. From this information they have designed costumes for the class Dash robots and selected a national dish for our cooking lessons. After participating in the challenges our class was awarded silver medal.

In week 6 we enjoyed book week activities and the parade. Each student selected their favourite book we have read and recreated their favourite scene from the book. They enjoyed sharing their love of reading with the class and dressing up for the parade.

To finish off our exciting term, we enjoyed our year 7 camp at Swan Valley Adventure Camp. They students explored the Perth Zoo, camp activities and bowling with their friends.



## Room 4

Term 3 for Room 4 has been filled with many exciting activities and events.

Room 4 attended the Bickley Outdoor Recreation Camp and participated in several Bushranger WA themed activities. Outdoor recreation activities at camp included completing a high ropes course and ziplining.

For Bushrangers cadet activities, students visited Caversham Wildlife Park and Mundaring Weir.

Room 4, alongside the other classes that attended from Dianella, experienced incredible success at the Kalability Kickability AFL Carnival in Kalamunda. For the first time in Dianella history, we were able to secure the win and placed first out of all the schools that attended! We are all extremely proud of this win, which was made possible due to all our AFL training and practice we have been completing during sport this term.

Throughout class and Bushrangers sessions this term, we have been caring for our thriving veggie garden and learning about natural hazards in the world, such as volcanoes, and the affect these have on communities.



## Room 5

Room 5 has had a busy Term 3!

Our Year 8/9 camp to the Bickley Outdoor Recreation Centre involved a quiz night, zip lining and high ropes climbing. The students had a great time getting out of their comfort zone and their first 2-night camp.

In class we have been cooking meals using vegetables we have been growing in our class garden bed. We cooked a stir-fry using our snow peas, a potato and leek soup and a pumpkin soup.

In addition to cooking, we have been practising our bike riding and have enjoyed a bike ride to Cottonwood Reserve. We look forward to all we achieve in Term 4!



## Room 6

This term in Room 6 has been filled with fun experiences and exciting activities. One of the highlights was the Footy Carnival, where students displayed excellent teamwork and enthusiasm. The event was a great way to promote physical fitness, build strong friendships and create fantastic memories.

Students participated in a workplace learning program, gaining valuable skills and insights into potential career paths. Their hard work and growing competence is on-show each week as they begin the transition to upper school next year.

In literacy, our students made fantastic progress through PLD (Promoting Literacy Development). They engaged in reading, writing, and comprehension activities designed to boost their confidence and skills. This program has been a key part of our curriculum, helping students achieve their personal literacy goals.

We also focused on personal and fire safety lessons, ensuring our students are equipped with essential life skills. These sessions, including practice drills, emphasized the importance of staying safe in various situations. NAIDOC Day involved damper making, boomerang throwing and playing indigenous game with the Primary School.

With all these activities, it's been a rewarding and busy term. We're incredibly proud of Room 6 and look forward to more growth next term!



## Room 8

This has been a fun, busy and adventurous term for Room 8.

We had the Year 8/9 camp in week 4 at Bickley Outdoor Recreation Camp. Everyone participated and enjoyed spending time with friends. It was great to see so many brave students climbing ropes and zip-lining across water! All the students demonstrated teamwork, resilience and challenged themselves. Room 8 also went on two exciting excursions this term! We went to the Wellington Square Playground before taking the bus to the Perth Library. The class relaxed under the indoor tree, read books and shared stories with each other. The second excursion was to the Boola Bardip Museum and the Art Gallery. The students loved exploring the insect and animal section and playing on the old-school game consoles.

It has been wonderful to see the students in Room 8 build their friendships, extend their learning and grow their independence this term. They have been growing plants, cooking meals, learning about different emotions and even gaining knowledge about the Medieval Era.



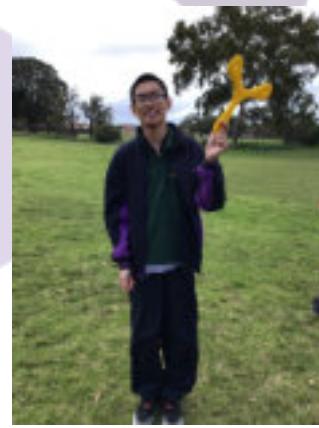
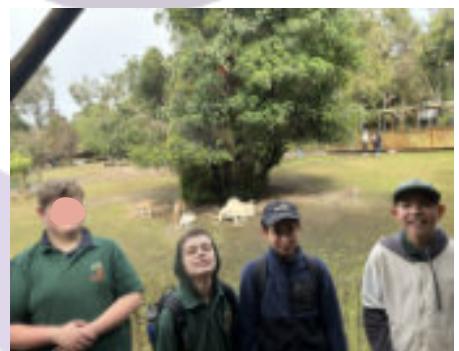
## Room 9

Term 3 in Room 9 has been very eventful.

Students attended the Bickley Adventure Camp. Under the Bush Rangers activities, students attended Caversham Wildlife Park where they met kangaroos, koalas and other Australian wildlife. Students then continued onto Mundaring Weir.

The Years 8/9 students also attended the Kalability Kickability Carnival in Kalamunda. Students had great success in coming first out of all the schools and we are very proud of their achievement. Room 9 has also been accessing community and heading to Mirrabooka shops where they have bought ingredients to practise their culinary skills with fortnightly cooking sessions. Students have made toasties, chicken wraps, vegetable pasta, jacket potatoes with both ham and cheese and baked beans. Bushrangers sessions have also seen our garden produce snow peas, mint and parsley all which have been used in our cooking.

Throughout the term, Room 9 has been researching in History, Medieval Europe specifically knights armour, castles, and the beginning of the Black Plague.



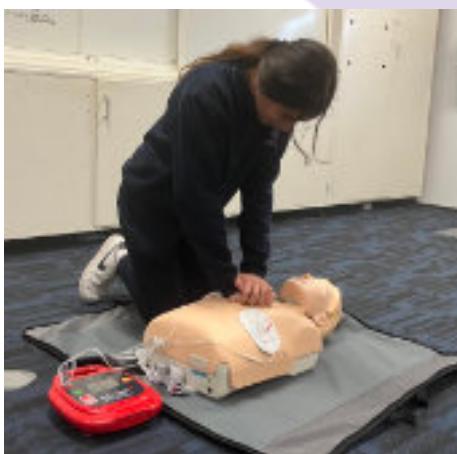
## Room 11

Our class kicked off with mesmerising performances in Media Class, filming numerous sketches tackling themes involving identity. Characters included superheros, Greek Gods, and corrupt government employees.

Room 11 students also had the opportunity to access the high ropes and rock-climbing activities at Bounce in Joondalup.

During History sessions, students explored the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, delving into the horror that was 'The Great War'. Students viewed films, created timelines, drafted Newspaper articles and created propaganda posters to support their investigation.

Lastly, students then took part in basic First Aid training with St John Ambulance staff.



## Room 12

Term 3 has been very busy and exciting in Room 12.

The class participated in a First Aid incursion presented by St John, where students learned essential skills that could one day save lives. They discussed the first aid action plan, how to respond in emergencies and practiced CPR—valuable knowledge for everyone!

The excitement continued with our school Olympic competition. Room 12 represented Canada in the Dianella Olympics and the students embraced their competitive spirit, showcasing teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship in a range of activities. We were so proud to be awarded with a GOLD medal for all our hard work.

Throughout the term we have been trialling new sports, with coaches from Swan Districts All Abilities and SEDA College coming to the school and teaching us AFL, netball, and rugby skills. Dejan and Krystal represented the school at the Kalability AFL carnival and used the skills they had learnt throughout the term to come away with the win for Division 1.

We were also lucky enough to have a very exciting visit from 7 players from the Fremantle Dockers Football Club. It was great to meet the players and ask questions, get pictures and autographs, and play some football games together.

In class, we have been learning about the solar system and the vastness of space. Each student has created their own model solar system and we watched the documentary 'Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey' narrated by Neil deGrasse Tyson to support our learning.

We are very excited to see what next term brings!



## Room 13

What a busy and fun time we've had in Term 3. We have had plenty incursions and excursions.

Some of our students are involved in a Program called "Get Up and Goal" which is about getting the students prepared for work. Our Year 11 and 12 students have commenced "Keys for Life", the beginning of their journey to achieve their Driver's Licence – exciting times! St John Ambulance Service came for a visit and spoke about the importance of driver safety and the consequences of unsafe driving. This was very informative. Many of our students are continuing their work experience at GMS, Work Power, West Care, Morley Galleria Cinemas and Good Sammy. We had a competition to design an Olympic costume out of newspapers and had some mini "Olympic Games".

We had a fantastic visit from seven Fremantle Dockers players. Some students and staff were very excited and got pictures and autographs! The Telethon Institute visited our school and some of the students were filmed by Channel 7 participating in wheelchair basketball, this was due to the students being involved in the Elevate program.

Students involved in the Kalability AFL Football Carnival held in Kalamunda had fun and some were involved in the team that won the Championship Trophy!

Our Retail students designed and created House T-shirts and caps, these were a huge success, and many orders were taken by students and staff. Book Week was held, and we saw some amazing costumes.

Looking forward to Term 4!



## Room 14

Term 3 in Room 14 has been enjoyable and very busy.

We have continued planting our seasonal vegetables during Bushranger session and are awaiting sunflower seedlings to compete in the best Sunflower competition. Students are actively collecting fruit and vegetable scraps for the worm farm.

In class we have made a variety of food including Vegemite Scrolls, Tacos, Cinnamon Tea Cake, Milo and Weet Bix Balls and Pikelets.

Students in Room 14 continue to go to work experience at IKEA and Good Sammy some completing their 55 hours.

It was a fun day for students in Room 14 at the Kalability AFL carnival winning first place. Students also contributed at the school Father's Day by making special bookmarks and helping to sell them, it was a great success.

The year 12 students are looking forward and excited to attend the Graduation lunch next term.



## Room 15

Wow! This term has flown by so quickly, and our students have been incredibly busy with various amazing activities.

Room 15 students kicked off the term by participating in multiple School Olympics-themed competitions, inspired by the 2024 Paris Olympics. They also practiced their netball skills on Mondays with SEDA Netball, took part in AFL workshops on Fridays, and enjoyed the Kalability Carnival. A highlight of these sporting events was a visit from Dockers players, giving students the opportunity to meet them and get their autographs.

Throughout the term, Room 15 focused on enhancing their employability and work skills during work experience, while also working hard on their literacy and math goals. In literacy, students practiced PLD spelling and reading activities and explored various texts. In math, they measured different classroom objects and used the school map to find locations around the school.

A standout moment of the term was the Perth Zoo excursion. The students thoroughly enjoyed the trip and had the chance to apply their learning in a real-world setting. They used the zoo map to navigate animal trails and identified state emblems as part of their Bush Rangers goals.

To sum up, Room 15 has had a fantastic term and is looking forward to more brilliant learning experiences this year.



## Room 16

This term has flown by, and the students have largely settled into the routine of balancing school with work experience. It's a bittersweet time as we prepare to say goodbye to our two Year 13 students, Bao and Tri, who will be dearly missed.

The students have been busy finalizing their portfolios for Certificate 1, ASDAN, and Preliminary Units in Maths. The combination of theoretical knowledge and real-life application has been invaluable to them in their various avenues.

They have also enjoyed participating in a pilot program through the Swans District 'Elevate' initiative, which focused on honing their AFL skills. The program concluded with the AFL Kalability Carnival, where they competed against other schools in the area.

Another highlight of the term was 'Bushrangers Day', where students learnt about Birds of Prey, Turtle conservations and caring for wildlife. Some of the students in Room 16 play each week in 'Music Rocks' and have formed a real love of music and performances with an audience.

We look forward to enjoying our holiday break. We wish Bao and Tri the very best with the exciting future and we look forward to next term which will include events such as the graduation dinner and graduation assembly.



## Dianella's Got Talent

Our students wowed us with many amazing performances, ranging from dancing and singing to parkour and even an Elvis Presley impression!

The afternoon was filled with a lot of laughs and cheers for our students, who showcased their talents and performances that they worked hard to prepare for.



## Dianella's Got Talent



## Term 3 Sport

Term 3 at Dianella has been packed with awesome sporting opportunities that have truly enriched our students' experiences. We kicked off the term with Swan Districts running a fantastic 10-week Elevate Program every Thursday. This program focused on teaching a selected group of students about living healthy and active lifestyles, while also emphasizing their roles as engaged community members. The excitement continued when Channel 7 visited our school to film us in preparation for the Telethon Weekend, adding a touch of media excitement to our sporting activities. One of the standout highlights of the program was getting a taste of wheelchair basketball. This unique experience allowed students to gain insight into adaptive sports and challenge themselves in new ways.

Whilst continuing our AFL heavy term, we had the privilege of hosting the AFL All Abilities team for a three-week program. This was an incredibly cool experience, as the coaches did an outstanding job of engaging all our students in both fun and competitive activities, fostering a sense of teamwork and enthusiasm for AFL.

In addition to these experiences, we were thrilled to welcome seven Fremantle Dockers players to our school. They addressed the whole school during an assembly, participated in a workshop, and held a signing session, which was a memorable and inspiring event for everyone.

Weeks 5 and 6 saw the SEDA Netball students come in to run a two-week netball clinic, which included an all-girls session. This clinic was a great success, with the SEDA students engaging excellently with our students.

Our term also included four weeks of Soccer with Football Futures, funded by Telethon. Their sessions were always exciting and kept our students actively involved. Volleyball WA and Rugby WA also made fantastic contributions, each running three-week programs. The volleyball sessions allowed students to learn new skills and enjoy the sport, while Rugby WA provided a valuable opportunity to learn a contact sport in a safe and supportive environment. Overall, Term 3 was filled with diverse and engaging sporting activities that not only enhanced our students' skills but also boosted their confidence and enjoyment in sports.

We look forward to seeing what Term 4 holds!









## Atheletics Carnival

The 2024 Dianella Athletics Carnival was a truly memorable event, highlighting the wonderful collaboration between our High School and Education Support Centre staff and students. Although we faced a delay due to the event being postponed, we were incredibly lucky with the weather on the rescheduled day. The skies were clear and sunny, providing the perfect backdrop for a day filled with athletic competition and school spirit. The success of the carnival was largely due to the remarkable efforts of our dedicated staff, who stepped up to ensure everything ran smoothly in the absence of our PE Teacher, Mrs. Edland.

Our students truly shone, pushing their limits, and taking on personal challenges with enthusiasm and determination. The carnival was marked by an outstanding display of house spirit, with many students sporting their new House shirts. These shirts, designed and produced by our Upper School Retail classes, added a vibrant touch to the event and fostered a strong sense of community and pride.

The day was a celebration of both individual and team achievements, with everyone contributing to an atmosphere of encouragement and excitement. We saw some excellent results and performances across the board, making it a fitting way to conclude the term. We are eagerly anticipating the announcement of the winning house and champion students, which will be made at the start of Term 4 in our next Assembly. The carnival not only highlighted the athletic talents of our students but also underscored the spirit of collaboration and support that defines our school community.





## Kalability AFL Carnival

At the 2024 Kalability AFL Carnival with Dianella Secondary College ESC, our students showcased their incredible teamwork and enthusiasm for Footy. The day was blessed with perfect weather, which made the event even more enjoyable. Despite the slippery and muddy fields, our players demonstrated impressive resilience and skill, making some truly spectacular marks and powerful kicks. The challenging conditions only seemed to fuel their determination, leading to an exciting and memorable day for everyone involved. It was fantastic to see our students getting stuck in and enjoying the challenge.

Dianella was represented by 45 students, one of the biggest schools on the day. A huge thank you to the fantastic group of staff members that came along on the day to support our students. The carnival was also fortunate host to the launch of Telethon's Sensory Convergence Sea Container. A space created with the help of Telethon funding offering a space that can reduce anxiety and sensory overload.

We took three teams to the carnival, and we are thrilled to share that our Division 1 team emerged as the champions. This victory was a testament to their hard work, but they were quick to highlight that the success was due to the collective effort of the entire team. Every player, whether on the field or cheering from the sidelines, played a crucial role in this achievement. The event was a wonderful reminder of how collaboration and support can lead to outstanding results, and we are incredibly proud of what our students accomplished together.



