

# Term 4 Newsletter

## *Principal's Report*

Kaya Dianella ESC School Community,

Congratulations on completing Term 4! The year has truly flown by! First, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our families and all Dianella ESC staff for your unwavering dedication and support. Your efforts have been crucial in ensuring strong attendance and fostering a happy and welcoming community.

As we reach the end of the year, I want to express my gratitude to the parents who have worked closely with us on our student-centred planning. For those who have transitioned to new pathways as young adults, we wish you every success in your future endeavours. Graduation earlier this year was a truly special event, and it was with heavy hearts that we farewelled our Year 12 students.

I hope you have enjoyed reading your child's end-of-year reports. It has been incredibly rewarding to witness the continued resilience and success of our students. The dedication of our Teachers and Education Assistants in achieving these goals deserves special recognition and celebration.

I'm also excited to highlight the exceptional student engagement and participation this term. Events such as the Kalability Basketball Carnival, the Wildcat All-Abilities Carnival, and the Ocean Hero Surfing lessons provided fantastic opportunities and unforgettable experiences for our students.

The Bushranger Leader Camp was a particularly memorable experience for many students who have shown exceptional growth throughout 2024. The positive feedback we've received reflects the lasting memories created, made possible by our staff's dedication to outdoor learning and social-emotional development. A special thanks to the staff who supported this camp, and to Mr. Shaw for his excellent leadership in his new role as Bushrangers Cadet Leader this year.

The Dianella ESC Robotics Competition was another important occasion for our community to come together, where students had the opportunity to showcase their STEM skills. A big thank you to all those who supported our students in building their displays, and to Ms. Fergusson for her passionate commitment every year in developing our students' STEM capabilities.

Finally, thank you for your ongoing support as we navigate changes for 2025. We continue to prioritise each family's academic goals and future pathways. The final week of school has been a delightful celebration, filled with laughter and joy. The Fun Day, Disco, and Bowling excursion were the perfect way to wrap up the year. Thank you to Ms. Rogers and Mrs. Edland for your continued passion in creating long-lasting memories for our school community!

Enjoy the upcoming summer break! We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in 2025 on February 5th.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our families.

Best regards,  
Julie Allsopp

# IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Start of Term 1</b>	Wednesday 5 February
<b>Photo Day</b>	Tuesday 18 February & Friday 21 February
<b>Labour Day (Pulic Holiday)</b>	Monday 3 March
<b>Kalability Carnival</b>	Wednesday 12 March
<b>Harmony Day</b>	Friday 21 March
<b>Year 10 Vaccinations</b>	Thursday 10 April
<b>Last day of Term 1</b>	Friday 11 April
<b>Cut off for Secondary Assistance Application</b>	Friday 11 April

## Charges and Contributions

Charges and Contributions for the 2025 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/](http://www.dianellascesc.wa.edu.au/contributions-charges/)

## Book Lists

All 2025 Book Lists can be found on our school website at: [www.dianellascesc.wa.edu.au/booklists](http://www.dianellascesc.wa.edu.au/booklists)

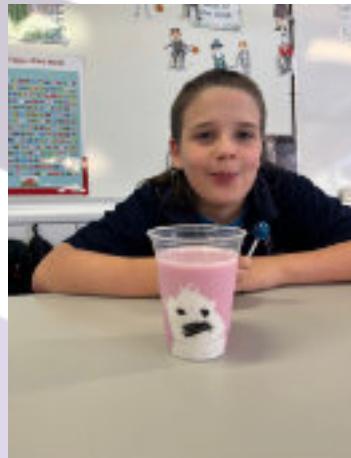
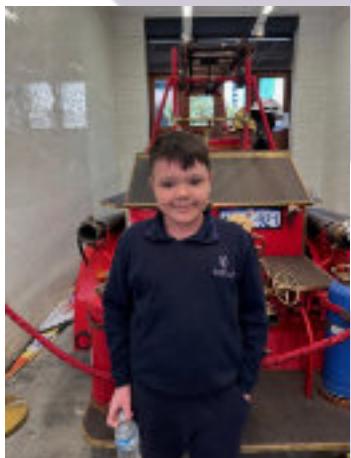
## Room 1

It's hard to believe we are at the end of the year and farewelling our Year 7's after so much fun and learning all year.

In their final term, the students enjoyed taking part in a specialised basketball clinic, visiting the Perth Fire Station and creating for the school Lego robotics competition. They participated in cultural learning about the origins of Dewali, Halloween, Hannukah and Christmas through stories, music and art. A highlight was the ghost drinks they made for Halloween.

They have bonded together as a class and have also branched out and made friends in other classes and other years.

As hard as it is to say goodbye to them, it is apparent they have all grown up so much and are ready to move onto the adventures of Year 8. I am so grateful I have had this year with them and wish them all the best for 2025.



## Room 2

Room 2 has had a busy term 4! To finish off an amazing year we have participated in many different fun events! We participated in some community access excursions including going to Perth Fire Station where the students learnt about fire safety and got to go in a fire truck, and going to the Basketball carnival at Wildcats Stadium! The students were so awesome showing great sportsmanship, teamwork and tried their best.

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. 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

This term has been full of exciting events and memorable experiences for our class! We started off with a trip to the local fire station, where the students had the opportunity to learn all about fire safety. They explored fire trucks, tried on safety gear, and gained a deeper appreciation for the important work firefighters do to keep our community safe.

We also took part in the Wildcats Basketball Carnival, where our class had a fantastic time competing, cheering, and building team spirit. Everyone showed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm, enjoying competing against other Education Support schools and the Wildcats players.

In the classroom, we explored cooking from around the world, where each student researched and prepared a dish from a different country. From pizza to crepes, the students not only learned about different cultures but also worked together to create some delicious meals.

The students have had an amazing transition into high school and have made great friends along the way. It's been a term of adventure, learning, and personal growth. We are so proud of all the students for their hard work!



## Room 4

Throughout the year we have grown immeasurably in confidence, maturity and in our academics. We have become a tight knit group who have cheered one another on in our successes and we have made many memories along the way.

As a class we enjoy all kinds of sports and have had a lot of fun starting our mornings on the oval kicking the ball amongst our friends.

We have worked closely with Mr Shaw's Room 5 class and have experienced excursions, sporting events and special occasions with them.

Some the highlights of our year were: the swimming carnival, Coral Bay camp, Year 8 camp, the Wildcats carnival, making rockets with Mr Stockley and surfing in Term 4.

We would like to thank the many Education Assistants who have worked in our room over the year and how they have supported us to achieve our goals! We are excited for Year 9 and can't wait to make more progress in all areas of our schooling.



## Room 5

As the 2024 school year comes to an end, it has been an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the students and all that we have done.

Students have built relationships with one another and enjoy socialising as they come into class each morning. Room 5 has enjoyed excursions to the Canning River Eco Education centre, AQWA and the Kalability Basketball carnival this term.

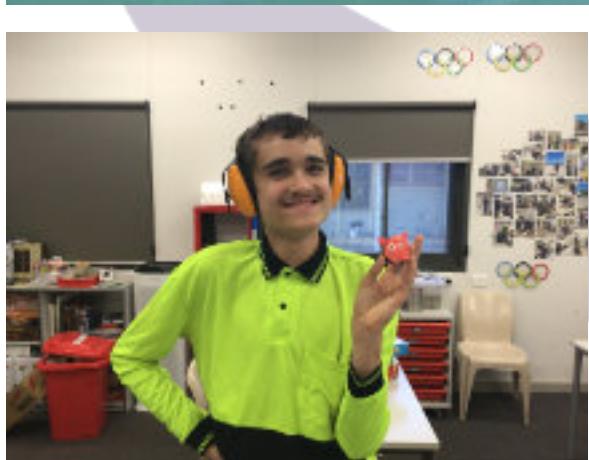
Cooking lessons have seen students making meals from different cultures such as kebabs or jacket potatoes, while other lessons have allowed students to hone their skills in cooking a steak on a BBQ or a Sunday roast.

We would like thank Ms Beadle and Mrs Pantall for their hard work this year supporting students and facilitating events in Room 5. We look forward to students continuing in Year 9 and wish them the best for all that is ahead.



## Room 6

Room 6 has had a very fun-filled term 4. In music classes, students explored rhythm, beats and music-making using guitars and GarageBand. In enterprise, they created Halloween and Christmas crafts and decorations to sell at the enterprise schools stalls. The class also focused on building social and communication skills through daily social games, while keeping active with basketball and other fitness activities. Highlights for our students included Bushrangers reward camp, surfing trips with Ocean Heroes, and finishing off with a class Christmas party to celebrate their achievements this semester. It's been the busiest and most enjoyable term yet for this hardworking group. We are incredibly proud of the growth and progress made by the students in Room 6 and wish those students moving to upper school next year all the very best.



## Room 8

Wow! What an exciting but busy term Room 8 has had.

We went on an excursion to Fremantle Maritime Museum where we learnt all about WA's marine history and marine life, including the rare Megamouth Shark! The day was ended with a scrumptious fish and chip lunch at Ciccerello's.

Our class was lucky enough to attend the All Abilities Basketball Carnival where we competed against other schools. It was lovely to see the students interacting and encouraging students not just from their own school but from other schools as well. The highlight was meeting some of the Perth Wildcats and the Perth Wildcats mascot, Wilbur!

One of our favourite days this term was our class Japan Day. We practised using chopsticks, painted our names in Japanese, made origami, dressed up in traditional Japanese attire and cooked delicious, traditional sushi.

2024 in Room 8 has been such a wonderful year of making memories and cementing friendships. Happy holidays everyone!



## Room 9

Room 9 has had a fun, busy Term 4!

This term Room 9 students have participated in excursions to the WA Museum, Boola Bardip and Mirrabooka Square. Students looked at the historical artefacts from World War 2 and the Earth and Planetary solar system. Students had lunch in the grounds of the Museum and enjoyed the day.

Room 9 students have also been shopping to Mirrabooka Square throughout the term. Cooking sessions have included a variety of foods from around the world like Spaghetti Bolognese and Chicken curry. Some students have had a chance to attend surfing lessons which were enjoyed by all.

Room 9 Students also had the end of year Fun Day, which is always a lot of fun with the variety of activities.

I would personally like to thank my staff in Room 9 for being so dedicated to my students. We have had an enjoyable year with lots of laughs. I would also like to wish all my students all the best in the coming year ahead.



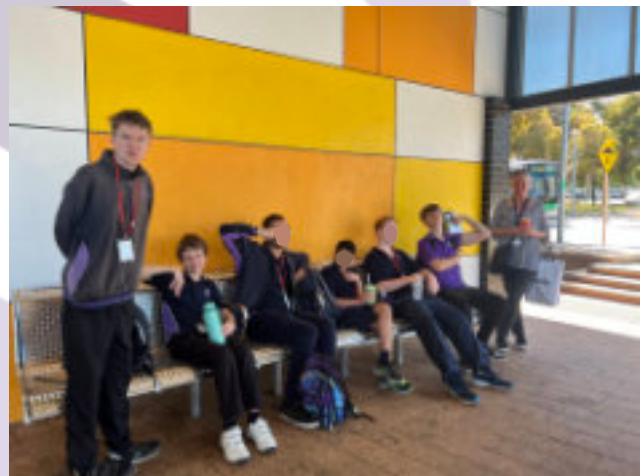
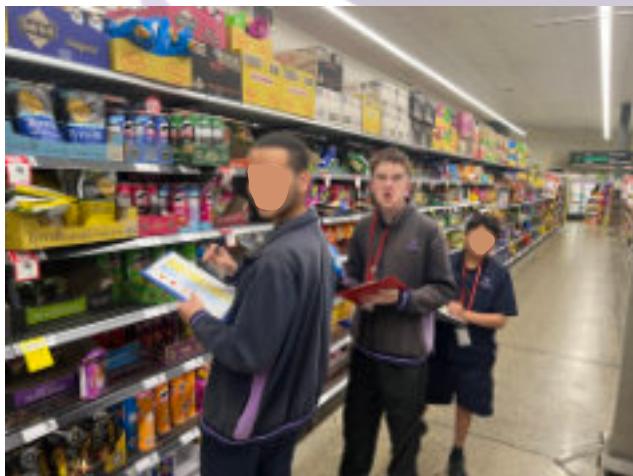
## Room 11

This term, Room 11 have been busy with a variety of enriching activities, sparking curiosity and creativity. During S.T.E.M. lessons, students delved into the art and science of candle making. This hands-on project not only taught them about the chemical processes involved but also allowed them to express their artistic flair by designing unique candles.

In H.A.S.S. students explored the harsh realities of The Industrial Revolution. Through interactive lessons and engaging assessment tasks, students gained a deeper understanding of this pivotal period in history.

Literacy lessons took a mature turn as students analysed song lyrics to navigate everyday complex themes. This innovative approach to literacy encouraged students to think critically about the messages conveyed through modern music.

To round off their learning experiences, students attended weekly shopping visits to learn about making responsible, informed purchasing decisions. Students enjoyed the hands-on experience of applying their math skills in real-world scenarios, and they returned to the classroom with a better understanding of financial literacy.



## Room 12

As we wrap up another exciting term, it's time to reflect on the incredible experiences and achievements that have defined these past weeks.

The term began with an impactful RAC incursion, where students explored the importance of being a safe passenger and the risks of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol. This engaging session highlighted the crucial need for making safe choices on the road, and students walked away with life-saving lessons they'll carry for years to come.

Next, our budding scientists took a creative leap into space by constructing detailed solar system dioramas. Their enthusiasm for science was evident as they brought planets, moons, and stars to life, demonstrating their understanding of the vast wonders of our solar system.

A particularly special moment this term was the celebration of Krystal's 15th birthday, a day filled with fun, friends, and unforgettable memories. It's always heartwarming to see our students come together to celebrate such meaningful milestones.

In sports, our basketball teams made an incredible mark at the Kallability Basketball Carnival, with all three teams earning first place in their games. The competition was fierce, but our athletes displayed exceptional teamwork, skill, and determination to come out victorious.

Finally, we're thrilled to announce that Elizabeth has been chosen as one of the new Student Counsellors for Year 11. We look forward to watching her step into this new leadership role, guiding and inspiring the school community.

We couldn't be prouder of the efforts and achievements of everyone in Room 12 this term and wish all students a safe and happy holiday!



## Room 13

The students in Room 13 have had a very busy and fun term.

The students continued to create new dishes in cooking- vegetarian curry, vegetarian samosas, chocolate cake/brownies and toasted sandwiches.

We had a Spooky Halloween Stall with goodies the students made in Black Friday Enterprise. The stall was a great success with students and staff purchasing items and spooky face painting! Also, some of Room 13 participated in the Wild Cats Basketball which was a great day and very enjoyable.

The students continued to successfully complete work experience. Congratulations to our year 11 students Tyrone and Jacob who successfully passed the theory test through Keys for Life.

Congratulations to our year 12 graduate students Reuben, Isabella and Wannas! It was a memorable time for our graduate students having the whole school in attendance including their families. The graduation lunch was a lot of fun and an unforgettable experience.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. See you in 2025!



## Room 14

Term four has seen the end of an extremely memorable and busy year in Room 14. Along with all students successfully finishing off Certificates, ASDAN and Workplace Learning courses, the Year 12's also participated in their final Big Plan. On the 31 October we said goodbye to the class of 2024, with six of our students enjoying a moving Graduation Ceremony followed by a delightful lunch with staff, family and friends.

The Year 11s finished up in week 5, looking forward to an extra-long summer holiday, ready to come back fully refreshed for next year in Year 12.

This term, Steve, James, Jamie, and other students were all successful in completing the Keys4Life program and achieved their Learner Driver's Certificates. The students also worked and shopped at the Retail Halloween Stall with Steve doing a wonderful job utilising his face painting skills. In their final week of school for this year the Year 11's participated in the Olympics themed Lego Robotics competition, impressively creating a spinning Break Dancer on a stage.

Staff in room 14 wish all the students and their families a safe and joyful holiday. And for the year 11's we are looking forward to the exciting learning opportunities 2025 will bring.



## Room 15

Term 4 has been jam-packed with events and hard work for Room 15 students. They have been busy completing their work placement tasks and various assessments. Our students have organised a morning tea for the admin staff and prepared for the Year 12 graduation.

This term has also been filled with many "lasts" for Room 15 students, bringing a mix of emotions.

The Year 12 students finished their year in style, with a memorable graduation assembly followed by a lunch celebration at Yokine Bowling Club. While it was bittersweet to say goodbye to these wonderful students, we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments. We will miss them and wish each of them the very best in their future endeavors.

The Year 11 students said goodbye to their graduating classmates with a small class party. They concluded the term by joining their peers in a combined class in Room 13, where they wound down and started preparing for the year ahead. We eagerly look forward to seeing all they will achieve next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazingly dedicated staff who have worked with our class this year. Special thanks to Mrs. Maree Bojanich, Mrs. Cook, and Mrs. Tribolet for supporting Room 15 students and making the most of their learning opportunities.

To the families of our students, thank you for your continued support throughout this year. It has been a privilege to partner with you in your children's educational journey.

It has been a fantastic year, we have overcome many challenges, achieved numerous goals, and created countless memories together. As we close the year, I wish everyone a safe, joyous Christmas and holiday season, and a very Happy New Year.



## Room 16

The students have worked hard to complete their ASDAN and Certificate courses in the final weeks of term before their finish. Congratulations to Tobias, Mat, and Jai, who completed the Keys for Life program, demonstrating their commitment to learning essential driving and life skills.

The students have thoroughly enjoyed their media lessons this year, where they explored a variety of filming and editing techniques to create their own videos. In Enterprise, they honed their creative skills by designing websites to advertise Halloween-inspired treats for the school stall.

As part of the ASDAN Sports and Fitness course, the students enthusiastically participated in new activities, including exciting excursions to Padel World and Mirrabooka Squashworld. These outings were a great way to challenge themselves physically and explore new interests, all while having a fantastic time.

As the year draws to a close, we celebrate a successful and memorable finish, filled with both exciting highs and a few challenges, all leading up to the much-anticipated Graduation.

Graduation day was a resounding success, filled with laughter and tears as we celebrated each student's accomplishments. It has been an absolute joy to have Aaron, Andre, and Tobias in Room 16 this year, watching them grow and flourish in ways that made us all proud. We wish them every success and happiness in their future endeavours.

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday period.



## Dianella Secondary College Education Support Centre Shines at Wildcats and Kalability Basketball Carnivals

We are thrilled to share the success and highlights of our recent participation in the *Wildcats Basketball Carnival* and *Kalability Basketball Carnival*. These events provided an incredible opportunity for our students to showcase their skills, challenge themselves against competitive teams, and build confidence both on and off the court.

For those students who have a passion for basketball, these carnivals were a chance to compete against other talented sides and really test their abilities. The energy and enthusiasm were high as our students went head-to-head with some of the best, and we couldn't be prouder of their performance. Watching our athletes push themselves to the limit, strategise, and work together as a team was truly inspiring.

But it wasn't just the seasoned players who stood out on the day. For our students who are less familiar with the sport, putting on their *Wildcats* singlets and stepping onto the court was a big achievement. Many of these students initially felt nervous or unsure, but by the end of the day, they had transformed. The support from teammates and staff, along with the excitement of being part of a team, helped boost their confidence in ways that we know will have a lasting impact.

The development in self-belief and resilience was incredible, and it wasn't just confined to the gym. We've already seen the positive effects carry over into the classroom, with students more engaged, confident, and willing to challenge themselves in new ways.

None of this success would have been possible without the tireless effort and commitment from our amazing staff. A huge thank you goes out to all the teachers and EA's who helped coach, encourage, and cheer on our students throughout the day. Your support and dedication were key in making these events such a memorable experience for everyone involved.

We're incredibly proud of the growth and achievements our students displayed, and we're looking forward to seeing how their newfound confidence continues to inspire them in the weeks and months ahead.

**Go Dianella Wildcats!**

**Mrs Edland**



## Wildcats and Kalability Basketball Carnivals



# Physical Education and Outdoor Sports: Ocean Heroes X Dianella Surfing Program

The Ocean Heroes X Dianella Surfing Program in Term 4 was nothing short of a thrilling ride, and what a ride it was! From gnarly waves to stunning glassy days, our young surf heroes were put to the test in both the surf and the weather, and they absolutely *shredded it*.

The weather, however, had other ideas at the start. We faced a series of adverse conditions that tested our surf skills (and our patience). Strong winds and unpredictable swells had us heading to Hillary's Marina for a few extra sessions. The protected waters allowed our students to get comfortable in the waves without being pounded by the usual ocean chaos.

But the fun didn't stop there. As the weather gods smiled upon us, we had a handful of stunning, glassy days. Picture it: no wind, perfectly still water, and the waves were as smooth as butter—ideal conditions for practicing those skills we'd been honing. Students quickly learned how to spot rips, identify safe places to enter the water and why standing side on when waves come crashing. It's a small move, but it's a game-changer for anyone who's ever been tumbled by a rogue wave.

One of my highlights was watching the beam on students faces as they caught the waves in, whether it was lying down, sitting or standing up on the surfboard – everyone found a joy and thrill in the ride.

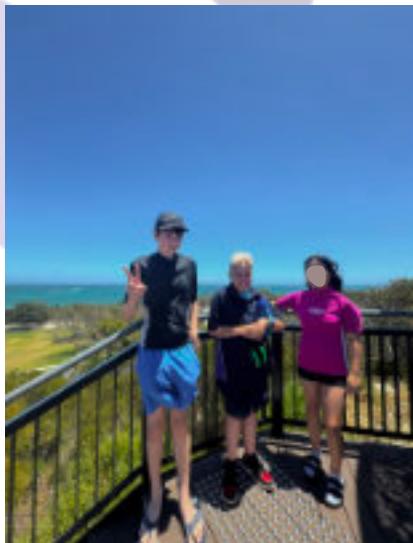
Throughout the program the students' confidence in the water grew exponentially. From timidly paddling out on day one to confidently navigating the waves by the end of the program, their transformation was epic. As we wrapped up the program, we couldn't help but smile at how much these young ocean enthusiasts had developed, not just as surfers, but as water-aware, safety-conscious individuals ready to tackle whatever the surf throws their way.

In short, it was an awesome experience—waves, laughs, wipeouts, and all! A big thank you to all the participants for bringing their best energy to the surf and to our amazing instructors from Ocean Heroes and Dianella Staff for keeping the kids stoked, safe, and laughing through it all.

Here's to next season's wave-catching adventures!







## STEM - Robotics

Our Year 7 students won the Lego Robotics Competition 2024 with their amazing DJ Bricks Lego display, which danced and moved as the students applied their knowledge on robotics to make the display more engaging.

The competition was amongst other education support schools, and our students won the best build of the day!

We then held a Robotics Walkthrough in the school where all students were able to showcase the construction and operations of their Lego-based robotic builds. Our teachers and staff were incredibly impressed and proud of the work that the students have done. After serious deliberation, Ms Allsopp and Ms Fergusson, who were the judges for the walkthrough, presented the students in Room 8 for their hard work with their awards.





# Graduation 2024



## End of Year Fun Day 2024

