



The Phoenix NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 1

Term Two; when the rubber hits the road!

Lots of informed opinion suggests that this is the crucial term for good 'learning habits' to be nurtured and refined. Staff and students are asked to commence energetically:

- Homework set and completed
- T1 goals reviewed and T2 goals discussed and written down (DHS Diary p15)
- On time and in uniform
- All relevant equipment brought every day
- *A smile on your face and a song in your heart!*

Welcome Ms Lynette Lanham - Deputy Principal

Ms Lanham commences work here this week following a busy holiday break. **Ms Lanham** has moved home and hearth from the Blue Mountains to take up this exciting challenge. Amongst her responsibilities will be the management of H'09, SC'09 and Y8. **Ms Lanham** comes to us from Glenwood HS in north western Sydney; just the second female member of our senior executive in the past 52 years!. Best wishes Miss.

21 adventurers return from South Korea.

11 fantastic students, 6 excellent parents and 4 hard working teachers spent 8 momentous days in S. Korea over the break; we 'grew our brains'. Dapto HS has formed a 'sister school' relationship with Osan Wonil Middle School; 50kms south of Seoul. Later this year 15-20 of their students will visit us; we will be looking for families to host our visitors. We also need to start identifying students and staff who might consider a visit in 2010. **Ms Meredith, Ms Clancy and Ms Preen** deserve sincere thanks for their leadership and management of this project. Eyewitness accounts will be published in future editions.

'Mobile Muster'

Following the Victorian bushfires a 'Mobile Muster' is being organised. Phones no longer needed can be taken to our school library. The recycling company will then donate posts to farmers and community groups adversely affected by those disastrous fires. Our Teacher-Librarian, Ms Diane Ridley will manage this initiative.

E³: Engage, enrich, extend!

Attention Y9 students keen on Science.

The Siemens Science Experience is a fun, three day, hands-on science and technology program for students currently in

Year 9 and is conducted in thirty-six universities and tertiary institutions throughout Australia. The program stimulates and fosters an interest in science, technology and engineering whilst exposing the students to a variety of career options, relevant information on a tertiary campus. Please consult **Ms Morgan** if you are keen; a marvelous opportunity.

Mr. Andrew FitzSimons—Principal

Coming Events for Weeks 1, 2 & 3 Term 2 - 2009

WEEK 1 B Week

Friday 1 May

- ⇒ Canoe Polo comp. Nambucca Heads (4 days)
1:00 — 6:00pm
- ⇒ Southern Illawarra Zone Boys & Girls Touch knock-out Day.

WEEK 2 A Week

Monday 4 May

- ⇒ Canoe Polo comp. Nambucca Heads (last day)
1:00 — 6:00pm

WEEK 3 B Week

Tuesday 12 May

- ⇒ NAPLAN Yr 7/9 Language

Wednesday 13 May

- ⇒ Careers Expo. Excursion for Yrs 10 & 12
- ⇒ NAPLAN Yr 7/9 Reading

Thursday 14 May

- ⇒ NAPLAN Yr 7/9 Numeracy

Friday 15 May

- ⇒ Walk Safely to School Day
- ⇒ Yr 11 Half-Yearly exams
- ⇒ Zone Cross Country

Teacher of the Week

Michael Wilson

For skilfully constructing
a Bush Tucker garden

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop
will be open on
Tuesdays 1:00pm to 5.00pm
and
Thursdays 8.00am to 12.00pm

Due to personal reasons, the Uniform shop will be closed on Tuesday 26th May, 2009 but will be open on Thursday 28th May, 2009 8:00am till 12:00pm. Back to normal hours the following week.

UP THE CREEK— WITH A PADDLE



On Monday and Tuesday of Week 11 last term, I had the pleasure of leading a small group of intrepid paddlers (**Kyle Deans, Matthew Nakken, James Grant, Mitchell Kerney, Jason Potts** and **Tim Egley**) into the wilds of Morton National Park on the Shoalhaven River, where we camped under nylon beside Bullangalong Creek. Even though the weather outlook was for possible showers, the chance to explore and see more of the Illawarra's spectacular scenery and wildlife was enough motivation. We started late due to dead batteries on the bus, but once on the water we made good time and were setting up camp by about 3pm. The weather was magnificent and we had a light tail wind most of the way up the 9km paddle.

Kyle Deans and myself had brought along fishing gear and between us caught 7 bass. Not satisfied with his catch tally on Monday, **Kyle** had a go at spearing some carp and catfish near the camp by torchlight but his aim wasn't the best so they **all** got away.

The boys had a restful night, apart from **Matthew** who was woken by possums fighting in a tree above his tent. With all the drama of getting the bus fixed, I left my sleeping mat and some other gear behind so didn't get a great deal of sleep on the hard ground.

After daybreak we could see and hear goats on the other side of the river and hear rocks that they had disturbed, tumbling down the steep cliffs to the water. Other wildlife seen included a black snake, several water dragons and a pair of goannas.

We made excellent time on the return trip, averaging 5kph into a light head wind, and arrived back at Tallowa Dam and home much earlier than planned. We were all tired but very happy to have been on the trip. In the chatter on the bus coming home there was talk about going even further, perhaps all the way up to Fossicker's Flat next time.

I commend the boys on their determination and endurance and the team spirit of helpfulness that they displayed.

Mr J Wilson TAS

Sports News

U/14s CRICKET— HASSETT CUP

This is a state-wide knockout competition in which Dapto HS has become the Illawarra champions.

In round 1, Dapto began with a 10 wicket win over Keira HS with **Ben Chapman** 35 not out and **Rhys Noronha** taking 4 for 18.

In round 2, Dapto played Warilla HS in a nail biter. Dapto batted first and made 129 runs with **Rhys Noronha** 51 and **Ben Chapman** 36. The game was looking lost when Warilla were 4 for 115. **Shannon Bonnie** was then brought back into the attack and took 3 for 7 off 3 overs and with good fielding and a couple of run outs had Warilla all out for 128.

In round 3, Dapto played Smiths Hill HS. Dapto bowled well and had Smiths Hill all out for 111. **Rhys Noronha** 3 for 15 and **Blake Lawrie** 2 for 11 were the pick of the bowlers.

Dapto were cruising to victory at 3 for 74 after 20 overs thanks to **Rhys Noronha's** 50, but after a batting collapse, Dapto were 9 for 105 needing 7 to win for the last wicket. Out to the crease strolled **Daniel**

Tolhurst who hit 2 boundaries to win the game for Dapto.

Congratulations to all the players, led well by **Blake Redman**.

Dapto HS will now play the South Coast semi-final in Term 4.

Mr Bailey

BOOK REVIEW

~DRACULA~

After the release of 'Twilight', vampires became popular so it was fitting to read this book. This is the classic Bram Stoker, first published in 1897. It is perhaps the most famous horror story of all time. The main character is Jonathon Harker who leaves his fiancé, Mina, to travel to Transylvania. He is there in order to organise the finances of Count Dracula, who is buying an estate in England. Harker soon becomes suspicious of Dracula. He asks why there are no mirrors in Castle Dracula, why he is forbidden to enter a particular part of the Castle and where Count Dracula disappears to during the day. He realises that not all is what it seems to be in the Castle Dracula's plan becomes clear. He intends to create a race of vampires to rule the world. Together with Professor Van Helsing, Harker and a few others seek to hunt down Dracula and destroy him.

This book is very similar to the movie Van Helsing, but not quite. I liked it and it hasn't got a lot of old language, so no one should be worried about not making any sense of it. I think any fan of vampires should read it.

Steven Hall Year 10

EYES ON THE LAW

On 1st April, Year 10 Commerce sat in on a few court cases at Wollongong local court on sentencing day. Evil glares flew around the court room coming from the Crown Prosecution, police officers and the accused. It was an extremely interesting day and we were fortunate enough to actually step inside the holding cells below the court room. Throughout the day we saw some interesting characters including an arsonist, a 'mob like' drink driver and a petty criminal accused of stealing a phone. Overall it was an awesome day

Year 10 Commerce.

ON KOREA

Korea was **SO COOL!** I hope I get the chance to make the trip next year. I missed my family so much but the excitement took over the sadness, sorry mum! The favourite part of the trip for me was when we went down the 3rd infiltration tunnel which is part of the demilitarized zone (DMZ). This is the 4 kilometre zone between North and South Korea which was constructed by the North Koreans. I advise anyone who gets the opportunity to go to South Korea to take it.

Josh Webb

FROM THE AMBULANCE SERVICE

We all carry our mobile phones with names and numbers stored in its memory. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) campaign.

The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As mobile phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE'. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as 'ICE'. It could save a life or put a loved one's mind at rest.

For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2, ICE 3 etc.