



The Phoenix NEWSLETTER

Dapto High School

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Thursday 9th April 2009

Term 1 Week 11

PJ's done!

19 years ago a fine young chap strode through our gates full of passion and skill and determination, he dedicated himself to work hard and support good learning at Dapto High School. On Thursday this week, very same chap will walk proudly amongst staff and students and parents knowing he has done just that; our school has been blessed to have this fine educator as our Deputy Principal for all those years.

Pete's contributions are the stuff of legend; measured, wise, nimble; no aspect of this school has not been nurtured by his energetic pursuit of excellence. For 19 years he has been; 'striving for higher things'!

Former students, parents and staff are all invited to attend the dedication of '**Johno's Garden**' on Thursday 9 April at 10.50am. This beautiful area at our front steps will be a permanent tribute. **Peter's** daughter **Megan** will be in attendance.

"Stay strong Sir!" and thank you.

Swimming success at the NSW Combined High Schools State Championship

- Lauren Hilton: 2nd Girls 100m Backstroke.
- 12Y Girls relay: 6th in the State
- Samantha Whyllie: 5th 14 Year Girls Breaststroke, 8th 200m Freestyle

New Deputy Principal appointed.

Ms Lynette Lanham was merit selected last week from a very strong field. **Ms Lanham** currently works as HT Teaching and learning at Glenwood HS in Western Sydney. **Ms Lanham** will

commence work here on Tuesday 27 April 2009.

Hope the bilby finds you relaxing!

Andrew Fitzsimons
Principal

DHS CROSS COUNTRY - What a Day!

On Friday of Week 9 the Cross Country Carnival was held on the back ovals with students walking, running and dancing throughout the day. **Zack Carpenter** (Year 9) – DJ Extraordinaire, did a top job playing the music to give the carnival a most positive vibe. Students dressed in House colours, showed their true colours by competing to the best of their ability. The Sports Committee pumped out the Gatorade and sausage sandwiches to complete the party. Avondale House dominated the day and took the House Cup followed by Huntley, Wongawilli and Nebo. Congratulations must be extended to the Age Champions (listed below). Special thanks also must go to **Mr Walker** for his most valuable assistance with the recording. Thanks to all students who attended to make the day truly memorable. The Zone Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday 15th May (Week 3) at Intregal Energy Field. I will hand out permission notes early next term. The first 10 students in every age group are eligible to compete and I encourage students to attend as it is a great day out. Dapto won this carnival last year and hopefully we can repeat this feat in 2009.

DHS Cross Country Champions – 2009

| Position | Age Group | First Name | Surname |
|----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| 1 | 12 boy | Jarrold | Whitehead |
| 1 | 12 girl | Paige | Savill |
| 1 | 13 boy | Matthew | Oswald |
| 1 | 13 girl | Sophie | Zirogiannis |
| 1 | 14 boy | Jimmy | Suleski |
| 1 | 14 girl | Emily | Merrett |
| 1 | 15 boy | Zac | Muller |
| 1 | 15 girl | Mikaela | Gambuzza |
| 1 | 16 boy | Jarrold | Bailey |
| 1 | 16 girl | Teira | Humbly |
| 1 | Open B | Todd | Sparks |
| 1 | Open G | Amy | Woods |

Mr A Horsley

PD/H/PE

“e” SPELLING

In Week 10, Year 7 joined the spelling challenge with enthusiasm! After many rounds **Nicole Pursey** emerged as our first Year 7 winner. High Achievers in this round were **Dallas Richardson, Jennifer Dimitrievski, Max Meiser and Zoe Miceski.**
Ms J Shaw English Department

YEAR 8 ENGLISH

Over the past term students in **Miss Gilbert’s** E3 class have been learning about debating. This was completed this week with a range of outstanding speeches based on the topics, “Money Makes The World Go Round”, “Being Young is Overrated” and “There Is Too Much Sport on TV”. Amongst the class honourable mentions must go to **Jessica O’Donoghue, Amber Dixon, Emma Deighton and Nicole Cassar** who gave well prepared and supported speeches. Well Done!

Miss Gilbert English Department

BOOK REVIEW

“Hamlet and The Tempest” (manga Shakespeare versions). This review is more of a recommendation. For all of the people who have some trouble deciphering the old English of William Shakespeare, these books are for you. Although the language is not deciphered, you should have no trouble reading these books because they are manga graphic novels. Hamlet is the tragedy by Shakespeare, where Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, vows to avenge his father’s death by murdering his uncle, Claudius the present king of Denmark, “murder, though it have no tongue, will speak”. Instead of being set in the past this book is set in the future but almost everything is the same as the original story of “The Tempest”. In this book, Prospero is stranded on an island with his daughter Miranda. After being exiled for so long he channels magic so that he can conjure up storms. I assume the difference between the original version is that the world is in a second dark age. The series is very good, I also recommend the manga Shakespeare of Romeo and Juliet, which I have also read.

Steven Hall Year 10

FIRST 6 WEEKS AT DAPTO HIGH SCHOOL

Week 1 at high school was mega fun, scary but fun, no homework all week, but by Week 2 we had heaps of homework! Maths is the worst for homework, we get plenty, English is fair not really any homework but Science is the best we, get none. The best teacher so far would have to be **Miss Bunten** she is “rad”. By Week 3 we had made so many friends. Our swimming carnival was heaps of fun. During Week 4 we had to do our first Science experiment, we were allowed to light the Bunsen burner and boil ice. We also got our first assignment in Health, the topic was “Me Myself and I” but it wasn’t due until Week 9. There wasn’t really anything new in Week 5 but in Week 6 we got another assignment for Art this time. Also we had our Year 7 camp. High school is nothing like we expected so all Year 6ers DON’T be scared, there is nothing to worry about.

Tarnae Bate and Emily Year 7

APPRENTICESHIPS

Applications for an apprenticeship in Engineering Mechanical (Fitting and Machining) or Electro Technology (Electrician) now being taken, to **start in July 2009**. A cover letter stating which trade you are interested in and resume along with copies of your last three years of School Reports must be sent in. Mid year and yearly reports are needed as well as School Certificate results. Send to:

Apprenticeships, Illawarra Group Training, PO Box 1043, Unanderra 2526. Applications close on 15th April 2009.

ANZAC DAY

I’m sure that we all know the reason for our Public Holiday on 27th April is associated with the commemoration of ANZAC Day on 25th April. At Dapto High, we will have our ANZAC service on Thursday 30th April. This year our main focus will be ‘Legacy’ – a uniquely Australian organisation; established in 1923 by ex-servicemen dedicated to the task of caring for the widows and dependents of their comrades to this day – a 10th Australian soldier killed in Afghanistan last month...

First week back after the Easter break our students will be able to purchase items from the list below to help raise funds for Legacy:

‘Camo wrist bands – \$2, Pens – \$10
Badges ranging from – \$1 - \$25

It would be a beautiful tribute to the fallen if everyone at Dapto High School could wear a ‘Legacy’ item at our school ANZAC service as a symbol of their reflection on the many different meanings of war.

Ms Parker-Cubis

HSIE Department

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to all the parents who have responded to our call for volunteers in our school canteen. There are still a number of days where we require more assistance. If you would be able to give some of your time to help the school, come and have a chat with me. Better still, bring a friend as well! Most of our ladies are in the workforce but still manage to give 1 day a month to the canteen. If you can’t make it in to speak to me in person, simply fill out the section below and return it to me in the canteen and I will contact you as soon as possible. A reminder to those on the roster of the importance of a phone call if you are unable to attend.

Due to some increases in the cost of a number of items, some of the products will be increased in price from the beginning of second term.

These include: pizza slabs \$2.50, pizza rounders \$2.50, coke range bottles and chips.

Carrie Phillips Canteen supervisor

School No.: 42611416

TEACHER OF THE WEEK

TRISH LAW

**Skilful participation in
“Ride 2 School Day”**

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

| | | |
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| Year 7 | Alexander Paul | Amy Pukallus |
| Year 8 | Joshua Chatfield | Joshua Webb |
| Year 9 | Rebecca Sparkes | Emma Pukallus |
| Year 10 | Shannen Snow | Rebekah Talbot |
| Year 11 | Ryan Baker | Tim Love |

DIARY DATES

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| Thursday 9th April | Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams Excursion to Easter Show Term 1 Ends |
| Friday 11th April | Good Friday |
| Tuesday 28th April | Staff Development Day |
| Wednesday 29th April | School Resumes for all Years. Learning Love & Respect Breakfast 7:30 – 8:30am |

UNIFORM NEWS

Shop hours: Due to cooler weather

Tuesday 12pm – 4pm

Thursday 8am - 12pm

Please make all cheques payable to “Daylight Sportswear”.

For Sale: One winter jacket (second hand) Size M, \$30. See Uniform Shop

CAREERS NEWS

Careers Expo is coming!! Our Yr 10s and 12s will be visiting on Wednesday the 13th May, with a Public Session (all welcome- no charge) on the Tuesday Evening, in Unanderra. Permission notes and more information will be issued next term with the \$5 to be paid at the office to cover bus fares.

BlueScope Careers Snapshot Day for Girls will be on Wednesday 6th of May. The students involved should return their permission notes to me and \$7.00 to the front office.

Congratulations to **Ryan Baker** Y11 on obtaining a School Based Traineeship Cert. II in Retail at KFC. Well done!

Ms Crump

Careers

Dapto High School, as a service to parents, and when space permits, will advertise events which may be of interest. DHS does not endorse or sponsor these events and accepts no responsibility.

HOMEWORK CENTRE

Term 2: Homework Centre will be open from the First Wednesday 29th April.

Ms Kyle

HT Welfare

SMITH'S HILL HIGH EXPO

Smith's Hill High would like to invite you to their EXPO night on Wednesday June 3, 2009. EXPO is an open evening to allow prospective Year 7 students and their parents to see the school, samples of work and a variety of activities across the faculties. The invitation is for all Year 6 students across our region who sat for the Selective High Schools entrance examination. It is **not** an offer of a place at the school. We are offering you an opportunity to see the school so that should your child be offered a position you will have a clearer understanding of the school and its facilities. This may be of assistance to you in your decision making.

The evening commences at 6:00pm in the school's Multi-purpose unit (MPU). The canteen will be open and refreshments will be available.

We look forward to seeing you at the EXPO evening. Should you have any queries please contact the school on 02 4229 4266.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange, a not-for-profit organisation specialising in international student exchange programs, is seeking volunteer host families to host international high school students scheduled to arrive in Australia in July 2009 from Germany, Italy, France, Holland, Austria, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Brazil, Canada and the USA. Host families can choose from students staying for either 3, 5 and 10 months and they will all attend local high schools whilst in Australia.

The main purpose of cultural exchange is to challenge youth towards international understanding and tolerance, encourage further learning, self-knowledge and awareness.

To enquire call Southern Cross Cultural Exchange now toll free on 1800 500 501 or visit www.scce.com.au