



The Phoenix NEWSLETTER

Dapto High School

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Term 1 Week 4

Our generous community: 1

Our SRC is to be congratulated for their initiative. Last Friday their 'Victorian Bushfire Mufti Day' raised over \$2000! SRC members report that virtually every students and staff member gave what they could enthusiastically. At the same time, the SRC were organising a Valentine's Day fund raiser; the process worked well. By the end of the day a consensus had been reached that funds from Valentines Day would be contributed as well. \$2,379.85 has now been forwarded to assist fellow Australians adversely affected by the recent fires.

Our next charity fundraiser will be the 'World's Greatest Shave', already some enthusiastic students have offered to cut off their precious locks! Of course, they will be looking for victims/willing participants, on staff to assist with this great cause! Parents are also invited to become involved.

Our generous community: 2

Thanks are due to all those families that are donating uniform items to our clothing pool. **Ms Gill Ryan** skilfully administers this valuable resource. A huge range of items are now available for anyone to use. Please approach our main office. In a similar vein, a number of books and other resources have been returned recently by families whose children used to attend. Any item with the DHS stamp can be returned to our main office.

Excellence identified.

Our HT Science **Ms Trish Morgan** has been approached by Wollongong University with a request that she participate in an external review panel for the Bachelor of Science Education and Bachelor of Maths Education programs. This school is delighted to release her to participate, public recognition of her breadth and depth of knowledge. Well done Miss!

52nd Swimming Carnival.

A great day! Marvellous to see so many students participate enthusiastically, marvellous to see so many parents able to drop in and cheer, marvellous to see **Mr Cattle** and members of our Sports Committee so energetic and organised. Our new P&C funded shelter had its first public airing and performed well. DHS has been able to select a strong team to participate in the Zone Carnival which will be held on Friday 20 Feb at the Dapto Pool.

School Photos: Tuesday 24 Feb.

Full school uniform and excellent attendance is vital. Be there!

Andrew Fitzsimons
Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS 2009 & ID/LIBRARY CARDS

School photographs will be taken on Tuesday 24 February (week 5). Envelopes have been handed to students; return them on photo day with money. Do not bring money to school before photo day.

Please ensure you are at school on the day & in full school uniform. No large pieces of jewellery or t-shirts under school shirt. A catch-up photo day will be held in the library on Friday 29 February.

Timetable for photographs:

1st half Period 1 Year 11

2nd half Period 1 Year 12,

Period 2 year 7

Period 3 Year 8

Period 4 year 10

Period 5 year 9

There is a new look to our school photos this year & they are sure to be fantastic.

D Ridley

Teacher/Librarian

VACCINATIONS

Vaccination information packs were given to all students in Years 7 and 10 in Week 2. Please ensure that the completed vaccination forms are returned to school by Friday 6th March. Vaccination cannot be given unless these forms are completed and returned. If replacement forms are required, please see **Mrs Meredith**.

Mrs Meredith

PDHPE Teacher

GEAR UP GIRL 2009

Girls, start riding your bike and be ready for a fun ride from Cronulla Beach to the Olympic site at Homebush. You must register on site yourself. You need a credit card number to register. See **Ms Law** for details or www.gearupgirl.com.au

Miss Law

Girls Supervisor

BOOK REVIEW

NEW MOON, the second book in the Twilight saga is my least favourite, but it is still good. Early in this book Edward leaves Bella. A shock to me at the start. This book shows us a little of Bella's affection to werewolf Jacob Black. We also see Bella's need for Edward because of her depression after he leaves. The vampire Victoria also continues her quest for revenge, (we find out about her in the first book). We are also introduced to the Volturi, who are like a coven of vampires that enforce "vampire law". The next book after New Moon is Eclipse.

Steven Hall

Year 10

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA 09

Any student interested in helping clean up Dapto/Lake Illawarra on Friday 27th February. Please see **Mr Bateman**.

Mr Bateman

HSIE Teacher

THURSDAY GOLF

Winners of nearest the green competition last week were 1st place **Luke Boersma** and 2nd **Kyle Noronha**.

Mr Bateman **HSIE Teacher**

CAREERS EDUCATION FOR WOMEN

Any women that are returning to the work force after some years away. There is a free course at Shellharbour TAFE. The course includes, job seeking skills and guidance in developing a career plan including writing job applications, preparing resumes and developing interview skills. Also includes computing skills, first aid and brushing up on English, Maths and Science skills. The program includes a one week job placement. This course runs for one semester February to June for 3 days per week (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) and all classes are within school hours. For further information contact **Kerrie Ingold on 4295 2256 or Sandy on 4261 2520**

OUTWARD BOUND

An exciting opportunity exists for Year 9 students to participate in a 7 day program with Outward Bound from Saturday 16th to Friday 22nd May, 2009 in the ACT. The program is designed to be fun, challenging and inspiring for young people aged 14 – 16 years. Cost is \$299 which is fully inclusive (all transport, meals and accommodation). This is a great opportunity – thanks to sponsors, it is half the normal cost! See **Ms Law** for more details or visit www.outwardbound.org.au. Applications close 13th March 2009.

Ms Law **TAS Teacher**

DAPTO HIGH SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On the 16th February, Dapto High held its annual swimming carnival. The weather turned out OK after a week of rain and we had the biggest attendance of students for a number of years. A great day was had by students and staff.

Congratulations to the following age champions:

12 Years **Lauren Hilton and Blayne Cull**
13 Years **Sarah Collins and Jarryd Scotland**
14 Years **Samantha Whyllie and Bradley Chapman**
15 Years **Rebecca Gill and Cameron Thompson**
16 Years **Maddie Bretag and Kris Smith**
17 Years + **Morgan Thompson and Aaron Bradley**

Record Breakers

We had seven records broken at the carnival. Congratulation to the following record breakers:

Samantha Whyllie – 50m Breaststroke and 50m Freestyle 14 yrs

Lauren Hilton – 50m Breaststroke and 50m Backstroke 12 yrs

Annabel Bretag – 50m Backstroke and 50m Butterfly 14 yrs

Cameron Thompson – 50m Breaststroke 15 yrs

The House competition ended with a great challenge from **Avondale House** in the students relays, however, they couldn't reel in the rampaging **Huntley House** who were eventual champions on 612 points. **Avondale House** 610 points, **Wongawilli House** 601 points and **Nebo House** 465 points.

A big thank you to all students who were officials on the day and to all staff who attended. I look forward to seeing more students competing in the future and wish all competitors going to the zone carnival the best of luck.

Mr Cattle **PDHPE Teacher**

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back to school for 2009. Once again the canteen is busy supplying the hungry students and staff at school with healthy food. This is a time consuming business. In endeavouring to keep prices affordable for all, I am asking for assistance to fill in a number of gaps on our roster. Ideally, for our school canteen to run efficiently, we require at least three or four volunteers to cover each day. Can you help?

Our students are very polite and well-mannered. Some rewards for being a volunteer are:

- A chance to have a cuppa and chat to other parents
- A chance to get to know your child's teachers
- A chance to share some time with a small group of other volunteers that may have the same interests
- A chance to give back to the school. As it is a school run canteen ALL PROFITS benefit the students.

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 work and still manage to give 1 day a month to the canteen. Dapto High Canteen does not discriminate – so come on dads, show us how it is done! Grandparents are also most welcome.

The healthy food we provide is an affordable price. This is because of the dedicated group of volunteers (some have been with us for 30 years!). If I am unable to fill the roster, the canteen may be forced to increase our prices or even worse close the canteen on certain days.

If you can't make it in to talk to me in person, simply fill out the section below and have your child return it to me in the canteen. I will contact you as soon as possible.

Kerrie Phillips **Canteen Supervisor**
School No.: 42611416

I am available to volunteer:

WEEKLY FORTNIGHTLY MONTHLY

I am available on:

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY FRIDAY

Name:

Phone:

DIARY DATES

Friday 20th February	Y11 Biology Field Trip Zone Swimming
Tuesday 24th February	Parent Learning Support 6-8pm School Photos Y11 HSC AMOW to be completed
Wednesday 25th February	Year 6 Open Night

Friday 27th February	Clean-up Australia Day Catch Up Photo Day
Monday 2nd March	Year 11 First Aid
Tuesday 3rd March	Year 7 Welcome BBQ Year 11 First Aid
Friday 6th March	Regional Swimming Year 7 Scripture
Saturday 7th March	Mrs Sandra Tuck's Retirement Dinner

EXCLUSIVE SHOPPING DAY

Mission Australia is having an exclusive shopping day this Saturday with 25% off all stock. There will also be a sausage sizzle for \$2 with all proceeds going to the Bush Fire Appeal.

Come along and grab a bargain

When: Saturday 21st February 2009

Where: Mission Australia Factory Outlet
71 Montague St. North Wollongong

Time: 9:00am – 4.00pm.

PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS

Reasonable rates, for all ages – beginners to advanced. For exams or enjoyment.

Lauren Watkins PH: 4257 2714 or Mobiles: 0412 828 038 or lauren.watkins@bigpond.com

RHINOS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

Aiming for teams 13, 14, 15 years age groups.

Registration day Saturday 21st February from 10am to 1.30pm at Rhino's training ground behind Dandeloo Hotel, Kanahooka Road, Dapto. Further information contact **Chris Apps** on **0401 752 602** or chris@fermion.com.au

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.

LEARN TO SING

VALERIES HOUSE OF MUSIC

Have fun learning to sing. No matter what your age – you are never too old to enjoy singing. Vacancies available. Lessons starting at \$20 for half an hour. Phone 0411 402 700 for further information.

CIRCUS SKILLS

Like to learn something new for 12 to 18 year olds.

Where: Wollongong Youth Centre,

When: Saturdays 2.30pm to 4pm,

Cost: Free.

Places may be limited **PH: 4226 5969**

SCRIPT WRITING

Set and Costume Design, Stage Performance and Filming, for 12 to 21 year olds.

Where: Wollongong Youth Centre,

When: Saturdays 1pm to 2.30pm,

Cost: Free

Places limited. **PH: 4226 5969**

DEBUTANTE BALL

Albion Park Show Society invites any young ladies 16years or older to be part of the Debutante Ball to be held on 28th May 2009. Enquires phone **Diane McParland 4236 0403** by the 28th February, 2009.

VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES

World Education Program (WEP) is looking for volunteer host families for international students arriving in July 2009. For further information call **Toll Free 1300 884 733** or wep@wep.org.au

ADHD SUPPORT GROUP

There is increasing evidence that the food we eat can affect us perhaps in ways that would surprise us. Whilst not every child with ADHD or associated conditions reacts to food, some do. **Bernard Trudgett** from Food Intolerance Group Illawarra will be talking about food intolerances.

Where: Citylife Church, 129 Jardine Street, Fairy Meadow.

When: Wednesday 11th March.

For further information call **Jill** on **4284 4414** or **0414 650 506** or email jill@citylife.org.au