



# The Phoenix NEWSLETTER

Dapto High School

Cleveland Rd Dapto NSW 2530 Ph: (02) 4261 1416

Fax: (02) 4261 2584 Email: [dapto-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:dapto-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au)

Internet: <http://www.schools.ash.org.au/daptohigh>

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2009

Term 1 Week 8

## National Ride to School/Work Day Wednesday March 25

All students and staff are encouraged to become involved if at all possible. The number of students using our secure storage continues to increase steadily. Any one who uses the facility that day will receive a ticket from an SRC representative. At roll call one lucky participant will receive a bike helmet, free of charge. The more the better!

## Parental representatives sought: DHS Environment Committee.

Our school's Environment Committee is seeking 2-4 committed parents prepared to become involved in the array of activities this school is undertaking in an effort to manage our carbon footprint, improve site biodiversity, recognise curriculum opportunities, etc. Please make contact if you have time and a passion to improve our School Environment Management Plan [SEMP]. Everything from solar power generation to recycling old computers, harvesting water to managing the Mullet Creek banks; the list of challenges/opportunity seems endless. Energy is the only qualification required.

## Assistance please.

Most families will receive invoices from this school over the next 2 weeks. Both 'Text Book Provision' and Subject fees will be included. Money flowing from these invoices is absolutely crucial to the effective running of our school. Your prompt attention is appreciated. Families experiencing financial hardship are reminded they can seek confidential support from our Student Assistance Fund.

## Welcome Home Heroes!

Last Friday Y7 and Y10 students returned home after 4 enriching days at Shoalhaven Heads. Amongst those with the biggest smile was **Ms Trish Law**, she had just completed her 26<sup>th</sup> camp! Dedication such as this is crucial in enabling this school to continue its fine tradition. **Mrs Phillips** and **Mr Heininger** [food], **Ms Steel** [Peer Support training] and **Ms Kyle** are amongst the 23 staff who attended deserving particular recognition. **Catherine Cambourne**, **Monique Frank**, **Kyle Grainger** and **Chris Allman** of Y10 proved their undoubted quality as stalwarts in the kitchen. Parental volunteers contributed on many fronts through out. Well done team!

## At work and attentive.

57 Y10 students spent last week enjoying the adult world of work. Positive reports have been forthcoming. Local employers are particularly thanked for their generous support of good learning for our students. At least 3 part time job offers have eventuated. Our co-Career Advisors, **Mr Chamberlain** and **Ms Crump** worked skilfully to make a success of our first such, Y10 effort. Well done team!

## The new city of West Dapto

The Dapto Learning Community will host a seminar on Tuesday 7 April in The Sinclair Room at Dapto Leagues Club, 6-7.30pm. **Mr David Farmer General Manager of Wollongong City Council** will make a presentation and answer questions. All are invited.

**Andrew FitzSimons**  
Principal

## SPORTS REPORT

Once again Dapto High is providing a wide-ranging array of activities for our students to enjoy during Term 1

So far the weather has been kind to us and each week has seen the enthusiasm and participation increase.

The majority of students want to go to sport and this shows in our attendance records and in what we hear back from staff

This week (week 8) students will receive their selection sheets for Terms 2 & 3. One selection will cover both terms.

This is our interschool competition time and students may wish to trial for these teams.

Yr 7 and Yr 8 will remain in their rotation system Unless

- They choose (and are picked for) an interschool team or
- They wish to do Archery.

Any questions see **Mr Cattle** or **Mr Horsley**.  
**Mr K Wright** Sports Organiser

## PASS OUTS ON A THURSDAY

If your child needs a pass out on a Thursday, please read the following advice. Ensure your child arrives at school before the bell. I am at the PE staffroom from 8am ready to sign pass outs. There is nothing worse than 10 students arriving a minute before the bell expecting a pass out. It leads to stress for both myself and your child. Please have your child's name, year, class and reason for a pass out clearly written on the sheet. A contact phone number is useful if clarification needs to be made. The reason that the PE Department issues pass outs on a Thursday is so that we can monitor our numbers at Sport and ensure students are getting to sport. I am fully aware that things have to happen on a Thursday, but buses still have to be filled and a large number of pass outs on a Thursday have a significant impact on the payment for these buses. If possible, limit the use of Thursday afternoons for appointments. Please do not ask me to give a pass out to your child because it is wet, to complete homework, start work early or just to go home. I do not have the authority to grant a pass out for these reasons. Long term injuries, dentists, specialists and orthodontist appointments are examples or reasons that a pass out can be granted. I hope I have clarified some of the many issues relating to the granting of pass outs on a sporting afternoon. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

**Mr P Cattle**

**PD/H/PE**

### DAPTO SENIOR'S WEEK AT DON'S FARM

Ms Law's lovely Year 11 Hospitality possums went to Don's Farm on the 16<sup>th</sup> March to help serve meals to the Rotary's Seniors Club. We had so much fun and met some beautiful characters, especially Arthur and Len with their sequined hats.

Sally Homer  
Robert Berry  
Jack Naylor  
Shelly Rhodes  
Brittany Pate

Tim Love  
Sarah Johnson  
Lauren Hunter  
Amy Vaughan  
Brock Reitzer-Parks

### ENGLISH NEWS

The English Department would like to recognise the following students for their efforts in English last week.

#### Year 7

Pippin Matatahi, Joel Bailey

#### Year 9

David Gillespie, Emily Hite,  
Matthew Haddon, Rhys Naronha,  
Naomi Ramirez, Corey Wilson,  
Jacob Farrell, Jessie Foley,  
Anthony Tugral, Bridget Robson,  
Andrew Mastroianni

#### Year 10

Blake Thompson, Gemma Smith, Rachel Paull, Zac Miller,  
Kayal Murphy-Egan, Jesse Fogg, Dakota Morgan, Sarah Suleski

#### Year 11

Callum Thompson, Lauren McAlary, Brittany Jackson, Trish Brown, Shaun Foley

#### Year 12

Dylan Naronha, Ben Smith, Cassie Missingham, Shaun Castor, Dean Braidotti.

### Y7/Y10 CAMP – THE GREAT CONCERT

What a fun week we had at Camp! The highlight for many would have to have been the Great Concert held on the Thursday night. What an awesome display of all the wonderful talent we have at Dapto High. We were all amazed by singers, dancers and musicians. We were so lucky to have a special guest Yoga Master teach a Yoga class. It's a shame Ms. Law missed it, it seemed like it was something she would enjoy! A big congratulations must go out to all Year 7 students who participated. While everyone was great, I must mention 7E who performed a dance to Michael Jackson's Thriller. It was Thrilling! Special thanks to Michael Ford and Alycia Coupe (Y10) who did a great job hosting the evening. Hopefully we will see some of you at MADD night next term.

Ms Gilbert



Drama Teacher

### DLC PUBLIC SPEAKING

It's that time of year again, The Dapto Learning Community Public Speaking competition. Last year two of our participants, Rebecca Sunshine (Y11) and Zoe Jiggins (Y8) won! If you are interested in participating in this event, please see Miss Gilbert in the English staffroom for details, including topics and date. There is also still time to enter the NSW Plain Speaking Public Competition.

Ms Gilbert

English Teacher

### E<sup>3</sup> SPELLING

Congratulations to the following talented students who were successful in the second round of competition:

#### Year 9 –

Winner: Chris Wilden-Zahra for the second time in a row.

High Achievers: Jay Horobin, Shannon

Kelly, Danielle Welsh, Erin Vermast.

#### Year 8

Winner: John Elkio

High Achievers:

Blake Taylor, Thomas

Ralphs, Claudia-Rose Lumby, Holly

McGarry, Amanda Mason.

This is a spelling competition where we have elimination rounds. If you spell a word wrong you are out! We have rounds until we get a winner. This is fun change from normal English lessons. We have students run the class and they take on the role as judges as well as spellers.

Ryan Hawker

Year 9

This is a new learning experience for me and other students. We take words home, learn them and have a competition every 2 weeks. Last fortnight I was one of the runners up!

Erin Vermast

Year 9

### CROSS COUNTRY – SO MUCH MORE THAN A RUN!

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March the annual DHS Cross Country will be run on the school ovals. After the Huntley House took out the swimming carnival, expectations are high for yet another victory.

All students are expected to participate and a record number of staff will be accepting the challenge of running/powerwalking with the students. Years 10, 11 and 12 will compete during period 3 while Years 7, 8 and 9 will run during periods 4 and 5.

The carnival is set to continue with the interactive theme with students invited to bring in their own music to play over the loudspeakers (20c a request). Feeling adventurous? Wear your house colours for the day or get the Sports Committee to paint your face (50c for racing stripes and \$1.00 for a full facial). You can fill up on Gatorade (50c a cup) or even grab a sausage sandwich (\$1.50).

If all else fails, simply enjoy the thrill of physical activity. The first 10 runners in each age group are eligible to compete at the Zone Carnival to be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May (Week 3) at Integral Energy Field, Darkes Rd, West Dapto.

Last year DHS won the Zone Cross Country Carnival, which was a fantastic achievement! Hopefully we can repeat this performance in 2009. Parents are invited to visit and cheer; please 'sign on' in the main office.

Mr Horsley

PD/H/PE



### TEACHER OF THE WEEK

MR. JOHN WILSON

For his skilful and energetic development of canoeing as a sport

### WOMEN'S DAY BRUNCH

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, Emily Walsh, Emma Waddell and myself had the privilege of attending the International Women's Day Brunch at BlueScope Steel. We heard women speak about their occupations and successes in life. It was a great and uplifting experience, promoting respect for women and equality in the workplace. We would like to thank Mrs Crump for taking us to this event and for giving us the opportunity to attend.

Melissa Heino

Year 12

## DIARY DATES

<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Yrs 7 & 10 Vaccination South Coast Surfing titles – M Kirk
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	School Cross Country
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Yr 10X Commerce Excursion
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 12 ½ Yearly Exams
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April – 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	CHS Swimming
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Daylight Saving Ends
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Kayaking excursion
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Dapto Learning Community seminar Kayaking excursion
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Climate Change Community of Schools meeting
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Excursion to Easter Show
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Holiday (Good Friday)

## ROCK, SCISSORS, PAPER CHAMP

**Brittney-Lee Bourke** represented her school last Saturday morning in a Wollongong 'Paper Scissors Rock' competition. Brittney-Lee emerged from a Y11 competition last week as our School Champion. She won \$50 from i98fm and the right to represent our school. Well done **Brittney!**



## BOOK REVIEW

### In Odd we trust

'In Odd We Trust' was a Dean Koontz graphic novel about a young man named 'Odd' who sees dead people. In this story, he tries to find what the police think is a child-killer. Together with his friends, he must give a dead young boy justice, so he can move into the afterlife.

The book was fairly good, it was very "long" – it took only an hour to read. I was sort of disappointed, nothing much happened it was fairly straight-forward. Overall I think it was sort of like the TV series "Ghost Whisperer", since the basic 'ghost moving to the afterlife' thing was the same I'd probably give this book 6 out of 10.

**Steven Hall**

**Year 10**

## YEARS 7 AND 10 VACCINATIONS

A reminder for all parents and students that vaccinations will be given to Yr 7 and 10 students at the school on Friday 20th March (Week 8). Information packs were sent home several weeks ago and permission slips are to be returned ASAP. Students will not be vaccinated unless they have returned their paperwork to the school. If there are any questions or concerns please ring **Mrs Meredith** in the **PDHPE** Staffroom.

## DAPTO HIGH - THE FIRST 7 WEEKS

Some of the Year 7 students have been asked to write about their time at Dapto High School so far.

My favourite thing about high school so far is making new friends. Because it is a new and very different environment, surprisingly, I got lost quite a lot. The hard thing is changing classes every hour and changing teachers. My favourite subject would have to be all of them – especially science. My teachers are: **Ms Bunton, Ms Imber, Mr Meynes, Ms Preen, Ms Mayhew, Mr Kirk, Mr Robson, Ms Stewart** and **Mr Heffernan** for my roll call teacher. But with the good (fun subjects) and the bad (homework) **HIGH SCHOOL IS GREAT!**

**Kirsty Hall**

**7X**

## FROM THE CAREERS DESK

Any Year 12 student who is interested in doing an introductory Bar Course, the RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) and RCG (Responsible Conduct of Gambling) please give your name to **Mrs Crump/Mr Chamberlain** so the information can be given to you. You do not have to be 18 years when you do the course but you have to 18 to use them. Cost is \$180 for all three to be run in the second week of the school holidays.

Well done to all those Year 10 students who completed a successful work experience, some even getting offers for part-time work! Please bring in your Work Experience Report to the Careers Office. It will be copied for our records and returned to you. Make sure you keep it in a protective sleeve to store in your portfolio.

**Mrs Crump**

**Careers**

## ILLAWARRA YOUTH GIRLS AFL COMPETITION

The new Illawarra Youth Girls AFL competition for girls 13-17 is taking registrations for our first season starting soon. No AFL experience necessary! Gear provided.

Registration for entire season is \$30.

Qualified coaches

Registration Days

21<sup>st</sup> March 9 am – 3:30pm Stockland Shellharbour outside Target

28<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 2pm Outside Rebel Sports Wollongong &

Shellharbour You can also register on [www.girlsafl.com](http://www.girlsafl.com)

For more information call Dave on 0407 288 955.