



The Phoenix NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 11

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Parent-Teacher consultation revolution!

As we go to press, well over 1500 individual bookings have been made. Our new protocol seems to have been readily accepted by our parents. An evaluation will be conducted during the event; feedback appreciated.

R & R* required!

Semester One has rushed to an end, it is almost time for all students and staff to take a break. Even our hard working HSC candidates need to use some of the next 18 days to recharge their batteries. Good nutrition, good sleep and good exercise are all part of the package. The recently released reports provide thought provoking feedback on what has been achieved and what needs to be tackled in Semester Two.

- .. Y12 have just 8 academic weeks before they finish their formal instruction.
- .. Y11 have just 8 academic weeks before they commence their HSC studies.
- .. Y10 have just 13 academic weeks before they sit for their School Certificate exams.

Classes recommence on Tuesday 28 July 2009. [A Week]

We are proud of these fine students.

Mr Smith reports that listed below are successful candidates for their OH&S 'Green Cards'. This qualification enables them to undertake work experience in many outdoor locations: building, landscaping etc

Calib Best, James Mathews, Hayden Charlton, Carl James, Kile Jones, Mitchell Lengling, Curtis Smith, Clay Smith, Brandon Caldow, Mitchell Bonnie. Well done lads!

Infrastructure upgrades.

Over the next month a number of important infrastructure upgrades will be completed. Most of this work is being undertaken as a result of the

Commonwealth government's \$200,000 grant to our school.

- .. 13 classrooms and staff rooms to be re-carpeted.
- .. 75m of additional shelter will be added to existing buildings.
- .. 15 classrooms will be re-painted and sound proofing notice boards installed.
- .. 16 classrooms and our library will be equipped for wireless internet connectivity.
- .. Two X 35,000l water tanks will be re-positioned to collect water from our library roof.

Most of this much needed work will be completed over the holidays.

Laptops are tops.

The Commonwealth government's laptop project is gathering pace. The first 22 staff laptops were distributed last week. Those who teach Y9 were given priority. Laptops for Y9 should arrive in August. Every Y9 student will receive their own machine. Our T3 School Development Day will focus largely on building skills in integrating 1:1 laptop use into daily lessons.

Andrew FitzSimons Principal

*Rest and Recreation!

Teachers of the Week

The MADD crew
for a very successful
MADD Night

UNIFORM SHOP

will be open on
Tuesdays 12:00noon to 4.00pm
and
Thursdays 8.00am to 12.00pm

**Coming Events for Weeks 11 & 1
Terms 2 & 3 - 2009**

WEEK 11 B WEEK

Sunday 4th to Sunday 12th July

NAIDOC Week

Thursday 9 July

“ Parent / Teacher Afternoon 12:30-5:30pm

Friday 10 July

“ End of Term 2

WEEK 1 A WEEK

Monday 27 July

“ Staff Development Day

Tuesday 28 July

“ School Resumes - All Years

e³ Spelling

Congratulations to the following talented students who excelled in the spelling competitions last week.

Year 9 winner - Blake Robinson

High Achievers - Ryan Hawker, Christopher Wilden-Zahra, Mathew Madden

Year 8 winner - Aaron Barlow

High Achievers - Benjamin Chapman, Sarah Anderson, Kyle Morgan, Amanda Mason

J Shaw

English Department

SMENCILS

450 pencils sold, 50 to go! Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser. It brought a lot of pleasure to many students and their families and our pencil cases and classrooms smell great! The English faculty is \$200 richer and will put the money towards some interesting resources for use with our new “laptops for learning” program. Due to popular demand, 100 more Smencils will be purchased for next term. We will be trialing the **coloured Smencils range**. Pre order your half (5) or full set (10) now! Or just buy your favourite colour, when they arrive. Still only \$1.20 each.

J Shaw

English Department

SPORT

Senior Girls Grade Touch Football

“Players Player’ points for last game against Oak Flats:

A’s 1st Ashley Cartwright 16 points 2nd

Martina Adamcic 9 points 3rd Blair Dickson 8 points

To all the 6 players on the day, well done on the 1 all draw against a team that beat us last time round, but especially on doing so without any reserves.

B’s 1st Gemma Smyth 14 points 2nd Lucy

Darragh 11 points 3rd Jordan Gallagher 8 points

Congratulations on your 10 Nil victory.

D Bateman

MY HEROES

My heroes will never see the things that they have done.

They have saved the lives of many and affected more than one.

They will never see the face of a life that they did save.

They will never get the thanks for the act that was so brave.

A father has the time to watch his children grow.

All thanks to a hero who will never ever know.

A mother sings a lullaby to help her baby sleep.

All thanks to a hero whose family will weep.

A teenager gets to fall in love and feel her heart rate shift.

All thanks to a hero who gave a precious gift.

A friend can smile and laugh with you and lighten up your mood.

All thanks to a hero whose heart is full of good.

A doctor is created, a scientist is born,

All thanks to a hero whose family will mourn.

A child becomes an adult and sees the world unfold.

All thanks to a hero whose story should be told.

They ticked a box and told their friends that this was their request.

To give themselves to others their souls are truly blessed.

A family must grieve for the loss of someone dear.

But the gift that they have given will put pride within the tear.

My heroes have departed and left this world we know.

But they gave a chance to others so that they may live and grow.

My heroes are the donors who can't see what they have done.

They saved the lives of many and affected more than one.

Belinda Hinkley

Year 8

YEAR 9 METAL

For the past 5 weeks our class Year 9 Metal Work has been working on a tack hammer. The tack hammer is a long project and takes a lot of time and effort. My friend **Christopher Poort** and I have been helping each other to complete our jobs. On the day of marking I received 100 out of a 100 and **Christopher** received 98.

Hayden Bil and Christopher Poort Year 9

MY HERO

You won't find my heroes in comic books, you'll find them at the skate park.
My heroes don't wear masks or capes they wear helmets and knee pads.
My heroes don't fight for truth and justice they ride for first place.

My heroes don't fly but they soar over the highest of ramps.

My heroes don't have super strength but they put up with the worst of injuries.

My heroes are not the kind that save the world but they did inspire me!

Dominic Irons

Year 8

CAREERS NEWS

Work Experience

All students who are going to do work experience may be faced with using public transport. Please be advised, as it is a "Work Experience", you have to pay a fare as you cannot use your rail/bus pass. If you are carrying your Library ID card you may be able to get on for half/concession fare if you explain you are on Work Experience. Do not be surprised, however if you are charged full fare as if you were an adult going to work. There is no guarantee you will get the concession according to the bus company representative I have spoken to.

UOW Interested in the area of Information Communication Technology (ICT)? A showcase of exciting careers for ICT graduates as well as an opportunity to speak to the faculty representatives will be on Monday 27th July 2009 at UOW Innovation Campus, Squires Way Fairy Meadow. To reserve your place and find out more visit www.uow.edu.au/future/events/ or call 1300 367 869.

Working with Customs—one day work experience program Year 11 and 12 students: If you want to know more about working with the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, meet the sniffer dogs, have a behind the scenes tour of Sydney Airport or tips on getting a job with Customs, apply online www.careergov.com.au. Places are limited so apply today!.

ACE09 Aviation/Aerospace Careers Expo:

August 12th at Bankstown Airport. Register online www.sydneymetroairports.com.au

M Crump

Careers



10X F.T. vs LYLEA McMAHON!

The Culinary Challenge was on last Wednesday 1st July. Our local member of Parliament, **Ms Lylea McMahon** challenged 10X Food Technology to make a meal using only 4 utensils. The challenge was met and all parties were successful and ate the fruits of their labour with gusto. **Lylea** made Nachos. **Steph Kates, Shawni Scott, Morgan Williams** made Burritos, **Sam Donovan, Courtney Haggart** and **Allison Gummow** made Gourmet Pizza, **Laura Talbot** and **Riki-Lee Donovan** made Fettucine Carbonara. **Megan Weir, Shaneale Bishop, Alex Gray** and **Dakota Morgan** made Pizza, **Rebecca Lees, Rachel Paull** and **Stephanie Goodacre** made Chicken Caesar Salad. **Aimee Wren** and **Tahlee Milton** made Burrito Lasagne, **Natalie Geraedts** and **Stacey Potts** made Fried Rice and Garlic Prawns and **Tristan Bendyke** made Tacos.

HOW LUCKY AM I TO TEACH THIS CLASS?

T. Law

Home Economics

TAFE Courses

Vacancies exist in the following courses at Dapto/Wollongong TAFE Campus: Work Opportunities for Women and Introduction to Photography. Tuesday and Friday 9am—2:30pm. For more information ring: K Finigan 4221 8939.

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

