



The Phoenix NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Y7 and Y9 students to undertake their national tests for literacy and numeracy.

Listed below is the timetable for next week's vital tests. 100% attendance is important as parents, students and this school will receive detailed feedback on skills, progress and areas for growth. Teaching and assessment programs are then 'tweaked' to respond. Families are asked to make contact with the school if for any reason students are going to be absent.

Day/Date	Pds	Test	Year
Tues 12 th May	1&2	Language Convention & Writing	9
Tues 12 th May	3&4	Language Convention & Writing	7
Wed 13 th May	1&2	Reading	7
Wed 13 th May	3&4	Reading	9
Thurs 14 th May	1&2	Numeracy	7
Thurs 14 th May	3&4	Numeracy	9

HSC marking; great professional learning.

Listed below are the 14 Dapto HS teachers who so far have been selected to mark the 2009 HSC. Their expertise and commitment has been recognised by the NSW Board of Studies. These teachers will return to their faculty with an enhanced appreciation of the marking processes.

Mr Beynon, Ms Dron, Ms Gardener, Ms Gilbert, Ms Gill, Ms Hartcher, Mr Heininger, Mr Kirk, Ms Kyle, Ms Mitchell, Ms Morgan, Mr Rontziokos, Ms Seckold and Ms Swan.
Well done team!

Invoicing completed, support appreciated.

All families have now received invoices for Text Book Provision and Subject fees. Sincere thanks to all those who have been able to meet these modest costs. Financial contributions such as these are truly appreciated. They play an important role in enabling our school to function efficiently. Families experiencing financial difficulties are reminded they can approach this school confidentially for limited assistance. All those who have paid by 15 May 2009 will enter the draw that will see one student in every year receive a 50% refund. Fingers crossed.

E³: engage, enrich, extend! Post School Certificate overseas exchange.

Opportunities are emerging for Y10 students to enjoy a 3 month overseas exchange immediately following the School Certificate. Families in 12+ countries are offering to host Australian students. Please approach **Ms Bunten** if you would like further details.

Mr. Andrew FitzSimons—Principal

Coming Events for Weeks 2, 3 & 4 Term 2 - 2009

WEEK 2 A Week

Saturday 9 May

- ◆ PETER JOHNSON'S Retirement Dinner 7:00pm

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

WEEK 4 A WEEK

Monday 18 May to Friday 22 May

- ◆ Yr 11 Half-Yearly Exams

Monday 18 May to Tuesday 19 May

- ◆ South Coast Lawn Bowls

Tuesday 19 May

- ◆ P & C Meeting 7pm to 9pm

Wednesday 20 May

- ◆ Yr 7 Vaccinations

Teacher of the Week
Trina Meredith
For skilfully organising a
wonderful trip to Korea

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 and Friday 29th May 2009

8:00am till 12:00pm. Back to normal hours the following week—Tuesday 12:00pm to 4:00pm and Thursday 8:00am to 12:00pm

~CAREERS NEWS~

Careers Expo for Year 10 and Year 12 is on next Wednesday 13th May. Students should have paid their \$5.00 and handed in their note. We will be travelling by bus there and back, leaving after Period 1 and should be back in time for Period 4, if all goes well, time wise. Students will have an opportunity to speak to many training providers including representatives from the University, Colleges as well as TAFE and Private Groups. The Illawarra Mercury will be represented as well as Cameron Jane Makeup Design and about 100 more!

The full list will be posted on my Careers Room door for your perusal and you will get a booklet to view on the bus. Bring a pen on the day but please leave all valuables at home as you will NOT be taking your bags.

N.B. Tuesday 12th May—Public Session is at 4pm—6:30pm. All welcome. Free entry.

M. Crump, Careers

PROCRASTINATION

There are a number of factors that can effect students' progress and one of the most common is "Putting Things off," that is, Procrastination.

This problem impacts heavily on their understanding of subject material, the quality of their assignments and their enjoyment at school. Procrastination can be caused by many seemingly unrelated issues such as:

Perfection - wanting to produce the "perfect" assignment, being obsessed with detail and not attacking the investigation with energy.

Organisation - wanting to be totally prepared, have everything completely arranged and as a result never getting started. OR lacking the necessary study and research skills to perform the task.

Self Doubts - lacking the self confidence to tackle the task at hand.

Prioritising - being unable to prioritise their activities to get the things done that they have to do.

Motivation - lacking a purpose for being at school; "having to" rather than "wanting to".

Whatever the cause for the Procrastination may be, it is essential for parents and teachers to recognise it and address it immediately by assisting students with strategies to overcome it; it will not just go away on its own; a Team approach is necessary.

Should you have any queries or concerns regarding your son/daughter's progress please do not hesitate to contact his/her Year Adviser

BOOK REVIEW

'101 Ways to Create Fantasy Figures'

This was a step by step instructional book on how to draw and colour your own range of fantasy characters, including vampires, wizards, dragons and heroes. (antagonists and protagonists alike). A very good book for the budding artist.

Also I suggest checking the library as a new bunch of books are being ordered and will be available soon.

Steven Hall Year 10

HOLIDAY JOY

My family and I went up to Queensland for 3 weeks. First we went to Seaworld. It was fun and we got to swim with dolphins and we also got to touch stingrays. Then we went to Movie World and we first went on the kiddie rides. Then we saw a stunt driver show. It was awesome because a car went in half and it blew up. After that we saw the parade and Sylvester came up to my twin brothers and Rhys gave Sylvester a chip and he ate it and Sylvester gave them a big hug and hugged me too. Then we were off to annoy Bugs.

Taleisha Wilden-Zahra Year 8

STUDENT EXCHANGE

In July 2009, students aged 15—18 years, from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5—10 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer capacity. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today on 1300 135 331 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au

313 INFORMATION SESSION

313 are holding an information session regarding Entertainment VET courses for Years 10,11and 12 on Thursday May 21 from 6pm to 7pm. Find out what you will learn, how it contributes towards your HSC, see the state of the art facilities and talk to staff. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. For more information phone 4227 5913, www.313.com.au or simply turn up on the night. Cnr. of Fox and Miller Sts. Coniston.

CARMEL & CO GYMNASTICS SHELLHARBOUR is offering classes in **RECREATIONAL, TUMBLING & CHEERLEADING** for juniors and seniors at Dapto High School.

Classes are:

Monday: 3:34—4:45 (Recreational Jnr. & Snr.)

4:45—5:45 (Cheerleading 7-14yrs.)

4:45—5:45 (Tumble Jnr. & Snr.)

Friday: 3:45—4:45 (RecreationalJnr.& Snr)

4:45—5:45 (Tumble Jnr. & Snr.)

To book trial lesson phone: 4297 4400 or mobile: 0416 004690 www.carmelandcogymnastics.com.au