



# The Phoenix NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 1<sup>4th</sup> May 2009

Term 2 Week 3

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### **P&C Annual General meeting + meet our new DP**

Tuesday 19 May 2009: 7-9pm in our library. All parents are invited to attend this meeting. Our strong leadership group is mostly planning to stand for re-election. **Ms Lanham** will make a brief presentation on her professional experiences and priorities. Good fellowship abounds, be there!

### **Ms Emily Walsh meets the Mr. Rudd PM!**

**Emily** represented our school and community at the Illawarra Youth Jobs Summit last Monday. She was able to chat with Mr. Rudd at the end of proceedings and presented him with a copy of our school's history; doubtless an excellent read within the rigours of the budget! A framed photo will shortly be on display in our main foyer.

### **A focus on improving attendance.**

**Mr. Moore** is leading a concerted effort to improve attendance at our school. A great effort is being made to ensure rolls are marked accurately and that truancy is eliminated. Families are reminded:

- Notes of explanation must be provided promptly.
- Planned absences should be notified in advance.
- Planned absences of greater than 15 school days require approval by our School Education Director.

Parents are invited to make contact if they have constructive suggestions for strategies that will improve attendance and hence learning. Recent changes to the law have resulted in some parents being fined personally for their children's poor attendance.

### **Impressive students: English**

Listed below are just some of the outstanding students completing excellent work in the English Faculty. Each has received a 'Principal's Award and brain food!

**Naomi Ramirez, Alexandra Scott, Ashleigh Galagher, Matthew Madden, Cohen Fell, Bowden Morley, Jason Spencer and Ben Ford.** Semester

One reports are underway, doubtless these students will also receive due recognition in these important documents

### **Impressive students: NAPLAN**

Our Y7 and Y9 have done marvellously well this week as they have completed Numeracy and Literacy assessments. Parents and this school will receive detailed feedback on strengths and challenges in due course. Well done team.

### **District Cross Country runners.**

**Mr Horsley** reports a talent team has been assembled and have been preparing strenuously. Run hard team!

*Mr Andrew FitzSimons—Principal*

## **Coming Events for Weeks 3, 4 & 5 Term 2 - 2009**

### **WEEK 3 - B Week**

#### **Thursday 14 May**

- ◆ NAPLAN Yr 7/9 Numeracy

#### **Friday 15 May**

- ◆ Walk Safely to School Day
- ◆ Yr 11 Half-Yearly Exams commence
- ◆ 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

#### **Thursday 21 May**

- ◆ Rio Tinto Science Comp.

## WEEK 5 - B WEEK

*Sunday 24 May to Sunday 31 May*

◆ Education and Reconciliation Week

*Monday 25 May*

◆ NSW All Schools Swimming Carnival

*Tuesday 26 May*

◆ Yr 8 Parents meeting 6-8pm

*Friday 29 May*

◆ School Athletics

### *Teacher of the Week*

**SHARON MORAN**

For skilful stewardship of the HSIE faculty  
in a relieving capacity

### 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*

### VACCINATIONS

On Wednesday 20 May (Week 3) NSW Health will run their 2nd immunisation clinic for 2009 at Dapto High, in the Fitness Centre. Vaccinations offered are:

— Year 7 (1) Girls— second HPV vaccination and (2) Girls and Boys - Varicella (chicken pox).

Permission packs were given out in week one, term two.

— Year 10 (1) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis DTP, catch up for any students who missed this booster shot in term one.

All chicken pox forms should be returned by Friday 15 May. Any questions can be directed to Mrs Meredith in the PE Staffroom

### e<sup>3</sup> Spelling

Despite having a 6 week break from our spelling competition, Year 8 have performed exceptionally well in their first lesson for Term 2. To date, over half of these have received awards for their dedication and skill in improving spelling.

Congratulations to Claudia Lumby our winner for the third time this year! High Achievers this week are

Aaron Barlow (runner-up) and Ashlee Shumack, Jack Johnson and Mackenzie Woolley.

**J. Shaw English Staff.**

### BOOK REVIEW

#### *Garfield Classics (volume 19)*

This book features a huge collection of Jim Davis hilarious comic series of the world's fattest most pampered cat. It was very funny and quick to read. I highly recommend it to anyone. There is a copy in the school library.

**Steven Hall Year 10**

### KOREA

In Korea we stayed with a Korean family. My billet's name was Seok Jin. The first night was scary but also exciting for me, but it was the same for them - to have a boy who was a stranger from another country in their home. We became good friends and Seok Jin and I e-mail each other a few times a week to keep in touch. I can't wait until he and his brother come to Australia to stay with my family.

**Brodie Faraday Year 9.**

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS 2009

The school photographers have contacted us apologising for the delay in delivery of our photos. They have had problems with their new printers. We have received letters of apology from the photographers and the printer suppliers. The latest contact with them indicates we should have our photos within the next few weeks.

Thanks for your patience.

**D Ridley Teacher/Librarian**

### ANCIENT HISTORY ANSTO EXCURSION

On Tuesday May 12, Yr 2 Ancient History visited the Lucas Heights Nuclear Reactor as human remains from Pompeii and Herculaneum were being studied there. A Paleontologist, David Ross, guided our tour and we were lucky enough to meet with the world-renowned archaeologist, Andrew Smith. As well as learning about ancient artifacts being studied, we received a mini physics lesson. We had a great time and would like to thank **Mrs Parker-Cubis** for organising the excursion, **Mrs Whittle** for coming with us and **Mr McLeod** for driving the bus.

**Melissa Heino Yr 12**

### BE PART OF HISTORY!

#### **'INAUGURAL BEEP TEST CHALLENGE'**

During Weeks 4 and 5 the Sports Committee is holding the 'DHS Beep Test Challenge'. It is open to all ages and entry is free. So come and get involved and maybe YOU will make history and become the first

winner for 2009! For more info. Ask your sports committee reps. or listen on assembly.

**Melanie Rooke**

### **ZONE CROSS COUNTRY**

60 students from DHS will be competing in the Zone Cross Country at Integral Energy Field, Dapto on Friday 15th May. Good luck all runners!

### **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, visit [www.313.com.au](http://www.313.com.au) or simply turn up on the night. Cnr. of Fox and Miller Sts. Coniston.

**CARMEL & CO GYMNASTICS SHELLHARBOUR** are 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

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