



The Phoenix NEWSLETTER

Dapto High School

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Term 2 Week 4

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Ms Kerrie Langford, our friend and colleague died suddenly at home several days ago. Ms Langford worked hard with many of our students over the past decade. Kerrie appeared to be making a steady recovery from a number of health challenges prior to her untimely death. A plaque will shortly be placed in our Memorial Garden and some Art resources in our library.

ART—COLOUR—LIFE

Our school needs to improve student attendance!

Congratulations to the 90 students who had perfect attendance last term! DHS is currently adjusting procedures regarding attendance and is asking our whole community to cooperate. It is essential that parents support students to do the following:

- attend school 5 days a week except when sick
 - provide a medical certificate wherever feasible to explain absence
 - provide a signed and dated note/medical certificate the first day back at school after illness
 - give this note/medical certificate to the ROLL CALL teacher
 - first day back at school after illness (NOT the front office)
 - Please do not ring the office but provide a written note explaining absences
 - on sport day avoid missing school to attend medical appointments unless it is absolutely necessary
- Students who truant will attend executive detention from 2.40 – 3.30pm on Wednesday afternoons. If there is a repeat occurrence the school is likely to suspend the student for one day and have a parental interview that may be attended, where appropriate) by the Home

School Liaison Officer.

Y8 students and their parents

You are invited to attend an important seminar on Tuesday 26 May 6-8pm in our library. Y8 Managing DP **Ms Lanham** and **Mr Moore** will lead participants through some crucial areas

- Year 9&10 electives
- NAPLAN results
- Attendance
- Cyberbullying
- L4L [laptops '10 + digital learning]

Learning excellence; another group of high achievers.

These students have really impressed their teachers: Jesse Surridge, Matt Bailey, Matt Charlton, Blake Robinson and Rhys Noronha
Well done team!

Vincentia High School says thanks.

Ms Seckold recently spent an enthralling couple of days assisting with a faculty review. VHS expresses their thanks: "**Tina's expertise and insights have been very much valued by both the review team members who worked with her and the English staff.**" Well done Miss!

Mr Andrew FitzSimons—Principal

**Coming Events for Weeks 4, 5 & 6
Term 2 - 2009**

WEEK 4 A WEEK

Thursday 21 to Friday 22 May

• Year 12 Half Yearly Exams

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

WEEK 6 A WEEK

Tuesday 2 June

“ Year 10 Food Tech Excursion to Leichhardt

Wednesday 3 June

“ Music/Drama Excursion to “Chicago”, Lyric Theatre

Teacher of the Week

SUPPORT TEAM
for skilful work with the
NAPLAN candidates

UNIFORM SHOP

will be open on

Tuesdays 12:00noon to 4.00pm

and

Thursdays 8.00am to 12.00pm

Due to circumstances beyond my control the Uniform Shop will not be open on Thursday 28th May but will be open on Friday 29th May 8am to 4pm

ENGLISH FOR MIGRANTS

Wollongong TAFE offers a free English Program to newly arrived migrants. People who have arrived in the last 6 years would probably be eligible. Eligible clients receive 510 hours of English. The program focuses on accessing health, tenancy, finance, Centrelink, job networks and government. Classes are full or part time, day or evening. Phone 4229 025 for further information.

DRAMA NEWS

We're going MADD! It's that time of year again—the crew from all things MADD are getting ready to present this year's performance extravaganza...“Something Epic”. Students are busy auditioning and rehearsing for the big night, being held Week 10. Stay tuned for more details. **Renee Gilbert and Shane Wood**

DLC Public Speaking - The Dapto Learning Community Public Speaking competition will be held Tuesday 26 May during Education Week at Lakelands Public School. Lets keep our fingers crossed and wish our competitors the best of luck. **Zoe Jiggins** Y8, **James Wishart** Y10 and **Melanie Rooke-Briffa** Y11 will be amongst the communities finest orators on the day which is kindly supported by Dapto Learning community. Good Luck!

Renee Gilbert

The Curtains are Closing! The Bunyip Theatre has just finished a mini renovation with the installation of stage curtains. The results are fantastic and Dapto's Drama students are most impressed with the professionalism of their space. A big thankyou must go to the P&C who kindly funded the project and also to Creative Curtains in Dapto who were so helpful, ensuring that the curtains were completed in record time. Yr11 is anxiously waiting to put on their production of “Two Weeks with the Queen”, and fighting over the coveted curtain opener position.

Renee Gilbert

SPORTS NEWS

Senior Girl's Soccer

On Tuesday 5th May the Senior Girls Grade Soccer team played Lake Illawarra in the Puma Cup Challenge. The girls put in a lot of effort in the extremely close match which ended up two all at full time. In the end our girls came away with the win after a 2-1 penalty shoot out. Congratulations and good luck in the next round. **Teira Humby and Amy Moro**
Year 10

Under 12's Boy's Rugby

Wollongong University Junior Rugby Club are in need of new recruits to fill their team (especially backs). Any interested boys are asked to see **Mr Bateman** for further information.

Senior Girl's Touch

Player points for the game against Kanahooka High A's- 1st **Melissa Turner**(15), 2nd **Brittney Fleming** (10) and equal 3rd **Blair Dickson**(8) and **Kusum Matatahi** (8). B's- 1st **Shayna Graham** (20), 2nd **Lucy Darragh**(17) and 3rd **Melanie Hampton** (13)
Mr Bateman HSIE Staff

We must be proud of Lauren Hinton

Next Monday this fine young woman will be representing the Combined High Schools of NSW in the All Schools Swimming Carnival in the 12 year girls 50m breaststroke. We wish her well.

KOREA

During the holidays I went with the school to Korea. It was the first time I had been overseas and I wasn't disappointed. We stayed in Seoul for two nights then we stayed with our home-stay family. I think the highlight of the trip was going to OsanWonil Middle School and attending classes. We were lucky enough to be at the school on Science Day. There was a water rocket competition. To my great surprise, I won and **Jeannetta** came second. We all enjoyed our stay and

we can't wait for our hosts to come to Australia.

Isabel Moon Year 9

During the time I spent in Korea, I learnt a lot about their culture, the landmarks and the Korean history. For example, our time spent there was about exploring the country. We stayed with a homestay family and mine was very lovely. If I ever had the chance to visit Korea again, I would.

Holly Turner Year 8

Holly Turner Y8

CAREERS NEWS

The 2009 Careers Expo last Wednesday (13 May) was an extraordinary event in terms of the variety and number of exhibitors at the Illawarra Sports Hockey Stadium at Unanderra and the number of students who went through (about 4,000 of them!) We took 224 student: 143 Year 10's, 72 Year 12's and 9 Year 11's. It was unfortunate that some were absent on the day and missed out. Thanks to all the students who did attend who were on their best behaviour and were a credit to the school. I am sure that they gleaned valuable information from the representatives they spoke to, and the literature they collected on the day. Hopefully, they will have gained a slightly clearer idea of their goals and how they are going to achieve them. The teachers who helped were wonderful and allowed the excursion to run smoothly, so thank you to them also.

M. Crump Careers

LEARNER LOGBOOK RUN. DO YOU HAVE YOUR L's?

Here is an excellent opportunity for learner drivers to increase their hours under various conditions including Police RBT, speed checks and Driver Reviver.

Learner Logbook Runs are held on Sundays 10am—12:30pm. Night time drives are offered on Tuesdays from July 6pm—8:80pm. Learners must have 40 or more Log Book hours. Bookings are essential. Phone Wollongong City Council on 4227 7261 email: rso@wollongong.nsw.gov.au

My sister **Pheobe** completed her School Certificate at Dapto High in 2008. **Pheobe** is now completing her diploma in Beauty Therapy at the Leisure Coast Beauty Academy. As well as studying, she is able to do treatments at home. **Pheobe** hopes to work full time in a beauty salon. I hope she inspires everyone of you like she does me.

Paige Phillips Year 9

CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF KANAHOOKA HIGH SCHOOL

Kanahooka High School was officially opened on 18 October 1974 and to commemorate this 35 year milestone, a reunion will be held for pioneering students (1st two finishing years) and their teachers/staff.

Details are set out below:

Date: Sat. 24 October 2009

Time: 6:00pm—midnight

Venue: Kembla Grange Golf Club, Princes H'way. Kembla Grange

Cost: \$35 p/p

R.S.V.P. A.S.A.P. as seats are limited

Bookings: Essential for catering purposes (no tickets available at door)

Contact: Margaret ("Titch") McGoldrick
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(02) 4262 7728 a.h. (leave message if unanswered)

Partners: Welcome

Payment: A.S.A.P. Bank A/C: Greater B/S/
BSB No. 637000

Name: Ms Margaret McGoldrick

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I.D. Please reference your name upon payment.

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