



# The Phoenix NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 5

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Come celebrate Education Week!

A range of activities has been planned to mark this important occasion; family discussions however are our most treasured element. All families are encouraged to take time this week to focus on learning successes and challenges over the first 16 academic weeks of this year; a great opportunity to check Learning Partners, Learning Goals and homework completion. Our local member of State parliament, **Ms Lylea McMahon** visited our school on Wednesday afternoon. Next week she will be making a special appearance as a 'celebrity chef'!

### E3: Engage, Enrich, Extend! Rio Science Competition.

**Ms Morgan** and her faculty are particularly pleased that so many students chose to take on this challenge. Sixty one fine students sat for this 90 minute paper and in due course will receive detailed feedback on their strengths and areas for improvement. All students and their families are encouraged to become involved in these 'challenge test'. Students will receive an invitation from their teachers. Thanks are due to **Ms Mathein** for her management of this opportunity.

### Names out of the hat!

Those listed below have received a wonderful phone call, a 50% reduction in fees. Thanks are due to all those families who have been able to meet these essential costs.

**David Morgan** Yr 12, **Rebecca Sunshine** Yr 11, **Clay Smith** Yr 10, **Carly Latham** Yr9, **Stefanie Daffara** Yr 8, **Natalie Wilton** Yr 7. Families experiencing financial difficulties can seek confidential assistance from our school.

### We remember Ms Kerry Langford.

Sad staff members returned from an uplifting ceremony late Monday. **Ms Langford's** family and friends saw her off with style. **Mr John Wilson** writes: "Today was a day I will cherish always. Whilst attending the funeral of a friend and colleague was a sad occasion, it was also a time to remember and reflect (and laugh as well) about the special person **Kerry** was. **Michelle** and **Jenny** spoke eloquently at the funeral service and their words were much appreciated by the friends and family present." **Ms Langford's** extensive collection of art resources and books will shortly be donated to our school.

### Y8 and their fine families!

140 attended our information session this week. Y8 Managing DP, **Ms Lanham**, is delighted with this show of support. Stage 5 elective choices, cyber-bullying, NAPLAN analysis and the 2010 distribution of laptops to all Y9 students were discussed. Thank you.

### 52<sup>nd</sup> Athletics Carnival

Friday 29 May. Parents are invited to attend, and are reminded they must sign in through our main office. Go Dapto!

*Mr Andrew FitzSimons—Principal*

### Coming Events for Weeks 5, 6 & 7 Term 2 - 2009

#### WEEK 5 B WEEK

**Sunday 24 May to Sunday 31 May**

" Education and Reconciliation Week

**Friday 29 May**

" School Athletics (School or House Uniform-No Mufti)

#### WEEK 6 A WEEK

**Tuesday 2 June**

" Year 10 Food Tech Excursion to Leichhardt

**Wednesday 3 June**

" Music/Drama Excursion to "Chicago", Lyric Theatre

#### WEEK 7 B WEEK

**Monday 8 June**

" Queen's Birthday Holiday

**Tuesday 9 June**

" Year 12 Ancient History Excursion

**Friday 12 June**

" Regional Cross Country

Teacher of the Week  
**MR PETER CATTLE**  
For skilful organisation as Sports  
Organiser in the absence of Mr Wright

### UNIFORM SHOP

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

Dapto High P&C will be holding a Trivia Night on 15th August 2009 at Dapto Leagues Club at 7pm. Do you think you are smarter than the teachers, parents or students? Prove it!  
Get a table of 10 people together and attend. For \$15 per head a great night is guaranteed. Pay at office before the night.

### SMERCILS—Fragrant Pencils

The English faculty is running a fundraiser in anticipation of the wonderful resources that can be purchased for use with the new laptop computers. Pencils come in 10 different fragrances and are made of 100% recycled newspapers. Pencils cost \$1.20 each and are available from the canteen at recess on Wednesdays or from Ms Shaw in Room 41 at all other times.

### “e3” Spelling

Congratulations to the following talented students who were successful in this week’s spelling competitions:  
Year 9

High Achievers **Cameron Thompson, Shannon Kelly, Emily Mackey, Mitchell Kearney, Ryan Hawker, Zachary Winston, and Erin Vermast** (runner-up).

Winner **Chris Wilden-Zahra**  
Year 8

High Achievers **Ben Chapman, Rachel Kutzner, Katie Love, Amanda Mason, Sarah Anderson, Jack Johnson** (runner-up)

Winner **Blake Taylor**

**J. Shaw** English Department

### CHESS CLUB

Today 21st May, 2009, Dapto High’s Chess Team went to Albion Park HS to play their Chess Team. Four of the five DHS players won their game. The fifth game was closely fought. After a loss to Oak Flats HS in the first we now stand at 1 win 1 loss. This means that we will continue to the next round of the NSW Country Secondary Schools Chess Team Competition. Our team of great players consists of the team captain, **Kiara Nardone** (Y12), **Alex Waters** (Y11), **Steven Hall** (Y10), **Matthew Hensen** (Y7) and **Tobias Smith** (Y7).

**Matthew** and **Tobias** and **Mr Wilson**

### KOREA

I had the greatest time in Korea it was like the future with heated toilet seats and ice cream in tiny tablets. They even have “maccas” which is delivered as well as some food. I wasn’t so keen on this because most of the food was like Chinese. The people are really friendly and nice. I really want to go back because it is an extraordinary place full of surprises. If you have the opportunity it is definitely worth while.

**Jeannetta Evans** Year 9

### DAPTO BOYZ SPK OUT!

On Monday 25th May, students of 90 English students participated in an interview with ex-student Mat Rhodes, about slang. Mat reports that we should be very proud of these students as they provided mature and insightful responses for the article which will be featured in an upcoming edition of the The Mercury. Congratulations to **Cohen Fell, Nicholas Jugovic, Ryan Slabb, Ben Ford, Chris Poort, Boweden Morley, Blake Redman, Sam Skinner, Jacob Farrell, Anthony Tugral** and **Ben Kitchen-Greenhalgh**. Well done Boys!

**R Gilbert** English Department

### SPORTS NEWS

On Friday DHS sent a team of over 60 students to contest the Zone Cross Country carnival at the picturesque Intergral Energy Fields. In windy conditions, students attacked the course with vigour, producing some memorable performances. Efforts on the day were tremendous, with the team placing second, just 13 points behind the eventual winners, Warilla High.

**Mrs Robinson** (Team Manager) and I would like to thank all students and parents for their cooperation during the carnival.

A great day was had by all and serves as a reminder of how lucky we are to be a part of Dapto High School. The first six runners along with students in the 12, 16, and 18 years each age groups (Zone Team) have qualified for the Regional Carnival to be held at Cambewarra on Friday 12th June.

Age Group	Position	Name(s)
12 Years Boys	6th	<b>Caleb McCarthy</b>
12 Years Boys	Zone Team	<b>Caleb, McCarthy, Lachlan Crowe</b> (8), <b>Josh Ford</b> (10), <b>Jarrold Whitehead</b> (12)
12 Years Girls	Zone Team	<b>Brooke Redman</b> (7), <b>Stephanie Chantrey</b> (12) <b>Kaya Somerville</b> (11), <b>Paige Savill</b> (13)
13 Years Boys	7th	<b>Matthew Oswald</b>
14 Years Boys	5th	<b>Blake Taylor</b>
14 Years Boys	9th	<b>Matthew Charlton</b>
14 Years Girls	6th	<b>Emily Merrett</b>

15 Years Boys	2nd	<b>Josh Savill</b>
15 Years Boys	4th	<b>Zac Muller</b>
15 Years Girls	4th	<b>Mikaela Gambuzza</b>
15 Years Girls	7th	<b>Jenny Taylor</b>
16 Years Boys	3rd	<b>Jarrold Bailey</b>
16 Years Boys	6th	<b>Brad Wilmott</b>
16 Years Girls	1st	<b>Teira Humby</b>
16 Years Girls	5th	<b>Melanie Hampton</b>
16 Years Girls	6th	<b>Karina Blacklock</b>
16 Years Girls	Zone Team	<b>Teira Humby,</b> <b>Melanie Hampton, Karina Blacklock, Sinead Fisher</b>
(16)		
17 Years Boys	2nd	<b>Todd Sparks</b>
17 Years Girls	7th	<b>Jessica Oswald</b>

18 Years Boys	1st	<b>Hayden Thomson</b>
18 Years Boys	3rd	<b>Aaron Smith</b>

### **G K R**

Classes in Karate in West Dapto, Dapto. Berkeley,  
Flinders, Albion Park  
Please Call 4242 0606 for more information or visit  
[gkrkarate.com](http://gkrkarate.com).  
Owen Lord—Self Defence Consultant