



# The Phoenix

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 6

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### **Good Attendance = good learning!**

This key message has been on display at the front of our school for some time. Many thanks to those parents who have made contact to encourage us to maintain our vigorous efforts to reduce absenteeism, improve attendance and improve learning.

### **Dapto High School achievements recognised**

The Illawarra South East Regional Award ceremony was held last week. Various aspects of our school were celebrated. **Ms Roslyn Mayberry, Ambassador for Public Education by a successful past student. Ms Mayberry** was our School Captain in 1968 and is currently the renowned principal of Ballina HS.

### **Dapto HS Executive. Excellence in Innovation.**

Our executive's 4 year program of visiting industry each term received this accolade. Later this term we will be hosted by the management of WIN Stadium.

### **Dapto High School Environmental Committee.**

**Commendation Award. Ms Morgan** received this accolade on behalf of staff, students and parents. The comprehensive array of initiatives undertaken at our school was applauded.

**Mr. John Wilson.** Excellent contribution beyond the classroom.

### **Graduate success. — Mitchell Hall H'08**

I completed the HSC last year (H' 08) at Dapto High. Since then, I have gained a cadetship in Materials Engineering at BlueScope Steel while studying at the University of Wollongong within that degree. I would be very interested in coming back to Dapto High for a day, preferably in June. I'm currently working at the Hot Strip Mill with

another former student of Dapto High (**Daniel Cadwallen**) who completed the HSC in 2005 and also has a cadetship with BlueScope. I believe it would be a good time to talk to the current HSC candidates (H' 09) about University and about cadetships with the company in the field of Engineering. I remember last year we had something similar where uni students spoke to Year 12 in the library.

### **A graduate reflects — Mr Michael Mullaly H'84**

I was checking the email address for Dapto High School out of interest, in particular the canoe polo site. I was a student of Dapto High School who completed Year 12 in 1984. I loved canoeing and went on quite a number of trips including the State Championships at Nymboida River in 1982 and other locations that Dapto High used to offer. My fondest memories of school revolve around kayaking as a sport. In short I don't consider myself ever becoming accomplished but I felt like I was really competent through dedicated teachers and I had a lot of confidence in the sport. So at any rate I hope you and your staff continue encouraging the students to be involved. If they are anything like me your students may not know how much of an impact that you make until they grow older. Don't underestimate how much they will appreciate your efforts in the future, even though you may not get feedback for some years to come.

**Editor's note: Michael** is remembered fondly by a number of staff. More such stories please.

Another Graduate story on back page.

***Mr Andrew FitzSimons—Principal***

**Coming Events for Weeks 6,7 & 8  
Term 2 - 2009**

**WEEK 6 A WEEK**

**Friday 5 June**

“ Jersey Day (fund raiser for Sports Committee)

**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

**WEEK 8 A WEEK**

**Monday 15 June**

“ Kiama Excursion

**Tuesday 16 June**

“ Rugby League Knockout

“ P & C Meeting 7-9pm

Teacher of the Week

**FRANK GASSELING**

For skilfully performing the role of  
General Assistant for the past two weeks

**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.

**CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP — NSW  
PARLIAMENT**

On Monday 18 May **Jessica Bone, Steven Hall, Madeleine Bretag** and **Jonathon Apostolovski** were accompanied by Mrs **Moran** up to NSW State Parliament House. This was part of the “Civics and Citizenship” grant obtained by **Ms Cooper** and **Mrs Moran**. 7am we all boarded **Mrs Moran’s** mini, green, two door, Echo with optimistic thoughts of getting there safely without getting lost. 9.30am we were joined by Elonera Montessori School, Hazelbrook Public, Birrong Girls High, Corpus Christi Catholic College, Nowra Anglican College, Winmalee High and numerous guest speakers. We were asked to give a 10-minute presentation on Civics and Citizenship and how Dapto implements this through our Asian focus. We all did exceptionally well. Our day included a tour of the press gallery, the two houses of parliament and other important locations within parliament. We would like to thank **Mrs Moran** and **Ms Cooper** for organising a great day, we had a fantastic time!  
**Jessica Bone, Steven Hall, Madeleine Bretag and Jonathon Apostolovski**  
Year 10

**“e<sup>3</sup>” SPELLING**

Congratulations to the following talented and committed Year 7 students who were engaged in learning and successful in this weeks competition.

Winner:

**Max Meiser**

High Achievers: **Jennifer Dimitrievski (runner up), Alisa Rice, Kaysha Larkin, Maria Ellenis & Brock Donovan,**

**J. Shaw**

**English Department**

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS AND LIBRARY  
CARDS**

School photographs were handed out on Monday. For those who were away please collect photos from me in the Library. There is a number at the back of each photo album. Record this number and keep in a safe place. You can use this number to re order photos from photographers for up to 30 years.

I also have library cards to be collected. Please collect ASAP.

**Mrs Ridley** Teacher/Librarian

## SPORT

### Sports Committee News

#### Jersey Day

Tomorrow Friday 5 June will be our Annual Jersey Day. Come and support your team, no matter what the sport by wearing a team jersey of. A gold coin donation will be collected on assembly, Friday morning.

#### Inaugural Beep Test Challenge:

The beep test is still going. Year 7 competed last week and had a fantastic turn out. Listen on assembly for your chance to compete.

#### Dodgeball Challenge:

The dodge ball challenge starts on Wednesday 17 June (week 8). The teams are made up of six players and a minimum of two girls must be playing. See **Mr. Cattle** for team sign up sheets.

#### Girls Basketball:

This is my second year in our school's girls basketball team. Last year lets just say we weren't quite professional yet....well we sucked but just because we had never played before. This year we have improved immensely and kicked Albion Park's butt! 54-6 woooo!! We were all very excited as this was our first big win. This week we faced "Tall Jan" who is malicious from Oak Flats wow! Was she tall and obviously experienced too. We didn't lose by much 22-12 Tall Jan got four penalties (3 pointers) and scored every single point, it was a one person team. Anyway next game we'll go out there and do our best.

**Jeannetta Evans**

**Year 9**

#### Refereeing:

Two weeks ago my brother **Shannon** and I went to referee at Reed Park. We were looked at by former Dapto High student, **Tony Del Seros** who is an AFL referee. I refereed the Under 12s knockout final and my younger brother refereed the Under 10s final. We both refereed well. A big thanks to **Mr Cattle** for letting this happen

**Mitchell Bonnie**

**Year 10**

## FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

**Year 11 & 12 Open Night.** The University of Wollongong is hosting an Open Night to give Y11 and Y12 students and parents the opportunity to visit UOW to learn more about degrees on offer at UOW and where a degree from UOW can lead. Held on Wednesday 10th June from 5pm. Faculty sessions will commence at 6pm, 6:50pm and 7:40pm. Nine faculties will run consecutive sessions—learn more about a number of study areas you may be interested in. Bookings are essential, call 1300 367 869 or book online at <http://tiny.cc/UOWevents>

**Year 10 Info. Evening** for students and parents 30th June. Uni Hall. Book online. More info. on this next week.

**RSA & RCG Training Days**—Thursdays 11th and 18th June. Cost \$110. Common Room 10:45am—5:15pm. Periods 1 & 2 as normal. Please pay by Tuesday. Enquiries and notes to **Mrs Crump**.

I am an ex Dapto High student currently in my third year of journalism at UOW. I was lucky enough to earn an internship with the Illawarra Mercury this year. During my time at the Mercury I have met the Prime Minister and local, state and federal Ministers of Parliament. I have had numerous articles published in the newspaper. Journalism is an exciting profession where you never stop learning.

**Mat Rhodes** H'07

Keep an eye out for **Mat's** next article in The Mercury, featured in the ZEST section.

## UNIFORMS

UNIFORMS: LOST AND FOUND

We have an abundance of maroon sloppy joes in our clothing pool. If any student needs another sloppy joe, please see either the front office or **Mrs Ryan** in the Home Ec Prep Room. All clothing has been washed and will cost \$3 each. We do not have any grey sloppy joes but would appreciate any that your child may have grown out of to add to our clothing pool. Thank you.

**G. Ryan**  
**Economics Staff**

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