



The Phoenix NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 7

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

OurSpace - DET Blogging Trial

The (SRC) Student Representative Council has established a blog which they have called **OurSpace**. Our young leaders are hoping to engage students and the whole community using this online tool. They have outlined some of their ideas about what the blog will be used for in their first post and value interactivity greatly. They want students to **not just read but contribute**. Their ideas for the blog, too numerous to list here, include:

- information on upcoming events.
- comments and proposals to the SRC from students
- videos from students voicing their opinions and ideas.

students seeking election will be able to upload campaign videos

OurSpace has already attracted interest from other schools looking to use online tools with their students. Miss Gilbert, the SRC coordinator, organised for Birrong Girls HS to have our first SRC video conference last Friday. The enthusiasm from all students was fantastic and the blog was used for both schools to communicate ideas with each other.

The SRC would love you to check out their ideas at the blog: <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/blog/8204-thephoenixstudentleadershipblog/>

The blog is public so anyone can read and comment. All posts and comments are moderated by staff. It is part of a formal trial of a beta blogging platform being conducted by the DET.

Angus Lamb, our Vice-Captain, has made the first of his videos in a series called 'Angus Speaks', which will be posted shortly. We look forward to his insights.

L4L – 'Laptops for Learning'

The laptops are coming! Staff will receive some laptops in June and all Year 9 students are likely to be issued with them in August. These laptops weigh less than 1kg and will easily fit into existing school bags. Parents will have to sign a charter prior to students being issued with the laptops. All will come with a suite of Microsoft and Adobe tools and the students will be free to use the machines at home and have online access too (if you have an internet provider) with DET filtering in place. All the parent information can be found at the school's website.

Stay tuned for more information and a Year 9 parent and student meeting next term.

Attendance

Thanks to families who have been supporting good attendance at Dapto High School. We have noticed an improvement in students returning notes and medical certificates on return to school after illness. Remember, explanation is required within 7 days. It is important that students provide this information to their roll call teacher rather than you phoning the office. If parents know there will be extended leave of absence they should contact the Principal directly, especially if it for 15 days or more.

Far too many students are arriving after the bell rings for morning assembly. All students should be sitting down by 8.32am so the rolls can be marked by staff.

Mr FitzSimons is attending a conference this week and I am Relieving as Principal.

Darcy Moore Relieving Principal

Coming Events for Weeks 7,8 & 9

Term 2 - 2009

WEEK 7 B WEEK

Friday 12 June

- Dance Festival
- Regional Cross Country

WEEK 8 A WEEK

Monday 15 June

- Y8 Interest Elective excursion

Tuesday 16 June

- Rugby League knockout
- P&C Meeting

Wednesday 17 June

- Marine Careers Day

Friday 19 June

- Sydney Wood Show

WEEK 9 B WEEK

Tuesday 23 June

- Y12 Business Studies to UOW

Wednesday 24 June

- Zone Netball carnival

Teacher of the Week

MARGARET CRUMP

For her skilful organisation of careers activities

UNIFORM SHOP

will be open on

Tuesdays 12:00noon to 4.00pm

and

Thursdays 8.00am to 12.00pm

2009 Y9 SNOWY TRIP

Attention all Y9 students/parents. Second payment is due 12th June ... and all is well underway for an exciting trip ahead.

Mr. Phillips

TRIVIA NIGHT

Dapto High P&C are holding a Trivia Night on 15th August 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 school office before the night.

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to the parents who have undertaken to help for a day on the canteen roster. In thanking those, I would also like to remind everyone that there are still a number of days that need to be filled. Ideally, for the canteen to run efficiently and for students to be served at recess and lunch breaks, we require at least 3 or 4 volunteers. A reminder to those on the roster, if you are unable to attend on your rostered day, I would appreciate a phone call. I also thank all the staff members who have offered their service on busy days. Your help is greatly appreciated. A reminder to parents and students: We have a selection of pre made rolls and sandwiches available daily. These include: chicken, lettuce and mayonnaise, cheese salad, ham salad and devon salad. All these are made on white bread or rolls. We also have mixed sandwiched available. These are available in 4 or 6 packs. Should you wish to buy any other sandwich or roll it must be ordered. We have white and wholemeal rolls available and we also have white or multigrain bread. The canteen can also supply Gluten Free bread should it be required. Recess orders must be in before roll call and lunch orders will be accepted up until recess. Due to refilling of stock and making of lunch orders, we wish to remind students that the canteen is CLOSED between recess and lunchtime.

Now to the parents who may be interested in helping out at the school canteen. If you would be able to give some of your time, come and have a try for a day before you commit to a roster—bring a friend. Our students are very polite and well-mannered. Dads and Grandparents also most welcome. The healthy food that we provide is an affordable price and this is only possible because of our dedicated group of volunteers (some have been with us for 30 years!). If you can help come and have a chat with me or phone me on 42611416 or fill out slip below and return to me in the canteen.

Kerrie Phillips Canteen Supervisor

I am available to volunteer

WEEKLY FORTNIGHTLY MONTHLY

I am available on MONDAY TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ITALIAN FORUM VISIT



On Tuesday 2nd June, Year 10 and Year 9 Food Technology students visited the Italian Forum in Leichhardt where we learnt some Italian history.

We were able to make a pizza and had our lunch which was pizza and pasta and gelato. My favourite was spaghetti and gelato. **Tegan Hoyn Y10**

Yr 10 and Yr 9 went to the Italian Forum at Leichhardt on 2nd June, to learn about Italian food. It was sensational. For our lunch we had platters of beautiful spaghetti bolognese and Penne with pesto. Then we had pizzas that we had made which were delightful and finished off with gelato—true Italian style. **A year 10 fan of Food Tech.**

Our excursion to the Italian Forum on 2nd June was a fun day. We made our own lunch which was pizza and pasta. **CJ and LJ**

SPORT



Zone Cross Country Carnival

18 Years Boys 4th **Danny Henley-Martin**

18 Years Girls 2nd **Amy Woods**

18 Years Boys Zone Team
Hayden Thomson, Aaron Smith, Danny Henley-Martin

Zone Athletics

Friday 19th June. Notes and \$5 bus fare (if necessary) to **Mr. Wright.**

FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

UOW Information Evening. Year 10 and their parents

are invited to an Information Evening run by the University of Wollongong in the University Hall at the UOW Northfields Avenue Wollongong on Tuesday 30 June, 2009 at 6:30pm—8:30pm. There will be information that can help students select their subjects for Years 11 and 12 to greater benefit entry into the course they want to do at Uni. Important information on scaling will also be discussed. Please book online at

www.coursefinder.uow.edu.au/coursefinder/eventbookingdetail.aspx

(just type in address line) or call 1300 367 869.

Career Snap Shot Day is a one day program designed to inform Yr. 9, 10 and 11 girls on all aspects of a career in industry. This will be a day of active learning and informative advice and will include a visit to BlueScope Steel, Port Kembla and talks by a number of female cadets and recent graduates. Career Snap Shot Day is scheduled for Tuesday 7th July. Any girl who may be interested please see **Mrs. Crump** in Careers. More info at www.aiw.org.au

Mrs. Crump Careers

DAPTO TAFE INFORMATION DAY

When: Thursday 25th June, 2009

Time: 10:00am

Where: Room HG7

Computers for Beginners

Introduction to Animal Studies

Building your Computer Skills

Upgrade your skills for work or further study.

Courses are available during school hours and school terms.

There is no administration fees attached to these courses.

For further information ring: (02) 42218937 or (02) 42218993

EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH NEW ZEALAND

Rotary is looking for enthusiastic young people who will be in Year 9 or 10 in 2010 to take part in the Australia/New Zealand Short Term Exchange Program for 2010. Each year this program sponsors young people aged 14—16 to be matched with New Zealand students and each one spends one school term living and attending school in the other's country. They will be involved in the normal day to day activities of their host family. Rotary provides training and briefing sessions to all students and their families. Students have full support and the backing of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand at all times. For more information email: chohnen@winco.com.au or phone 02 9984 7630.

