



The Phoenix NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 8

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dynamic Dapto dancers delight!

Glowing reports are being received regarding our Dance Troupe's participation in the South Coast Regional Dance Festival. Our troupe was given the honour of opening the performance. Dance supremo, **Ms Jackie Johnson** deserves great praise for her inspirational leadership of this group of fine students. Our dancers were not only skilful, they were superbly costumed [thanks **Mrs Kerrie Lester**], marvellously choreographed [thanks **Mr Troy Lester**] and wonderfully collaborative. Well done team! There will be another opportunity to see this great performance at the forth coming MADD Night.

Parent Teacher discussions.

Hard working staff have almost finished Semester One reports; a huge undertaking. Families will have an opportunity to discuss learning success and learning challenges on Thursday 9 July 12.30 pm until 5.30pm. Parents and students will be requesting interviews with teachers either online by visiting the Website: <http://www.edval.com.au/book> or filling out and returning a booking sheet. Parents will be able to indicate what times they are available and the preferred order of interviews by placing the numbers 1 onwards next to each teacher. Interview requests will close on Friday, 3rd July, COB. Interview requests will then be processed and optimized and posted online on the same Website on Monday, 6th July, 2009. Parents will be able to view their schedule of interviews and be able to move or request further interviews only in free spots.

At school and on time!

All families are asked to being asked to support our push to improve attendance and punctuality. Good learning depends on our school being able to operate smoothly. Our first bell now rings at 8.28 am and all students are expected to be in their roll call lines by 8.32am at the latest. Parents are being asked to provide written notes on every instance of absence or late arrival. This is an issue which touches every aspect of learning and working lives. Traffic congestion is not an adequate excuse, planning an earlier arrival and/or dropping students in the designated zones in Marshall St is an obvious solution.

Breakfast Club is go!

60+ students attended our first ever Breakfast Club on Wednesday this week. **Ms Sharon Dolenc**, our School Chaplain has been working with the Dapto Anglican church to organise this initiative. A range of healthy food was served using the kitchen at the back of our hall, [recently renovated by our P&C]. Marvellous to see small groups sitting together, happy chat, fruit, muesli, toast and cornflakes. All students are invited; Wednesday, 7.30am until 8.15am: no costs. Thanks team.

Andrew FitzSimons Principal

Coming Events for Weeks 8,9 & 10 Term 2 - 2009

WEEK 8 A WEEK

Friday 19 June
Sydney Wood Show
Zone Athletics

WEEK 9 B WEEK

Tuesday 23 June
Y12 Business Studies to UOW
Wednesday 24 June
Zone Netball carnival

WEEK 10 A WEEK

Monday 29 June
Year 9 Child Studies Excursion, Wollongong Hospital
Tuesday 30 June
Year 12 Geog Study UOW
Wednesday 1 July
MADD Night

Teacher of the Week

TRACEY ANDERSON
for skilful management of this school's effort to
improve attendance

UNIFORM SHOP

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

'FLU SEASON

Winter is here and that means **flu season**. **Dr Booy**, Head, Clinical Research National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance outlines the recommended treatment for flu:

Stay in bed and rest until the temperature has been normal for 48 hours

Drink enough fluids to maintain normal urine output.

Take paracetamol to control fever, aches and pains.

Use antiviral medication early, as this may shorten the length and severity of illness.

Avoid exposure to dust, alcohol, fumes and tobacco smoke as much as possible.

Consult a doctor if symptoms such as difficulty breathing, coughing up green/yellow phlegm or severe headache develop.

To find out more, watch a video about flu in the School Parents ezine at

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2009/issue03/watch_flu/

SYDNEY STUDY DAY

On Tuesday 9 June our Year 12 Ancient History class travelled to Sydney to attend a study day for our topic on Pompeii and Herculaneum. We were one of many schools who spent the day listening to various well known historians and experts, who gave lectures on human remains, political life, roman households, funerary practices and the famous "Villa of the Papyri". The seminar overall gave an insightful and detailed outlook of the archaeology of the sites and was also very interesting to see and to hear first-hand, stories of some internationally renown archaeologists (two of whom wrote our class text book). We would like to thank **Mrs Parker-Cubis** and **Mrs Whittle** for organising this very helpful and informative day.

Kyra Bandte Year 12

SPEAKING CONTEST

On Wednesday 27 May **James Wishart** Year 10, **Zoe Jiggins** Year 8 and **Melanie Rooke-Briffa** Year 11 attended the Dapto Learning Community's Public Speaking Contest. **Zoe Jiggins** won the audience with her stunning speech on "Green is the New Black" but unfortunately came runner up to the "green" school. **James** delivered a reality check and convinced all that maybe there isn't a "Happily ever after....." Finally **Melanie** gave a brilliant speech on technology, she was awarded a gold medal and congratulated for her efforts.

KOREA

I really enjoyed Korea, it was my first time out of Australia and my first time on a plane. My hosts were very nice the two brothers names were **Gyungtak** and **Hyan-woo**. My favourite tourist place was the folk village because it was so different from museums, it was so country.

Dana Armour Year 8

BABY, THAT'S CHICAGO

On 3rd June a group of us trained it up to Sydney to be dazzled by the musical CHICAGO. It was awesome, it had character and sparkle! We were shocked by Velma (she shot her sister), we were wowed by Roxie and blown away by Mama. In all it was a good day.

Shannen Snow Year 10

CAREERS

SENIORS - WELL DONE to all the students who participated in RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) course last Thursday. All passed with flying colours! Alison King their trainer and a former Dapto High student had nothing but praise for this group. Hopefully, the same will be said when phase two the RCG (Responsible Conduct of Gambling) course is completed this Thursday 18th June. Same time, same place. Thanks to their teachers for being understanding and allowing them out of class before the end of Period 2.

FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS - HONEYWELL ENGINEERING SUMMER SCHOOL.

Honeywell will once again offer their Summer School to current Year 11 students interested in studying engineering at university in 2011. Honeywell Summer School will run from Sun. 6th to Fri 11th December. Cost is \$595. Applications will be selected on first in basis. Students can call into the Careers Office for an application form or visit their website: www.engineeringaustralia.org.au/sydney

YEARS 11 and 12 2009 - HOUSING NSW YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

if you live in social housing (i.e. in public, community and Aboriginal housing) and have a good attendance record at school, you may be eligible to apply for a scholarship of \$2,000 to be spent on books, computer equipment, tuition or other specialist equipment. Call 1300 HOUSING (1300 468 746) and press 2 for general enquiries or log onto: www.housing.nsw.gov.au and download a form today. Applications close 10th July 2009.

REMINDER TO YEAR 10 - Information Evening for students and parents at University of Wollongong on June 30, 2009 at 6:30—8:30pm. Must book online at www.uow.edu.au/year10infoeues or call 1300 367 869.

M Crump **Careers**

SPORT



Year 7/8 Sport at Dapto High School. Every Thursday afternoon a select group of students participate in Year 7/8 Sport on the back ovals. They are involved in many sports including soccer, touch football, volleyball, basketball and paddle tennis. Teachers nominate students who have played well for "Player of the Match" Awards. Students who participate to the best of their ability in the correct spirit of the sport are nominated for "Sportsmanship" Awards. These students are recognised at an assembly at the beginning of sport each week. They receive a certificate and a "Fruit Tingle" in recognition of their efforts. Thanks must be extended to all staff and students for their enthusiastic approach to the sporting afternoon.

Mr. Horsley **PDHPE Staff**

Schoolboys Knockout. Dapto sent three teams to participate in the Schoolboys Rugby League Knockout on Tuesday 16 June. The school was represented in 13, 14 and 16 years age groups. Special thanks go to **Mr. Smith** and **Mr. Wood** who made their coaching debuts for the school, having recently attained their Level 1 qualifications.

Senior Girls Touch. The game was against Warilla, the undefeated Senior B's were down 6-1 at half time but came back to even the score 6 all full time. Well done girls. Players "Best and Fairest" points in the A's were 1st **Stephanie Kates** 15, 2nd **Brittney Fleming** 10, 3rd **Blair Dickson** 7, **Kusum Matatahi** 7 and **Jessica Oswald** 7. B's 1st **Kirsty Stewart** 13, 2nd **Melanie Hampton** 12, 3rd **Shayna Graham** 9 and **Morgan Williams**.

Mr. Bateman **HSIE Staff**

HORSLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE AND DAPTO LIONS

Will be holding Identikid Days on Wednesday 15 and 22 July from 9.30am to 12.30pm at Horsley Community Centre. For more information **PH: 4261 6161** or email: wdca@bigpond.net.au

MS EMILY REDMILE H'06

I am an ex student of Dapto High and am currently in my third year of a Health Science Degree. I am hoping to gain entry into the Medicine and Surgery Degree at UOW next year. I would like to eventually become a GP. I always found the Dapto High community to be supportive of my goals.

ITEMS UNCLAIMED

There are still a number of uncollected library cards and school photos with **Mrs. Ridley** in the Library. Please collect ASAP.

TAFE

Change your career! Update your skills! TAFE have courses in Office Administrator, Personal Assistant, Project Assistant, Receptionist, Financial Clerical Assistant or Bookkeeper (MYOB). Enrol now at TAFE NSW Illawarra Institute. Information session at 12 noon with enrolment commencing at 1pm and going through to 7pm on Thursday 2nd July, 2009.

For information phone 42290583.