



The Phoenix NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 9

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We focus; attendance and punctuality!

Tuesday 23 June 8:35am, just 17 students late. This might be our best effort ever. Thank you to all those families who are supporting our resolve to start each and every day smoothly and efficiently. Provision of absentee notes is also on the improve; thank you. Families with an intractable issue that necessitates late arrival are asked to make formal contact. All students are being asked to take more responsibility for their own uniform, attendance and punctuality; planning ahead is the key.

140 Teacher-Librarians drop in.

Ms Di Ridley hosted the Regional conference again last week. She was mightily pleased with the reception her colleagues received. For some reason they seemed a hungry lot and **Ms Law's** Hospitality students were really stretched providing excellent meals. 140 Teacher-Librarians left impressed. Thanks are due.

Parent Teacher consultations Thursday 9 July 2009: 12.30pm until 5.30pm.

Online bookings have been strong; thank you. All families should by now have received an instruction sheet. Please make contact if there are any glitches. Teachers will once again be grouped in faculties in either our library or hall. A light afternoon tea will be available.

How to maximise your School Certificate Science marks!

Ms Morgan and her team will mount our first SC preparation seminar next Tuesday 30 June. All Y10 students are encouraged to attend; 2.45 until 4.15 pm. Afternoon tea will be provided. Participants will be able to familiarise themselves with likely exam questions. Study techniques and exam techniques will be investigated. Success in Y10 is the cornerstone of success in the senior school. Be there!

Y10 'Decision Time!' goes online.

All Y10 students will now have received electronic advice encouraging them to start choosing their Y11 subjects. This new protocol has been devised to provide students and their families with complete details of each course being offered in 2010 and more time to sift through options. Head teachers will monitor selections and make every effort to connect School Certificate effort to appropriate Y11 choices. Careers

advice is available from **Mrs. Crump** and **Mr. Johnson**. A 'Decision Time!' expo is planned in early T3.

Andrew FitzSimons Principal

Coming Events for Weeks 10 & 11 Term 2 - 2009 WEEK 10 A WEEK

Monday 29 June

Year 9 Child Studies Excursion

Tuesday 30 June

Year 12 Geog Study UOW

Wednesday 1 July

MADD Night

Friday 3 July

Year 11 Food Tec & Hospitality Excursion

WEEK 11 B WEEK

Monday 6 July

Year 9 Child Studies Excursion

Tuesday 7 July

Year 10 HSIE Field Trip

Wednesday 8 July

Community & Family Studies Excursion

Thursday 9 July

Parent / Teacher Afternoon 12:30-5:30pm

Friday 10 July

End of Term 2

Teachers of the Week

MICHELLE QUINE and COL SHERACK
For completing Certificate III
in Support Education

UNIFORM SHOP

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

Education Tax Refund— Don't forget to claim

How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?

- In your tax return
- If you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone
- If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50% of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student. You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs. If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too, to find out more about this and other information such as, what you can and can't claim go to:

www.australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund or call the Tax Office on 13 28 61

Remember you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.

EXCURSIONS

On Monday **Mrs. Gore's** Year 8 elective classes and **Mr. FitzSimons** went to Kiama on a train. From the station we went for a walk around the harbour. After that we either went to the Indoor Pools or the Skate Park. We then walked to a seafood place for lunch. Afterwards **Mr. FitzSimons** shouted us an ice cream. It was an awesome day!

Zoe Jiggins, Emily Burnett and Michael Bonar
Year 8

On 17th June, Year 12 Marine Studies and interested Year 11s took a trip with Oak Flats High to the Marine Careers Day at Darling Harbour. All participants, at the end of the day were more informed about careers and the highlight of the day was the harbour cruise. Thanks to **Mrs. Crump** for taking us.

Peter, Chantelle, Jacob, and Kai
Year 12 Marine Studies

On 15th June, 33 Year 11 students went to the University of Wollongong Anatomy Lab. While we were there we were able to touch and examine several specimens including 2 human hearts, a brain, arms, legs and a full sized man. We went further than skin deep to expand our knowledge of the human body. We were able to identify and analyse different bones, joints and muscles and how they interact with each other. Thank you **Mrs. Meredith** and **Mr. Cattle** for organising the excursion. It was an unforgettable experience from which we have gained a greater understanding of the human body.

Ryan Johnson, Matt Mears, Michael Neil, Martina Adamcic
Year 11

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

It equips young people with life skills, builds their confidence and engages them with their communities.

Dapto has a fresh group of students embarking on the Bronze section of the Award.

Pay your \$66 at the office, bring your receipt to **Ms Law** and start the adventure! See you soon...

Ms Law

TAS Teacher

ASTHMA ASSIST

Asthma Foundation NSW has developed a free information service for anyone with asthma. If your child ever wakes in the night coughing or wheezing, gets breathless or wheezy during the day, needs to take their blue puffer more than 3 times a week, finds their asthma limits physical activity and exercise, it is possible that their asthma is not as well controlled as it could be. Many people with asthma put up with these symptoms without realising it's their asthma that is letting them down. Find out how you can better manage your child's asthma. Join our free information service at www.asthmansw.org.au

SPORT



School Athletics Carnival

Following a rain interrupted first day we were able to complete the carnival last Thursday morning. The weather was much kinder to us and the events were keenly contested. Thanks must go to **Mr. Alan Johnson** and Dapto Little Athletics for their assistance.

The Zone Athletics Carnival is on Friday 19/6/09 at Croome Rd, Albion Park and our students are confident of a good showing.

Our age champions for 2009 are:

	Boys	Girls
12 Years	Jarrold Whitehead	Brooke Redman
13 Years	Matthew Oswald	Zoe Jiggins
14 Years	Dylan Capaan	Caitlin Harley-Perry
15 Years	Rhys Cuttill & Todd Dellifiori	Michaela Gambuzza
16 Years	Ben Walker	Jessica Bone
17 Years	Damien Lee	Jessica Oswald

Also **Brooke Montgomery** equaled the 15 yr Girls High Jump record of 1.39m. Congratulations to all these students and good luck at the Zone Carnival. **Mr. Wright PDHPE**

Well done to all the students that represented Dapto at the Regional X-Country Carnival. Many students have spoken to me about "that hill" and how challenging it was to run, walk or crawl up. Thanks to all students who competed and parents who supplied transport on the day. The opportunity to compete at this level is something your children will treasure when they look back on their school days. I have listed students who performed particularly well on that day.

Josh Ford 14th 12Year Boys, **Jarrold Bailey** 10th 16Year Boys, **Josh Savill** 16th 16Year Boys, **Teira Humby** 7th 16Year Girls, **Mel Hampton** 14th 16Year Girls, **Karina Blacklock** 18th 16Year Girls, **Todd Sparks** 6th Open Boys, **Hayden Thomson** 7th Open Boys, **Amy Woods** 4th Open Girls, **Jessica Oswald** 21st Open Girls, **Amanda Oswald** 8th Open Girls.

Good Luck to all students who have qualified for the CHS Carnival.

Mr. Horsley

PDHPE



FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

Congratulations to **Eden Webb** Year 11 for securing her School Based Traineeship Cert II in Racing (Stablehand). Well done!

Year 12 HSC Students—a reminder that applications for Early Entry at UOW open 1st July 2009. Go to <http://www.uow.edu.au/future/earlyentry/>. Your UAC/ATAC book will be available from the Careers office as soon as they arrive.

Career Opportunities for Indigenous Students RTA apprenticeships and Civil Construction traineeships to commence in January 2010. **Apprenticeships:** Painters x 2 (Sydney), Plant Mechanic (Dubbo and Rockdale). **Civil Construction Traineeships:** Certificate III in Civil Construction (Road) -

St Marys, Windsor, Narrandera and Port Macquarie. Certificate III in Civil Construction (Bridge) - Dubbo and Hay. To apply of one of these positions go to

www.rta.nsw.gov.au/careers/trainee_apprentice.html. The preferred method in applying for these position in via the above website. If however, you are unable to directly apply on this website, you may print off the attached application and forward to Australian Business Talent, Locked Bag 938, North Sydney NSW 2059. Applications close 26 June 2009.

Year 10 and Year 11 Students 2009 may like to look at applying for a Defence Technical Scholarship. To be able to apply you must be doing Maths and a VET Technical subject (Metals and Engineering) in Years 11 and 12. Check out www.defencejobs.gov.au/DTS.

Apprenticeships with Integral Energy available from 4th July onwards. Electrotechnology Electrician and Distribution Power Trade (Maintenance and Construction). Visit www.integral.com.au/apprenticeships.

Reminder to Animal Care students of Yallah TAFE. There will be NO class in the week beginning 6th July (school week 11). Resume classes after the holidays.

Mrs. Crump Careers