



# The Phoenix NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 1

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**This week we welcomed back 948 students, the next 19 academic weeks will be full of opportunity and challenge.**

**Y12:** just 10 weeks until your formal schooling is over. Do not hold back!

**Y11:** Just 10 weeks until you complete your Preliminary Certificate. By the end of T3 our student leaders will have been chosen. Forward!

**Y10:** Just 2 weeks until you will be choosing your subjects for the HSC [Wed 12 August], 14 academic weeks until you sit for your School Certificate. Concentrate!

**Y9:** before the end of this term you will be issued with your own laptop. Life will never be the same!

**Y8:** your elective choices for Y9 and Y10 are due shortly. Think, listen, learn.

**Y7:** You have had time to settle in, now it is time to up your efforts.

**Parents:** thank you for responding so energetically to the Semester One reports, please ensure personal reflection sheets and T3 goals have been completed.

**Arriving on time and in uniform: essential.**

Thank you to all families that are making an improved effort to be on site by our first bell at 8.28 am. A smooth start each and every day enhances good learning. Thank you to all families who are making a real effort to provide absentee notes on the first day of return. Our data is much improved.

Uniform remains an issue. Students unable to meet uniform requirements are obliged to have a parental note if they are to avoid detention.

**Trivia Night to raise funds for our hall.**

Our P&C is hard at work; we plan a great night of fellowship and fund raising. Please put **Friday 15 August** in your book. See over page for details.

**Excellent Y10 students.**

Listed below are some highly organised students who despite being away from school for work experience were able to arrange their schedule such that they did not miss their vital SC Science assessment. Proud of you!

**Katie Rogers, Carolina Krstanoski, Sean Morgan, Rosemary Psaila, Brittany Jones, Jessica Burnett.**

**Others, not so organised, may have an opportunity to catch up next Wednesday 5 August**

**HSC excellence.**

Listed below are those teachers who have recently been selected to mark the 2009 HSC. Great recognition of curriculum excellence and great professional learning.

**Ms Patricia Morgan:** Biology; **Mr Peter Rontziokos:** Chemistry, Mrs Jane Swan Primary Industries, **Ms Renee Gilbert:** Drama, **Ms Lina Gill, Mr John Heninger, Ms Michelle Hartcher, Ms Fiona Kyle, Ms Katina Mitchell and Ms Tina Seckold:** English, **Mr Michael Kirk :** Industrial Technology, **Ms Lynne Dron:** Modern History, **Ms Doerinda Gardener:** Visual Arts.

Stay strong team, lots of hard work ahead.

**Andrew FitzSimons Principal**

### *Teachers of the Week*

**STEVE CREENAUNE and  
TOM MASSARELLA  
For their skilful organisation of  
Parent/Teacher interviews**

**e<sup>3</sup> Spelling**

Champion spellers in our last round last term were;

Year 8 Claudia-Rose Lumby

Year 9 Tiarne Peacock, Jenna King, Kayla Watson

Congratulations girls!!

J Shaw

## Coming Events for Weeks 2,3 & 4

### WEEK 2 B WEEK

**Wednesday 5th August**

◆ Opportunity Class Placement Test

**Friday 7th August**

◆ Regional Athletics

### WEEK 3 A WEEK

**Monday 10th August**

◆ Southern Stars rehearsal

**Tuesday 11th August**

◆ Year 12 Showcase Night

**Wednesday 12th August**

◆ Years 10-11 Subject Market

**Friday 14th August**

◆ Year 11 PDHPE First Aid course

**Saturday 15th August**

◆ Trivia Night

### WEEK 4 B WEEK

**Tuesday 18th August**

◆ P&C Meeting 7-9pm

**Wednesday 19th August**

◆ ICAS Maths Assessment

**Friday 21st August**

◆ Year 7 Vaccinations

## ATTENDANCE

DHS continues to focus on good attendance and is seeking the whole community's support. It is essential that parents support students to do the following:

- \* Attend school 5 days a week except when sick
- \* Provide a medical certificate wherever feasible to explain absence
- \* Provide a signed and dated note/medical certificate the first day back at school after illness. This note/medical certificate is to be given to the ROLL CALL teacher first day back NOT the front office.
- \* Avoid missing school to attend appointments unless it is absolutely unavoidable.
- \* To attend sport (see above)

Students who truant will attend executive detention from 2:40—3:30pm on Wednesday afternoons. If there is a repeat occurrence, the school is likely to suspend the student for 1 day and have a parental interview that may be attended, where appropriate, by the Home School Liaison Officer.

Mr Moore

## EXCURSION REPORTS

### 9X Child Studies

Monday 6th July we visited the maternity and neonatal wards at Wollongong Hospital. Staff talked to us about pregnancy, childbirth and breast feeding (good knowledge for when we are older!) We saw some new babies (very cute!)

Our excursion to Wollongong Hospital was very interesting. We learnt a lot and the staff were very helpful answering all our questions. We enjoyed it very much and it was a good experience

Tori Creagan & Ellen Wahlroos

9Y Child Studies checks out the Maternity Ward and Birthing Centre at Wollongong Hospital

On Monday 6th July 22 9Y C.S. Students caught the train to Wollongong to investigate the child birthing facilities at Wollongong Hospital. It was a great day, we had 3 aspects of birthing. The Birth Centre, the Maternity Ward and the Neo-natal Ward (with premature babies). We were given a showbag of information and gadgets. We would like to thank the hospital for taking the time to show us around.

Ms Law

### Good Food Show

On Friday 3rd July Year 11 Hospitality and Food Technology caught the train to Sydney to go to the Good Food Show at Darling Harbour. We sampled food we had never heard of before eg Black sesame seeds! We had the best day! Mrs Gill Ryan and Mrs Bernie Garrity helped supervise on the day. Big thanks to everyone!

Ms Law



### Gymnastics

Our female gymnasts have repeated their fine form of 2008 with some fabulous results again this year

The team consisted of **D. Armour, H. McGarry, R. Hewitson, B Hinkley and C McCracken**. Well Done Girls!!

**Robyn Hewitson:** 2nd on Floor, 3rd on Beam, 3rd Overall.

**Dana Armour:** 1st on Bar, 2nd on Beam, 2nd on Floor, 1st Overall.

**Belinda Hinkley:** 3rd on Beam, 3rd on Bar, 7th Overall

**Cassidy McCracken:** 1st on Bar, 1st on Beam, 1st on Floor, 1st Overall

**Holly McGarry:** 6th Overall

**Congratulations and we look forward to 2010.**



### Zone Athletics

Finally the sun was shining and the wind and rain both stayed away.

A fantastic day and a fantastic group of young people made it a pleasure to be at Croome Road for the 2009 Zone Athletics.

While a disappointing number of students chose not to attend, those who did performed extremely well and many of them now travel to Canberra for the South Coast Regional Carnival on the 7th August. (Notes will be out Week 1, Term 3).

Some of our commendable results were:

#### GIRLS

**Brooke Redman** 3rd 100m, 2nd 800m, 4th Discus **Sophie**

**Ziogiannis** 7th 800m **T Paterak** 6th High Jump

**Brooke Hesford** 8th Shot put **Brianna Horne** 5th Shot put

**Robyn Hewitson** 2nd 100m, 4th High Jump

**Caitlin Harley-Perry** 4th 200m **Samantha Wyllie** 3rd 800m

**Shanae Thew** 6th Javelin, 5th Shot Put **Casey Mele**

**Gibson** 4th Javelin

**Annabel Bretag** 2nd Discus, Shot Put **Netiesha Thew** 4th

100m **Mikaela Gambuzza** 2nd 100m, 4th 200m, 3rd

Javelin, 3rd Shot Put

**Katelyn Wilson** 1st 100m, 1st Javelin, 3rd Long Jump **Teira Humby** 2nd 1500m, 3rd Javelin **Jessica Bone** 1st High Jump, 5th Long Jump  
**Brooke Montgomery** beat her school high jump record **Karina Blacklock** 5th 100m, 200m, 2nd, 800m, 4th Long Jump  
**Madeleine Bretag** 3rd Discus, 2nd Shot Put **Sinead Fisher** 5th 150m **Shayna Graham** 2nd Javelin **Allison Gummow** 4th High Jump  
**Brittany Fleming** 4th 200m **Amanda Oswald** 2nd 200m, 1st 400m, 2nd 500m, 1st Long Jump, 1st High Jump  
**Amy Woods** 4th Long Jump, 1st 1500m, 1st 500m, 3rd 400m, **Jessica Oswald** 4th 200m, 2nd Long Jump

#### RELAYS

13yrs—7th, 14yrs—3rd **A Bretag, C Harly-Perry, R. Hewitson, S. Wyllie** 15yrs—2nd **N Thew, M Gambuzza, K Wilson, J Evans** 16yrs—6th **J Bone, T Humby, S Fisher, K Blacklock** 17yrs—3rd **B Dickson, J Oswald, A Woods, A Oswald, B Fleming**

#### BOYS

**Jarrod Whitehead** 1st 100m, 1st High Jump, 1st 200m **Josh Ford** 1st 100m, 2nd 800m, 4th 200m **Joshua Hutchison** 3rd High Jump  
**Dominic Irons** 6th 100m **Jake Rameriz** 7th 100m, 3rd High Jump **Neil Ackroyd** 6th 100m **Curtis Castro** 4th 200m  
**Matthew Oswald** 4th 800m **Jackson Simmons** 5th Shot Put **Dillon Capaan** 6th 100m, 9th Discus **James Cairns** 10th Discus  
**Todd Delli Fiori** 1st 100m, 4th 200m **Tyson Perry** 6th 100m **Benjamin Walker** 3rd 100m, 5th 200m, 3rd Discus

#### RELAYS

12yrs—1st **J Whitehead, J Ford, J Hutchison, P Hermann** 13yrs—6th 15yrs—3rd **T Dellifiori, T Perry, L Boersma, D Capaan**  
 Congratulations also to **Todd Dellifiori** who probably doesn't know it but he is the new 100m record holder for Southern Illawarra Zone. Well done!  
**Mr Wright PDHPE**

#### DAPTO HIGH SCHOOL needs *your* help...

Dapto High School P&C are holding a Trivia Night on 15th August 2009 to raise much needed funds for the refurbishment of our 50 something year old school hall. We are asking for your help in any of the following ways:

- \* Donate any new, non-perishable goods which you would like to win (e.g. chocolates, gourmet foodstuffs, linen, cosmetics, tools, alcohol, sporting goods, clothing, wooden items, electrical items, toys, games etc.). Please deliver to school office with your child's name and year for acknowledgement.
- \* Donate any service (e.g. Lawn mowing, electrical, plumbing, carpentry, babysitting, ironing, dog-walking, cooking etc.)
- \* Buy a ticket for \$15, come along ready for fun and make some new friends on the night. Pay at school office.
- \* Get a group of 10 of your friends together, have a laugh and a catch-up.
- \* Donate any amount of money over \$2 to the Dapto High School Building Fund for a tax deductible receipt and know you are helping a worthwhile cause. Pay at school office.

For any further enquiries please telephone the school office or: Warren Neil (President) 0421057026 or Alison Perry (Vice-President) 0437265808