



# The Phoenix NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 10

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### H'09: onwards, upwards! Love your work!

93 fine young Australians will stride out of our school this week, formal preparation for the HSC complete. Misty eyed **Mr Seymour**, has worked hard over the past 6 years. Our school and community should feel quietly proud. Huge challenges lie ahead over the next 6 weeks to maximise academic results; collaboration between parents, teachers and each other is key. Well done team!

### Y9 laptops distributed; learning at Dapto HS will never be quite the same.

*"Y9 line over there quietly. Yes, you too!"*

*"But."*

*"Do as told, line up outside the library quietly, I'll be with you in a minute."*

*"But!"*

*"Listen closely ! Your very own laptop has arrived and you need to concentrate whilst it is handed over!"*

*"Mine?"*

*Yep, that's right, one of the best little computers ever. Yours to keep just so long as you keep concentrating on learning."*

*"Wow! I get to keep this as long as I continue to grow my brain?"*

*"In one! Good luck team!"*

### Good learning noted.

**Ms Karen Gardener**, a local TAFE teacher made contact last week.....

Whilst ordering coffee from the Wollongong West Campus cafeteria a group of girls entered the canteen who were extremely polite and orderly (not the case with other youth on campus who have left school).

I asked the lady behind the girls what they were doing at TAFE. As it turned out she was the artist model for the group. She explained the girls attended Dapto HS and that they were the most mature group of youth she'd encountered.

I congratulate you and your staff on educating the girls holistically.

Well done team! [These were a group of **Ms Gardener's** Visual Arts students.]

### Bush Care attracts community volunteers.

For the past 3 terms Bushcare has been offered as an unusual sport option on Thursday afternoons. **Mr Michael Wilson** and his team are attracting community acclaim. Local, **Ms Maureen Magee** attended last week and met an enthusiastic response. **Mr Wilson** reports: *She is an asset to our program, working really well with the small group of kids. It's fantastic that we can have someone with her experience, patience and enthusiasm come in and give to our school community.*

### Good luck Sir!

**Mr John Wilson** is a competitor in the coming "World Masters Games" in Canoe Polo during the holidays. October 10-15. He will be participating in the Opening Ceremony parade on Sunday 11th. The WMG happens every 4 years (like the Olympics, but for competitors over 30 yrs) and attracts a huge competitor base, for a wider range of events than the Olympics.

### E3 engage, enrich, extend: Y7 Sport and leadership.

Dapto Learning Community has become involved in the Premiers Sporting Challenge. We need to select 4 Students: 2 Boys and 2 Girls from Y7. Participants will investigate a range of sports from a leadership perspective. They will be taught about refereeing, organisational skills, communicating to younger students about sport. They do not get to pick which sports to learn about it will be from a number of sports.

**Andrew FitzSimons**  
Principal

## Teacher of the Week

**DIANE RIDLEY**

for support of colleagues  
and assistance with EAU

## SRC REPORT

A busy year saw our SRC active within the Dapto School and learning community. A big congratulations is to be given to this gregarious, dedicated and hardworking group of 25 students from years 7-12. It is with sadness that we say goodbye to our energetic Y12 representatives. School Captains: **Emily Walsh** and **Danny Henley-Martin**, Vice-Captains: **Amy Woods** and **Angus Lamb**, Senior Prefects: **Stacey** and **Melissa Heino** and Prefects: **Mark Constantindis**, **Mitchell Duggan**, **Brad Lupscombe**, **Hayden Thomson**, **Shannon Peace**, **Grace Darragh** and **Emma Waddell**. This group have fostered a cohesive, collaborative and colourful SRC group. Some of their achievements have included:

- Girls Night In
- Dapto Learning Community Events
- DET Blog Trial—'OurSpace'
- Bushfire Appeal
- Changes to school uniform

Perhaps their greatest achievement is the positive relations they have secured with their peers. The Dapto High students know that they can ask their SRC to do something and they will try to get it done.

The 2009/10 leadership group will soon take the reins. They will be confronted with new challenges and new opportunities. Our newly elected School Captains and Vice Captains will soon attend a leadership day which will inspire and invigorate our next group of leaders so that they too can be as strong as the group we are farewelling.

Personally, I am incredibly proud of this fine group of young men and women. We should applaud their efforts and thank them for their contributions. It is because of them that YOUR school is a better place. Well done! Your outgoing representatives are:

**Brienna Webster**, **Jaryd Scotland**, **Bradley Chapman**, **Rhys Norohna**, **Taylor Missingham**, **Georgia Emmett**, **Karina Blacklock**, **James Wishart**, **Melanie Rooke-Briffa**, **Emily Hart**, **Kusum Matatahi**, **Lachlan Wood**, **Mathew Mears**, **Michael Neil**.

**R. Gilbert** SRC Coordinator

## Coming Events ...

**TERM 4 - WEEK 1 A WEEK**  
**Monday 19th October**

" School resumes for all students

## UNIFORM SHOP

**Will be open on Tuesdays 12 noon to 4 pm and**  
**Thursdays 8am to 12 noon**

## A TASTE OF ASIA

HSIE has begun to incorporate the study of Vietnamese migration to Australia in their Stage 5 courses. Traditionally students have studied the (10 pound Poms) and their stories of migration and communities in Australia. During Week 8, 40 Year 9 students visited the Vietnamese community of Cabramatta in Western Sydney. We walked the streets, we dined on Vietnamese delicacies, we heard Vietnamese language, tried to figure out Vietnamese writing, we met local people and we sure boosted their local economy! Here are some of the impressions that were felt by the students:

**C** culture, cuisine, colourful

**A** art, authentic, assimilation, amusement

**B** beautiful, bargains

**R** remarkable, rice, rich, restaurants

**A** awesome, attractive, alluring, architectural

**M** memorable, multicultural, magnificent, migrants, mystical

**A** awesome, Asians, astounding, new tastes

**T** turtle, traffic, tiny shops, tempting

**T** tea, taste of Asia, twice as many shops

**A** aroma, always friendly

## HSIE EXCURSION TO CABRAMATTA

**Adrian Wood** reported "we learnt a lot about the migrants and asylum seekers that started a thriving Asian community within Sydney. We also discovered a lot about the Asian culture and cuisine...mmm...tasty!"

**Anthony Tugrul** observed " I've seen lots of things that I would never have dreamed I would see".

**Shannon Hinton** noted "Cabramatta was an amazing place. I got to see how much they appreciated living in Australia. There are many excellent statues. Thank you **Mrs. Moran** and **Ms Cooper** for taking us there".

**Casey Sigmond** wrote "a great experience, the way they express their culture through statues and designs. Walking through the streets was wonderful, The Asian culture and explosion of colour was just amazing. It was a great day with lots of laughs and wows. Thanks **Mrs. Moran** and **Ms Cooper** for taking us here".

**Michelle Cooper** — Visual Arts Teacher

## FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

Year 10 students who are not attending the trip to the Great Barrier Reef in Term 4 will hopefully be doing Work Experience. Forms to be collected before school holidays so you can organise it. **Ms Crump**

### MY PRODUCTIVE BACK YARD

The Outreach Unit at the Dapto Campus of TAFE is running a series of practical workshops on Organic gardening and Sustainable Backyard Food production. The course commences Thursday 22nd October and finishes Thursday 3rd December. To participate you must attend the Information Session and enrolment to be held at Dapto Campus on Monday 28th September 2009 at 10:00am Block H Room HG2. During this 7 week course you will find out more about: growing veggies, composting and mulching, worm farming, keeping chooks, herb gardening and more. For more details call Kathy on 4221 8939.

### SCHOOL REUNION

DHS reunion to be held on **3 October** at Dapto Leagues Club at 6pm. For past students and teachers of Year 10 in 1987, Year 11 in 1988 and Year 12 in 1989. For further information please contact **Sharon Hills 0438 031 822** or **Joanne Watson 4262 0666** or look on DHS web site on Face Book.

### WOLLONGONG COMMUNITY DRUG ACTION TEAM

invites you to a Community Forum. Well known TV personality Julie McCrossin will chair the two hour forum on Thursday 22nd October at 6:30pm—8:00pm at Smiths Hill High School, 35 Gipps St. Wollongong. Cost is free, supper provided. The community discussion will provide you with an opportunity to:

- Discuss alcohol and drug related issues in Wollongong
- Hear what local service providers are doing to address local alcohol and drug related issues.
- Ask questions and get answers from experts in the alcohol and drug field.
- Voice your opinions and ideas and be involved in the solutions.

RSVP 42238330

### SIXTY MINUTES WITH NICK

On Sunday 11th October a concert is being held by Nick Summerfield at the Dapto Ribbonwood Centre. Nick is a local young singer/songwriter and would love you to hear his music. Join him for his first solo performance in the Kurringong Hall starting at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$5—under 12's free and will be sold at the door from 2pm. Refreshments will be served after the concert. Come along, bring your friends and support your local talent. There will be an opportunity to purchase Nick's CD for \$10

### Queensland

There are 7 interesting facts about Queensland 1. There are Theme Parks.  
2. The capital city is Brisbane. 3. The government is

constitutional monarchy.

4. The governor of Queensland is **Penelope Wensley**.

5. The population of Queensland is an astounding 4,182,100. 6. To the east of Cairns is a lovely reef known as The Great Barrier Reef. 7. The Brisbane Broncos come from the capital of Queensland. These are seven interesting, history, sporting, entertainment and governmental facts about Queensland.

**Kahu Curtis-Ingledew 7E**

**DAPTO SWIMMING CLUB REGISTRATIONS** for the 2009/10 season at Dapto Swimming Pool, Friday 16 Oct 5:30pm—7:30pm and Sat 17 Oct 9am—1pm. Cost is \$70 per swimmer or \$140 for 2 swimmers and 1 adult. Enquiries: Cathy Sperring 42 612603.

**GIRLS SOCCER TRIALS.** The Illawarra Stingrays committee would like to invite all players to open trials for the 2010 Women's Premier League Season. Trials are open to all players in the following ages groups: Under 12, 14, 16 and Senior Women's on Sunday 18 Oct at JJ Kelly Park, Coniston. For more information please go to our website [www.illawarra+stingrays.com](http://www.illawarra+stingrays.com)

**NETBALL AND BASKETBALL** registrations for social competition for children aged between 7 and 15. Shellharbour City Stadium Croome Road Albion Park Rail. For details and dates ring 4257 3468.

### LEARN TO SURF

A three day program will be held a North Wollongong Beach and North Shellharbour Beach at 10am—12noon.

Cost is \$120pp + free T-shirt. Requirements are drinking water and sunscreen—if not provided.

Dates for the 3 day program are:

Mon 5th—Wed 7th October 2009

Thurs 8th—Sat 10th October 2009

Mon 12th—Wed 14th October 2009

Thurs 15th—Sat 17th October 2009

Bookings are essential: 0410 645 981 or [isurf@pinessurfingacademy.com.au](mailto:isurf@pinessurfingacademy.com.au)

**A REQUEST** for a family to host a Japanese student one term at Dapto High School 2010. for details please contact Kath Hill on 4257 2030 or mobile 041329829.

### SHAW'S TUTORING

**Reach your potential in education**  
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