



The Phoenix NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 6th August 2009

Term 3 Week 2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

National Tree Day; is good!

Last Thursday, **Mr Michael Wilson** and his Bush Care sport group worked hard and skilfully to plant another 150 trees along our Mullet Creek verge. Experts from local firm, *Southern Cross Habitat*, were on hand to assist. Their work is being funded by Wollongong City Council. Thank you.

Ms Moran's excellence recognised.

Ms Sharon Moran, from our hard working HSIE faculty, has received a marvellous accolade. She is the 2009 NSW winner of the Japan Foundation Fellowship. Later this year she will spend 2 weeks in Japan with 57 other educators from around the globe. All expenses paid! **Ms Moran's** application impressed the judges, her willingness to investigate new ideas and approaches to learning and teaching stood out. **Ms Moran**, currently R/HT Welfare, has had a smile on her face ever since this marvellous news was received. Doubtless she will return in T4 energised and connected with other outstanding teachers around the world. Well done Miss!

Trivia Night

SATURDAY 15 August; Dapto Leagues Club! Apologies for the mistake in last week's edition. Please phone P&C Vice President **Mrs Alison Perry** [0437265808] if you are able to attend and/or contribute energy, ideas, goods etc. An array of multi media questions have been assembled. A good night assured.

P&C meets next week: Tuesday 11 August 7-9pm

In order to finalise Trivia Night arrangements our first meeting for T3 has been brought forward; all welcome.

HSC Showcase; sure to please

Next Tuesday night, August 11 6pm until 8 ish, our Y12 Music and Visual Arts students will put on display, their excellence and dedication. Our hall will be transformed into a creative delight. All are invited, those in Y10 considering choosing either subject, and those in Y11 edging closer to their own HSC, are particularly encouraged to attend.

Y10 'Decision Time!'

Y10 students and their families are strongly encouraged to attend our Curriculum Expo next Wednesday 12 August 4-30-

7:00pm. Information will be available on all subjects offerings, TAFE and Uni. options as well. Now that the minimum leaving age has moved to 17, virtually 100% of our Y10 students should be involved. Be there!

Y12 to restore 'The Phoenix'

Members of H'09 have agreed to restore the phoenix symbol displayed on the front of our, soon to be painted, hall. Over the next few weeks, it will be taken down and returned to its previous glory. Former principals **Mr Dickson** and **Mr Coady** have been approached for details of its origins. Neither can recall. Please be in touch if you are aware of how and who and when it was made. In particular, was it coated with copper at one stage?

Andrew FitzSimons Principal

Teacher of the Week

SHARON MORAN
for winning the
Japanese Foundation Fellowship

UNIFORM SHOP

Due to the Year 9 Snowy Trip the Uniform Shop will not be open on Thursday 27th August but will be open on Friday 28th August from 8am—12pm.
Sorry for any inconvenience.

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

Coming Events for Weeks 2,3 & 4

WEEK 2 B WEEK

Friday 7th August
Regional Athletics

WEEK 3 A WEEK

Monday 10th August
Southern Stars rehearsal
Tuesday 11th August
P & C Meeting 7-9pm
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
Dapto Learning Committee P&C Meeting 7-9pm
Yr 10 Youth and Road Trauma Excursion, Homebush
Wednesday 19th August
ICAS Maths Assessment
Friday 21st August
Year 7 Vaccinations

TERM 3 VACCINATION PROGRAM

On Friday 21st August, Year 7 and 10 students will be having their next round of vaccinations. This will be the last time for vaccinations this year.

à Year 7 students will be offered their 2nd and final Hepatitis B needle. Information packs, including the consent forms went home to the 139 eligible Yr 7 students this week. Please return these to school ASAP and before Friday 14th August.

à Year 7 girls will be offered their 3rd and final HPV needle. The school already had the signed consent forms for these needles.

à Year 10 students who missed the DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough) vaccination in Terms 1 & 2 will be offered a catch up needle.

See **Mrs Meredith** or **Mrs Robinson** in the PDHPE staffroom with any queries.

BOOK REVIEW

Chris Wooding's new book "**Malice**" was an intriguing, creative story about a comic that literally draws you right into the story. The mystery of Malice drives the characters in the book into finally finding out the truth once and for all. Malice draws the main character, Seth, into a dangerous adventure that could lead to his death. This book is half graphic novel, half written text. A bit of a gimmick, however the author has used it well. The story keeps the reader fixed to both the written pages and drawn panels. It was a good page turning story, however, the characters could have been a bit more in depth. It didn't feel like I personally knew the characters like

most other books I've read. The characters were very general and a little boring. Over all it was pretty good. The special effect of having a comic inside a written story that is about a comic was very effective. The two go well with each other. If you would like to borrow "**Malice**" its 3D cover really makes it stand out so it is easy to find. The sequel "**Havoc**" should be released soon.

Steven Hall Year 10

SPORT

On 18 June, **Stacey** and **Melissa Heino**, as well as **Damien Lee** were selected for the South Coast Combined High School Squash Team. On the 6 July **Damien** and **Stacey** began the long road trip up to Grafton, where the week long NSW CHS Squash Championships were to be held. Unfortunately **Melissa** was unable to attend due to a unforeseen medical condition where she was advised not to attend. The South Coast team consisted of players from Dapto, Kiama, Wollongong, Bega and Monaro High Schools. The competition consisted of many highly ranked state and national players. The South Coast team put in a full hearted effort into every game and all had great fun. At the end of the championships both the open boys and girls team came 3rd overall, sadly losing to North Coast and Western. We would like to send a huge thank you to all who helped contribute in assisting in the cost of the trip.

Stacey Heino and Damien Lee

Year 12

OUR NEW NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

A few weeks ago I was thrilled to be selected in the National Show Jumping Team. The event will be held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre, riders from around Australia compete for a position on the team. All my hard work, preparation and travel have paid off. I am looking forward to taking part in the event with my horse "Sher" who is a wonderful partner.

Melissa Turner Year 12

CHESS COMPETITION

On Monday 3 August our chess team played Holy Spirit College (Bellambi). This epic battle between these two titans left us sore and licking our wounds. Our first match was lost embarrassingly quickly, setting the tone for the remaining matches, as all bar the stoic **Steven Hall** succumbed to their opponents. **Steven** prevented a white wash as we happily recorded a solitary draw on the score board as a result of his tight match.

Thanks **Mr Wilson**.

Kiara Nardone, Alex Waters, Steven Hall, Matthew Hensen and Jason Janevski

SUCCESS ON SKIS

Congratulations to **Dana Armour**, Year 8, who competed in the Interschools Skiing competition. **Dana** achieved an 8th place in the Downhill and a 7th in the Skicross event. Well done and good luck for the next event.

FIRST AID KITS

Thank you to the P&C who have purchased a number of First Aid kits to assist a variety of areas in the school. The Ag. and PE departments, Office and the minibus all received a large kit while a number of smaller kits are in the office to be available for sports teams or excursions.

There has already been plenty of interest in making use of these kits and I'm sure they will be an invaluable asset to the school.

K. Wright

PDHPE

ASTHMA FRIENDLY SCHOOLS—Important information for teenagers

Tips to help teenagers manage their asthma include:

1. Remind them to always carry a blue puffer with them and use when asthma symptoms occur.
2. Educate their family and friends about their asthma and how to deal with an emergency.
3. Remind them that having asthma doesn't make them different from others and encourage them to participate in sport and social events.
4. Understanding what triggers their asthma and avoid exposure if possible.
5. Avoid smoking and smoky areas.
6. To use their reliever medication before any exercise, according to their doctors recommendations.
7. Work with their doctor to formulate an Asthma Action Plan and have it reviewed every six months.
8. Include them in all discussions and the decision making process about the management and monitoring of their asthma.
9. Remind them to use their preventer medication rather than always relying on their reliever medication which can be dangerous.

T: 1800 645 130 E: ask@asthmansw.org.au
www.asthmansw.org.au

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

To all students, bronze and silver, there will be D of E meeting every Monday Week B in library discussion room during Homework Centre time 2:34—3:30pm. Please have your documentation ready for discussion.

Expedition 1 will be this term. **Ms Law** **TAS**

SCHOOL REUNION

DHS reunion to be held on 3 October at Dapto Leagues Club at 6pm. For past students and teachers of years 1987, 1988 and 1989. For further information please contact **Sharon Hills on 0438 031 822** or **Joanne Watson on 4262 0666** or look on DHS web site on Face Book. (Numbers needed by 1/9/09).

DAPTO JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

Registration Days 2009/10 will be held at Sportspower Dapto on:

Sunday 23 August and Saturday 29 August 2009 from 10am-1pm.

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| * Under 10 | \$75 |
| * Under 11-14 | \$95 |
| * Under 16 | \$105 |

* Birth certificate is needed for all new players

Email: ericaredman123@optusnet.com.au

DAPTO JUNIOR CHIEFS BASEBALL

Club Rego Days: Sat. 29 August and Sat 5 September
10am to 2pm at Reed Park, Dapto

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| U'8 - | Tee Ball | Fee \$70 |
| U'10- | Zooka (machine ball) | Fee \$70 |
| U'12/U14/U16- | pitch ball | Fee \$85 |

All games played on Sunday.

Ph. 0432491352

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