



The Phoenix NEWSLETTER

Dapto High School

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Term 3 Week 5

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Performing Arts energised.

Following the success of last week's Trivia Night, moves are underway to further improve the capacity of our hall to stage high quality performances and exhibitions. **Mr Shane Wood** has been researching strategies to particularly improve the sound quality. Formal thanks once again to all those generous businesses and families who worked so hard to make the event succeed; take a bow **Mrs Perry, Mrs Vicki Talbott, Mrs Marie Jones, Mrs Kathy Crossing, Mrs Kerry Thompson** and their team. Also listed are more details of generous local enterprises. Already there has been some quiet discussion about a second round in 2010.

Talent recognised; staff and students.

Please find below a brief email **Mrs Swan** sent her hard working colleague **Ms Gilbert** just following her attendance at a marvellous performance of 'Two Weeks with the Queen.'

'Wow Renee,

*A credit to you and your students. You have all done a marvellous job. My kids and I thoroughly enjoyed it and laughed all the way home especially at **Alistair**. You are such an inspirational young teacher with a great future ahead of you. Well done and have a fantastic and well deserved break.'* Nice!

We are proud of our hard working HSDC candidates.

Collaborative, positive, optimistic, organised are just some of the descriptors flying about as Y12 finish the first week of their Trials. Many challenges lie ahead, but the prospects for success are strong. Well done team!

Andrew FitzSimons Principal

Y9 Laptops are coming!

All Y9 students and their parents are strongly urged to attend our 'Laptop Information Evening': on Tuesday 1st September in the School Hall. Parents who attend this evening will receive a briefing that will answer questions about laptops at Dapto High School. Prior to students accepting their computer, parents will be required to complete a 'Laptop User Charter' which will be available on the night.

Advice has arrived that our school will receive its first allocation of laptops in the week commencing 21 September:

T3 Wk8. Parents should contact **DP Mr Moore** confirming their intention to attend. darcy.moore@det.nsw.edu.au

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 Deputy Principal

Coming Events for Week 6

Monday 31st August

.. Year 11 Chemistry Enrichment Day (UOW)

Tuesday 1 September

.. Year 9 Parent & Students Laptop Meeting 6pm to 8pm

.. Girls Netball Final 16 State Carnival

Wednesday 2 September

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.. Indigenous Literacy Day

.. Southern Stars Rehearsal

Teacher of the Week

PETER CATTLE
For skilful management of
Mini Bus

UNIFORM SHOP

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

NSWCHS LAWN BOWLS

Congratulations to **Dylan Robinson** (Y12) and **Sean Mawdsley** (Y10) on their great efforts in finishing second in the NSWCHS Lawn Bowls titles. Extra congratulations to Sean who was also selected in the NSWCHS team. This makes **Sean** our first ever State Rep. in this sport. Well done and good luck!

Dapto High invites parents to **PARENTING TEENS** a course that will explore the many ways a family can handle parent/teen issues. To be held on 4 Thursday mornings on 3, 10, 17 and 24 September at 9:30—12 noon at Dapto High School. Course fee is \$40
Bookings essential. Ring **42271122**.

Mr Moore

FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSE

At Dapto Ribbonwood Centre. The focus of this course is not investment or wealth creation but rather it gives you the skills to manage your family budget. This course was developed by The Smith Family and will show you how to:

- Set personal and financial goals
- Plan for household bills
- Manage debt
- Understand your rights and responsibilities
- Plan for the future

For more information or to book phone Lucy at Illawarra Community Services Inc. on 4262 1918.

MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

On Wednesday 19 August, 70 Students for Dapto High participated in the Mathematics Competition. This competition is run annually by the University of NSW and caters for students from Years 3 to 12. Each school year does a different paper and this year we were represented by students from Year 7 to Year 11. Year 12 were too involved in preparations for the Trial HSC. Students from Australia, Brunei, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pacific Island Nations and Singapore participate in this and other competitions offered by UNSW. We eagerly await our results which will be sent to the school later in the year. Our students are to be congratulated on the positive manner in which they approached the competition. Thanks must go to their parents for the support of this endeavour, both financially and educationally. My personal gratitude is extended to all teachers at the school who released their students from their lessons and allowed them to participate. Well done, everyone.

Mrs M Russell (Competition Coordinator)

MARTIN, MORRIS & JONES CHALLENGE CUP

Last week's edition of 'The Phoenix' contained an article regarding the Challenge Cup. Unfortunately this year's event has run into a clash of dates and has had to be postponed. Please watch this space for more details either late Term 3 or early Term 4.

Mr Wright PD/H/PE

CHS GYM COMPETITION

On 12 and 13 August **Robyn Hewitson** (Year 9), **Dana Armour**, **Holly McGarry** and **Cassidy McCracken** (Year 8), travelled to Newcastle to compete in the CHS Gym Competition. All girls competed well. **Robyn** and **Dana** had stiff competition in Level 4 and unfortunately didn't place. **Cassidy** and **Holly's** team came 2nd overall and **Cassidy** placed 3rd on beam Level 1. Well done girls.

FREE DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN

Dental Care is available at NSW Public Dental Clinics for all children under 18 years of age (0-5 years old and all children in full time education). For an appointment contact Call Centre on **1300 369 651**. All patients require a Medicare Card

GIRL GUIDES 60TH BIRTHDAY

For 60 years Dapto Girl Guides has played an integral part in the lives of many girls and women in the region and to celebrate we are having a 60th birthday party. Come along to the Dapto Guide Hall—73 Emerson Road, Dapto from 10am to 3pm for this event with its many attractions. To make enquiries phone Anita "Jacaranda" on 4261 6589 or email daptoguides@hotmail.com

DAPTO ANNUAL FAIR

Dapto Chamber of Commerce and Dapto Fair Committee proudly present its Annual Street Fair on Father's Day 6 September 2009

- * Live Entertainment by "The Villians" together with local children's entertainer Glenn Keeley
- * Matilda's farmyard nursery, pony rides, dancing displays, variety of market and craft stalls, multicultural food stalls
- * Lots of amusement rides for the big and little kids including the Bungy Trampoline
- * Static display by emergency vehicles
- * Live broadcast by Wave FM

So come along and have a great day out with the family.

LEARNER DRIVER OPPORTUNITY

This is an opportunity for Learner Drivers to increase their hours under various conditions. All participants will be fully briefed by NSW Police. Workshops at Wollongong (phone **42277261**), Shellharbour (phone **42216124**) and Kiama (phone **42320568**) Councils. Bookings essential.

FREE SEMINAR

Cancer Patient Support Group, "Look to the Future" Saturday 29 August, from 9.15am to 3.30pm at Kurrajong Room, Ribbonwood Centre, Princes Highway, Dapto. Registration is essential by 26 August. For more information phone **Jean** on **4285 2692** or **Irma** on **4284 3742**

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Opening 1st September, 2009.

Specialist in Waxing/Tanning/Eyebrow/lash tinting.

Taking bookings now on 0438422530. Book now for your Formals.

Spring and School Special—all services ½ price for the month of September.

Specials include: \$10.00 Spray Tan (normally \$20), ½ Leg Wax: \$10 (normally \$20)

Eyelash and Eyebrow tint—get both for \$11 (normally \$22)