



# The Phoenix NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 8

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### **Merit Assemblies recognise excellence, effort, organisation, determination and resilience.**

Congratulations to all those fine students recognised at Merit Assemblies this week. Year Advisors and SRC representatives had an opportunity to reflect on achievements and challenges over the past 3 terms. All families are encouraged to do likewise.

### **Y11 Final Examinations.**

These examinations will commence on Friday 18 September and continue all next week. These are the final assessments for Preliminary Certificate. Students will commence their Y12 studies in the first week of T4. Students will not be able to continue into Y12 if any Assessment Tasks are outstanding. Students should consult their course teacher if in any doubt.

### **We are proud of Jaycee Armstrong Y8.**

Our Mathematics faculty has been inspired by this fine young woman. Last week she obtained 100% in class test on Pythagoras Theorem. Hard work and attention to detail pays off. Well done **Jaycee!**

### **NAPLAN data received.**

Families with students in Y7 and Y9 will soon receive a detailed report on literacy and numeracy achievements. These tests were conducted in mid T1 right across Australia. This school is hard at work analysing the data ; everything from broad trends to specific learning challenges for specific students. Once formal advice has been received, families are encouraged to make contact if they would like assistance to understand the fine detail and to identify strategies to address identified weaknesses. The Y9 data is most encouraging, a positive trend is clear. Literacy in particular has shown improvements above State and Regional. Well done team!

### **Dapto dancers praised.**

Mrs Jodie Maguire a proud mother from Bateman's Bay

HS wrote the week: *"I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart. If it was not for your help, our kids would not have been able to be involved."* Turns out that some of the 'circus kids' had not learned the routine for the finale. Four of our finest; **Jordan Paterson, Alycia Coupe, Jessica Bone** and **Ryan Johnson**, took up the challenge, got really involved and with some impromptu lessons had them up to speed. Don't miss the WIN broadcast next Saturday 19th September at 1:30pm. Well done team!

### **On time [0828] and ready to work!**

Morning starts are steadily improving, thank you. When traffic congestion is apparent, please consider using the bus bay across Mullet Creek and Marshall St as suitable locations for a drop off. Our first bell rings at 8.28am and all students are expected to be present and move smartly to roll call. A smooth start to the day is a key strategy to help build a good learning pattern.

**Andrew FitzSimons**  
Principal

## Teacher of the Week

**MR. ROD CERENICH**

Quite Achiever,  
excellent management of students

### **VACCINATIONS REMINDER**

Monday 21st September 2009. Periods 2-4.  
HPV Year 7 Girls  
Hep. B Year 7 boys and girls (second vaccination)  
ATP Year 10 catch up

## Coming Events for Weeks 9 & 10

### WEEK 9 A WEEK

#### Monday 21st September

- Year 11 Preliminary Exams (continuing until Friday 25 Sept.)
- Year 10 Child Studies, Wollongong Hospital Visit
- Year 7 Vaccinations

#### Wednesday 23rd September

- Year 9 TAFE Art Day

#### Thursday 24th September

- Canoeing excursion

#### Friday 25th September

- Year 8 Reward and Peer Support Day

### WEEK 10 B WEEK

#### Monday 28th September

- Y10 Trial SC (continuing until Wednesday 30th September)
- VET Work Experience (continuing until Friday 2nd October)

#### Thursday 1st October

- H'09 final roll call

#### Friday 2nd October

- Last day Term 3. Final Assembly 9:50

### UNIFORM SHOP

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

**20% off all stock for 2 weeks from Monday 21st September to Friday 2nd October only on normal uniform shop days.**

**Sorry no rainchecks, refunds or exchanges.**

### FOSTER CARE WEEK 13-19 SEPTEMBER 2009

Foster Care Week is an important opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank foster carers who play an important role in providing care to children who are unable to live with their families. It is also a great opportunity to recruit new foster carers. DOCS are looking for local people to provide short term (e.g. one weekend a month) or longer term care for children or young people.

Individuals, couples and families from varied backgrounds, cultural groups, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. All carers receive training, support and financial assistance. Interested? Apply at [www.community.nsw.gov.au/fostercare](http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/fostercare) or call 1800 236 783.

### WORK EXPERIENCE REMINDER

YEAR 11 doing Work Experience, forms must be in by Friday 18th September. Hand in to Careers office in Library.

**Ms Crump** Careers Adviser

### 2009 YEAR 9 SNOWY EXCURSION REPORT Part II

After 2 days of lessons and miserable weather, our hope was to have at least 1 good weather day. Alas, it was windy, even gale force. Thursday, the only saving grace was the sun was shining. Our troops were well rested and ready to go for another day of snow skiing. One injury from the day before, a broken thumb to **Blake Robinson** prevented him from skiing on Thursday—a necessary rest day.

Dapto High students were all over the mountains today reaching Guthega, Perisher and the back of Blue Cow mountain. It was the best day by far. When skiing, you always try to have one more run and so it was for our skiing stars—"just one more run"... Exhausted and satisfied we lasted the 3 days of this Alpine adventure, the staff were all impressed by the ability and tenacity of our Year 9 group.

Over the week the staff noticed and witnessed many incidents, so we have included in this report a list of students who attended and a nick-name. Read and enjoy and Year 9 remember: **Kyle** "melted chocolate" **Noronha, Rhys** "downhill racer" **Noronha, Ryan** "nuggets crossing" **Slabb, Tyson** "best day of my life" **Perry, Brodie** "I've mastered it" **Faraday, Paige** "oh, where's my sleeping bag?" **Phillips, Luke** "sleepy head" **Boersma, Tori** "I'll never come here again" **Robinson, Blake** "thumbs up" **Robinson, Drewan** "instant noodles" **Robinson, Kelsey** "snow plough" **Rowe, Alexander** "tumble" **Rumble, Nicole** "skiing is tough" **Sciberras, Renae** "happy face" **Skerritt, Nathan** "ski hand" **Smith, Rebecca** "born to ski" **Sparks, Jesse** "out of control" **SurrIDGE, Kaitlyn** "how do you stop?" **Talbott, Eden** "ski whiz" **Paull, Netiesha** "let's have another run" **Thew, Alexandra** "these boots are not made for walking" **Scott, Carly** "I want to go to Perisher" **Waddell, Ellen** "is it time to go already?" **Wahlroos, Kayla** "I'm a survivor" **Watson, Danielle** "I gave it my best shot" **Welsh, Katelyn** "fine and ice" **Wilson, Corey** "balaclava" **Wilson, Zach** "gee, it's windy up here" **Winston, Matt** "get out of my way" **Bailey, Jacob** "stack-a-lot" **Farrell, Josh** "where are my ski pants?" **Allen, Dean** "men in black" **Beaver, John** "towering inferno" **Blunden, Ben** "dimples" **Telfer, Heather** "fun size" **Cameron, Jenny** "talk under water" **Taylor, Zach** roller coaster" **Carpenter, Megan** "snow bunny" **Castor, Lori** "I hate curly hair" **Chapman, Jackson** "chair lift king" **Chantrey, Tom** "have a go" **Cleaver, Annabel** "bruiser" **Bretag, Ashleigh** "I love Perisher" **Crawford, Tori** "ever ready" **Creagan, Rhys** "whistler 2010" **Cuttill, Tanaya** "I want to work here" **Daley, Kyle** "T bar" **Deans, Tim** "go to bed" **Walsh, Todd** "cool dude" **Delli Fiori, Nathan** "Guthega" **Dunshea, Georgia** "twilight" **Emmett, Jeannetta** "loudest girl ever" **Evans, James** "mad hatter" **Fisher, Brendan** "I want to ski" **Fittler, Shannon** "this is unreal" **Hinton, Ryan** "snow ball" **Hawker, Sarah** "I love skiing" **Gallagher, Rebecca** "vacation girl" **Gill, Jake** "stacker" **Gutierrez, Alison** "sly ninja" **Hammond, Sarah** "let me tell you" **Heffernan, Robyn** "ski bunny" **Hewitson, Emily** "social butterfly" **Hite, Grant** "lend a hand" **James,**

**Sean** "quite achiever" **Jollife**, **Dylan** "a lot to say" **Jones**, **Shannon** "face in the snow" **Kelly**, **Carly** "speedie" **Knowles**, **Carly** "lookin' good, "loves the snow" **Latham**, **Emma** let's have another ski lesson" **Logan**, **Emily** "hit the slopes" **Mackey**, **Mathew** "I'm a good skier" **Madden**, **Brandon** "happy to be here" **Parkin**, **Jessica** "on her toosh" **McPaul**, **Tyran** "naughty but nice" **Minnett**, **Hannah** "the snow is cold" **Mitchell**, **Brooke** "queen of the mountain" **Montgomery**, **Isabel** "tell us a joke" **Moon**, **Daniel** "fender" **Moran**, **Shannon** "giggles" **Mullaney**, **Tegan** "cliffy" **Newcombe**.

#### **AND THE STAFF:**

**Dave** "iceman" **Bateman**, **Michelle** "café latte" **Cooper**, **Diane** "thank God they're all back" **Stewart**, **Sarah** "let's go to Guthega" **Imber**, **Lyn** "all over the mountain" **Robinson**, **Debbie** "supermum" **Surridge**, **Andrew** "carves ice" **Smith**, **Len** "true or false" **Phillips**, **Craig** "cook 'em up" **Knowles**, **John** "anyone for seconds?" **Heininger**, **Kerry** "lasagne queen" **Phillips**.

Overall it was a mighty excursion, where students could enjoy and learn about the Alpine Country of Australia. They could socialize and meet new friends within Year 9. This was one huge benefit of the trip. As a group the Year 9 students were tolerant and polite with one another and staff and this made the excursion a great success. **Mrs. Stewart** and I were extremely pleased with the personalities in this wonderful Year 9 group. It was an eye opening and learning experience for us both to discover all the different characters within this group. It really was a great trip. Well done Year 9! Again my gratitude and respect for all the staff and parents who attended. THANK YOU so much on behalf of Year 9 and 3 cheers for:

**D Bateman**, **M Cooper**, **J Heininger**, **S Imber**, **D Stewart**, **A Smith**, **L Robinson**, **D Surridge**, **K Phillips**, **C Knowles**.

**Len Phillips**

#### **OTHER WORLDS, OTHER TIMES**

Our 'Other Worlds' assignment was a fun and exciting task. It allowed us to explore our minds and create any world we wanted. For the world we had to design a scrapbook and complete a diorama. These items are now on show in the front foyer. **Rachel Neil and Dylan Brown 7H**

#### **BEING IN YEAR 7**

Being in Year 7 is great. There is a little bit of a difference to get used to, it is a bigger school. There is a bit more homework and assignments but you get used to it eventually. You find your way around and it is easier than it looks. Also being in Year 7 you get to socialise a lot more and you get a better understanding of things.

**Courtney Carpenter Year 7 (formally Mt Brown PS)**

#### **CHAPPY CHAT**

Some thoughts on kindness...

Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see. (Mark Twain).

When asked about her beauty secrets Audrey Hepburn said:

"for attractive lips, speak words of kindness".

Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible. (13th Dalai Lama).

One kind word can warm 3 winter months. (Japanese proverb).

Don't wait for people to be kind. Show them how. (Unknown).

Imagine what would happen if there was an outbreak of kindness in the world, if everyone did one kind thing on a daily basis. (Unknown).

We all know life can get tough at times. A bit of kindness can go a long way so let's share it around.

Remember to see me if you're interested in entering the 2010 Harmony Day art comp. \$500 prize money!

**Sharon Dolenc**,

#### **SAVVY KIDS**

##### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC**

Keeping Kids aged 5-14 Fit & Active  
in the school holidays!

12-16 October 2009 9am—12pm each day

5 Days—5 Different Sports

Netball—Illawarra Netball Stars

Football—Brent Grose (Roosters)

Basketball—Glen Saville (Hawks)

Soccer—Illawarra Soccer Stars

Fitness—Savvy Fitness Team

\$150 for the week \$105 for 3 days

\$40 for individual days

To Enrol Contact Jade—0421767839

jade@teamsavvy.com.au

#### **313 TRAINING**

313 Training in Coniston are conducting a number of workshops in the October School Holidays to get your creative juices flowing!

**Week 1:** Learn to be a radio presenter or studio recording or photoshop

**Week 2:** Video production or lighting or editing

**Times:** Each workshop is two hours per day for the week

**Cost:** \$80 (per workshop for the week)

**Where:** 313 Training, Cnr of Fox and Miller Streets, Coniston (also accessible by train)

**More Information:** Ph: 4227 5913 or  
www.313.com.au

Minimum age is 15 years. Students receive a Certificate of Participation.

### **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.