



The Phoenix NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 1

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

AAARRRRGGHHH!

Congratulations to all who participated and enjoyed our first ever 'Talk Like a Pirate Day' Some \$393.05 was raised through student and staff donations. Our SRC has determined the money will be split between Canteen and Bray Durea, Papua New Guinea.

Well done me hearties!!

Y7 and Y9 NAPLAN results distributed.

This afternoon [Thursday] all Y7 and Y9 students will receive a personal letter for their families. A detailed analysis of Literacy and numeracy skills will be enclosed. All students are urged to sit down with their parents/guardians and discuss this data carefully. Families are encouraged to make contact with **Ms Kyle** or **Mr Moore**, Managing Deputy Principal for both cohorts for further explanation.

Climate change response.

Listed below are some of our finest students. They have been chosen and have agreed to assist Professor Ladwig and Dr Mockler from the University of Newcastle who are conducting research into climate change. Results of this research will be provided to our school in due course. **Justin Mears, Emily Merret, Brendon Crossing, Caitlin Harley-Perry, Kirsty Coupe, Josh Chatfield, Shaye Hughes.** Well done team

Y12 Biology are preparing for their HSC.

In a minor coup for this school, **Dr Bert Roberts** from University of Wollongong, a world renowned Hominid expert made time this week to run a 60 min. tutorial for our hard working Y12 Biology students. Dr Roberts was impressed with their insightful questioning.

Ms Shaw is impressed.

As P'09 studies draw to a close **Ms Shaw** has taken time to draw attention to some of her students who have worked hard all year. **Jasmine Puckeridge**,

Courtney Bunt, Ryan Baker and Monika Baleska. She also notes that **Ognjen Adamcic** scored 100% in the last assessment task, a speech. Well done team!

Andrew FitzSimons
Principal

Keeping safe online

As a parent, there are several actions you can take to help keep your child safe online. Not having a computer in your child's bedroom may be an answer. Check out the latest Click ezine for advice on cyber safety and much more.

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click.

FROM CAREERS

Looking for an apprenticeship in the Automotive Industry? MTA Apprenticeships Plus in conjunction with Autostart are running NO COST PRE APPRENTICESHIP courses. These courses are designed to give you the skills and knowledge you need. Covering topics such as Automotive Fundamentals, Tooling and Safety. On completion of the course there are numerous opportunities for an Apprenticeship in the Automotive Industry. Information Evening: 21st October 5pm building H Shellharbour Tafe. Course begins: Shellharbour 17 November. Call Ray Beekman on 0418 286 229 or Micheal Clifton 0408 971 376. **Ms Crump** Careers

Teacher of the Week

DEB PRITCHARD

**For embracing new technology and
mastering the new photocopier**

Coming Events for Weeks 10 & 1

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

TERM 4 - WEEK 1 A WEEK

Monday 19th October

• All school resumes

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.

YEAR 7 REFLECTIONS

The moment I met the teachers at Dapto High I knew that this school would be great. Everyone at DHS is friendly and kind. This school is different to primary school because we get more homework but eventually we get used to it. High School is scary at the start because it is hard finding all your classes but after about a week you know your way around. **Jennifer Dimitrievski** Y7 ex Mt Brown PS

The moment I walked through the gates I knew it would be a challenge and fun at the same time. The teachers, staff, Deputies and how could you forget the best Principal ever? They are simply the best people you could ever meet. So when you come to DHS don't be scared, have fun. It's the best!

Cameron Davis Y7 ex Lakelands PS

Y10 CHILD STUDIES EXCURSION TO WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL

On 14th and 21st September, **Ms Law's and Ms Bennett's** Y10 Child Studies classes had a great day at Wollongong Hospital's Education Unit. We were shown around the hospital and found out a lot of interesting information about babies, child birth, breastfeeding and pregnancy. We spoke to mothers about giving birth and saw new babies being



weighed and measured. Six babies were born and some of us shared the joy of a new father with his 15 minute old son Daniel. It was a wonderful experience. Thank you to the staff at the hospital. **Monique Frank & Y10 Child Studies**

CHAPPY CHAT

I've been reminded recently to 'never take for granted who I am sitting next to, what it's taken for them to be there, what their story is and what they have brought to this world in their own unique way. A number of times now, I have travelled on the school mini-bus with a smiling friendly bus driver. No complaints, happy to be there, doing his job and doing it well. What I didn't know was that he has a big scar down his back where he's been operated on numerous times with bolts and plates inside. He has scars all over his legs from accidents because he has no feeling in his legs and he walks with great difficulty.

This man in 1983 saved the lives of a whole bus full of people when the power steering failed as he was driving the bus across the Gladesville Bridge. He had to keep it from crashing over the edge. As a result, he became paralysed from the waist down, was in hospital for the next 8 years and was told he would never walk or drive again. Eight years later he had his final op. and the following year was walking and driving again. He now owns his own bus company and amongst other things likes helping with emergency services and the bushfire brigade he spends most of his time doing what he has loved doing since he was 18 years old—driving buses. His inspiring words spoken with a BIG positive attitudes are "never give up, just keep going".

Hopefully we can all grab hold of some determination, inspiration and a positive outlook in life from this man's story. Let's remember to appreciate each other to 'know who we're sitting next to'... perhaps their story will inspire us, or perhaps they are facing huge life challenges and our listening ear can encourage them.

Sharon Dolenc School Chaplain

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

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

I graduated from DHS in 2001 and like many people, life since then has been neither clear nor concise. I moved away for a year the day I finished the HSC to experience life in rural NSW and achieve some independence. I completed a TAFE course in IT and came back with renewed vigor, still not exactly knowing what I wanted to do but motivated to get involved in something I was passionate about. I returned to the Illawarra, began studying for a license in Real Estate and was soon employed at a local Wollongong firm. I progressed from general administrative duties to managing over 160 commercial properties in the Illawarra region. I was then lucky enough to secure my current job which has seen me working on one of the largest regional development projects in the Illawarra region, the Innovation Campus. I am now studying my second University degree in property by correspondence which keeps my theoretical knowledge up to date with my experience in the industry. I have now been working and studying for almost 5 years and it can often seem too difficult and demotivating but I take with me some lessons I learnt back at High School and that is to never lose sight of your goals...never stop trying... and never stop striving for higher things.

Vickie Giffen (nee Tsiantarlis) 1996-2001 DHS

SPORT



A CHAMPION IN THE MAKING

On Saturday 19th September, I had the pleasure of taking **Mitchell Kerney** to Newcastle where we competed in the 20th Annual Charlestown Canoe Polo Competition. Due to the fact that we couldn't raise a school team for the event, **Mitchell** and I joined the "Shoalmasters" team from the Shoalhaven Canoe & Kayaking Club. Another young lad from Sydney also joined our team. We played 5 games and drew all but 1 where we were defeated 3-2. In the end it came down to points and our team came third place overall, receiving a bronze medal.

One of our opponents was an ex-Australian player, who proved to be almost unbeatable when it came to shooting goals against him. Despite the superior strength, skill and experience of



the opponents, **Mitchell** displayed immense courage

and commitment to the game. His passing and tackling skills and game awareness were exemplary and I could see his skills improving as the day went on. He commented several times through the day how much he was enjoying the battle. That was obvious from the smile on his face. I'd like to publicly commend **Mitchell** for his determination, skill and willingness to learn. Keep the passion for the game! Mudcake ahead on November 14.

Mr Wilson

ZONE RESULTS

Last week saw the finals of the Southern Illawarra Zone Interschool Competition. In all Dapto had 17 teams competing for the Finals Day Champion's Trophy. Of these six were hoping to become zone premiers. At the end of the day 5 teams were successful. Congratulations to **Junior "A" Netball** coached by **Ms Gilbert**, **Senior "A" and "B" Boys Touch** coached by **Mr Cattle**, **Senior Boys Basketball** coached by **Mr Wood** and **Junior Boys "B" Soccer** coached by **Mr Chamberlain**. The Netball, "B" Touch, Basketball and Soccer teams were all undefeated in their respective competitions. Well done to all the students and staff who continue to make this a very competitive and enjoyable sports afternoon. The following students have been rewarded for their efforts over the last two terms.

SPORT	B&F	MOST IMP.	COACH
GIRLS			
Sen Netball	M Rooke-Briffa	B Mitchell	S Atkins
Jun Netball A	L Blunden	J King	R Gilbert
Jun Netball B	M Stanley	R Dalzeill	
Open Soccer	T Humby	K Smith	G Seymour
Sen Basketball	A Woods	S Homer	S Wood
Jun Basketball	K Wilson	A Bretag	M Russell
Sen Touch A	J Oswald	A DelliFiori	D Bateman
Sen Touch B	S Graham	L Darragh	
Jun Touch A	N Thew	E Burnett	A Smith
Jun Touch B	J. Irving	B Hesford	
Sen Volleyball	R Wilson	E King	T Law
Jun Volleyball	R Thompson	C Worthington	T Law
SPORT B&F MOST IMP COACH			
BOYS			
Sen Soccer	B Sheppard	T Driscoll	M Kirk
Jun Soccer A	L Boersma	T Perry	R Bailey
Jun Soccer B	J Mears	C Castro	J Chamberlain
Jun Basketball	J Blunden	J Guitierrez	M Russell
Sen Basketball	J Hogan	K Granger	S Wood
Sen Touch A	M Bates	A Buchan	P Cattle
Sen Touch B	J Fogg	S Morgan	
Jun Touch A	T DelliFiori	R Slabb	J Heininger
Jun Touch B	A Crowley	Z Carpenter	



BOYS JUNIOR "B" SOCCER

Lead by our industrious Co Captains, **Justin Mears** and **Dominic Irons**, the team cruised to an undefeated season and this nearly proved their downfall. An over confident side showed up for the grand final to take on a much improved Oak Flats team. Unable to capitalise on several early chances the Dapto boys were awarded a penalty that was enough to equal the efforts of the Oakies. It was thanks to a miraculous save in the dying moments of extra time by Man of the Match, **Logan Gibb** who was recovering from an asthma attack, that Dapto preserved their undefeated season and finished equal premiers. The team had several younger players that were greatly improved over the course of the season. Some of these improved were **Jake Smith** who was playing soccer for the first time, **Logan Gibb**, **Matt Oswald**, **Luke Elkio** and **Curtis Castro**. **John Chamberlain**
Coach