



# The Phoenix NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 1

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Term 4: 9 weeks of great learning!

This term is underway smoothly, with staff and students enjoying various improvements undertaken during the break. Our new stage and additional shelter in the Main Quad will be put to good use, particularly by those lucky, 183 Y9 students who have now received their new laptops. Even more shelter is needed and later this term a 'mufti day will be held to assist'. In the first weeks of 2010 our current Y8 students will also receive laptops. By mid T1 2010, some 600 laptops will be on site for use by students and staff.

### H'09 are in the zone!

HSC examinations commenced this week, to date feedback is good. During the recent holidays our HSC Tutorial Days were marvellously well attended. Over 35 students and 15 volunteer staff worked hard and ate a hearty lunch in our library last Thursday. Thank you all. This focused approach was clearly evident during their Graduation Ceremony on the last day of T3. Our hall was packed with supportive family and friends. Good cheer, good music and just a few tears. The picnic at Stuart Park that followed was enjoyed by all: thank you **Mr Seymour, Ms Morgan, Mr Horsley and Mr Heffernan**

### Welcome H'10!

Members of H'10 have moved to the Senior Quad and are taking advantage of the new deck attached to our library. Glorious rain during the break has lifted the lawns and trees. The new tanks attached to our library received their first inflows, this captured water will be used to keep the area around our Memorial Gardens and Senior Quad lush.

### We are proud of Ms Christie Harrod. H'10.

**Christie** recently completed a Work Experience stint with a local plant nursery. Her supervisor **Amanda** rang "*She is just about the best student I have ever worked with here. Enthusiastic and with excellent communication skills.*" Well done!

### Mr Alan Lewins.

This community is sad to note the passing of **Mr Alan Lewins**, age 85. **Mr Lewins** is remembered as a fine teacher here at DHS in the '80s. He had a keen interest in student welfare issues. Condolences are offered to family and

friends.

### Y7-8-9 SRC elections are now online.

Webchoice is now open for voting for SRC reps in Years 7, 8 and 9. Students have been emailed details to access Webchoice. Closing date for voting is 23/10/2009 midnight. Parents are particularly asked to encourage their daughters and sons to vote. Good student leadership is a key element in improving learning at this school.

### T4 Goals

Parents and students are asked to complete T4 goals this week. Page 19 in our diary has space for 5 goals and related strategies. These to be signed and then revisited before Christmas.

**Andrew FitzSimons**  
Principal

### Coming Events for TERM 4

#### WEEK 2 B WEEK

Wednesday 28th October

- ◆ Snake Tails (Year 7)

## Teacher of the Week

**Tim Hammond**  
for dedicated teaching service

### UNIFORM SHOP

Will be open on

Tuesdays 12 noon to 4 pm  
and

Thursdays 8am to 12 noon

## NAPLAN

To facilitate access to NAPLAN information for parents of NSW school students, a new website [www.naplanforparentsnsw.com.au](http://www.naplanforparentsnsw.com.au) has been developed. In addition to general information about NAPLAN this website contains documents to assist parents in understanding the student report and the NAPLAN reporting scales. Parents are also invited to provide feedback on NAPLAN reporting by completing an online survey.

**National Bandana Day** is Friday 30th October. Help support CANTEEN by buying a bandana or pen. These are available from the Canteen or Uniform Shop and will be on sale on the day in the Canteen area. Bandanas are \$3.00 and pens are \$2.00.

## P & C SCHOLARSHIPS

The P & C is offering a scholarship to two students in each year. These scholarships are worth \$250 each - \$50 cash to be spent however the student wishes and \$200 to be spent within the school for fees, books, excursions, uniforms etc. Entries close 30th October and can be placed in the box in the school foyer. Entry forms can be downloaded from the school's website. Just click on P & C.

## CAREERS

Reminder to Year 10 doing work experience Week 5 (Nov 16-12). All documents (student placement record) should be signed by you—the student, your parent and the employer and returned to the Careers Office as soon as possible.

**Mrs Crump**

Year 11 had an excellent last week of term on work experience/placement. Employer's reports to be handed in to Careers for copying to your files.

**Mrs Crump**

Become a Sound Engineer before you leave school! 313 Training in Wollongong is offering Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to study the Certificate III in Music (Technical Production) as part of the HSC.

“ Students will learn behind the scenes of the music industry and will be competent in all aspects of recording in a studio environment.

“ Course is 4 units at Preliminary or HSC level.

“ The course is a nationally recognised qualification.

“ Course is funded by the Department of Education and Training.

“ Two evenings per week for one year (33 weeks).

“ Only 10 places are available.

See **Mrs Crump**.

## YEAR 7 REFLECTION

Starting Year 7 is a big step. When I first walked through the gates, all the older children were very intimidating but once I settled into the new routine it was really fun. At first I thought high school was a big scary place and everything worked differently, but really not much has changed. We still have leading opportunities like SRC and sporting events like

swimming carnivals and cross-country. Year 7 Camp was great. We learnt about team work and made new friendships to last us all through high school. So really high school is a lot of fun, with great opportunities and benefits. With great teachers to lead us to where we want to be in life, but how could all this be possible without the one and only Mr Fitz.?

**Brienna Webster**

## LUNA PARK

On the 25th September, 63 Year 8 students went to Luna Park as a reward for good behaviour, attendance and uniform with **Mrs Swan, Mrs Mathein** and **Mr Heffernan**, it was so much fun. There were so many rides to go on it was hard to choose which one to go on first. Some were fast and scary, some were slow are relaxing! After all the excitement and fun we had to get on the coach for the long ride home.

**Taleisha Wilden-Zahra and Natasha Thomas**

## WILDFYRE REGIONAL BATTLE OF THE BANDS—

**Kangaroo Valley, Sunday 15 November 2009.**

There is only three spots left for bands in the Illawarra-Highlands-South Coast region to enter. Entries close at the end of the month unless by arrangement. Band members must be aged 12-25 years to be eligible. First prize is worth over \$1500 and 2 days recording time at Studio 313 in Nowra. No heats—its all decided on the day with judging by music industry people and peers. For entry details email [fyreinvalley@gmail.com](mailto:fyreinvalley@gmail.com) or call Karen Harrison on 0410 410 144.

## 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

## WEP

World Education Program is accepting applications from students to participate in an exchange program during their second semester in 2010. WEP is offering \$500 discount towards a semester in Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Turkey, Thailand or USA. Students must be in years 9-11 to be eligible for this discount. To receive a free information pack phone: 1300 884 733 or visit [www.weo.org.au](http://www.weo.org.au)

## HOST FAMILY REQUEST

If you can host a Japanese student for one term at Dapto High School in 2010 and would like to know more, please contact Kath Hill on 4257 2030 or mobile 041329829.

### **VIVA LA GONG SWIM ALONG**

Wollongong Swim Club Open Water Championships to be held on Saturday 7th November at Belmore Basin and Wollongong Harbour. This is the opening event to the Viva La Gong Festival in Wollongong. The Open Water Swim in its second year is an exciting community event for all ages and abilities. There is a range of races for children and young adults from the 5km open water swim (minimum age 13) to the 80m team relay which will be a straight course out from Belmore Basin and back. Entries close Friday 23 October. Late registration from 8am and marshalling 9am on the day.

**HORSLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE** is having it's Annual Christmas Bus Trip to the DFO at Homebush on Saturday 14th November from 9:00am—3:30pm. Cost \$20.00 per person. For details please call 4261 6161

### **SHAW'S TUTORING**

**Reach your potential in education**

**Tara Becker B.App.Arts/Dance, B.Ed English UNSW  
0421 885 120**

**Drew Shaw BMathsFin UOW GradDipEd (Mathematics)  
UOW 0423 913 551**

**TUTORING FOR STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN TO YR 12**

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