



The Phoenix NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

e-Me trial

Dapto High School students are participating in an important trial of an online learning tool being developed by DET that will assist students to be 'work ready'. Our Career's Advisor, **Mrs Crump**, **Rhys Noronha** and **Georgia Emmett** of Year 9 journeyed to Macquarie University ICT Centre last week to trial **e-Me**, a student online career oriented portfolio, using their new laptops. **Rhys** and **Georgia** are on the 'student laptop team' and will lead the SRC through the e-Me tool as well as demonstrate at the Week 4 P&C meeting. It is likely that students in Year 9 and 10 will have the opportunity to participate online this term.

Lions: Youth of the Year Quest

The Lions Club run a prestigious competition to find the 'Youth of the Year' to foster and develop leadership. All students in Years 10-12 have been emailed by the school, *Lions: Youth of the Year Quest* which is open to students aged 16-19. Entry forms are available in the principal's office and parents and staff are encouraged to nominate students who demonstrate good leadership potential.

Excellence in Maths

Nicole Pursey in Year 7 Maths 4 achieved 100% in her recent test for Solids. An excellent result for which she should be commended. **Nicole** was away on Monday and took the initiative to call a classmate to find out what work she had missed and completed this work for the next Maths lesson on Tuesday. **Nicole** is certainly an outstanding student making sensible use of her 'learning partners'.

Enjoy your break Mr Fitz.

Our Principal, **Mr FitzSimons** has commenced a well-deserved break for the next three weeks. He will enjoy some quality time with his family at his farm.

During this time I am relieving Principal and **Mr Creunaune** will look after students in Years 7, 9 & 11

as Deputy Principal. **Mr John Wilson** will be the relieving Head Teacher, Administration.

Evacuation drill.

Late term 3 staff and students conducted a successful evacuation drill. Our main oval is the designated assembly area, without exception all students were accounted for. Such drills are essential preparation for a real emergency. Our local Fire Brigade was invited to observe and reported very favourably to OH&S coordinator **Mr Holger Bandte**. A further practice is planned for later this term.

Homework Centre; all students invited.

Monday and Wednesday afternoons 2.45pm until 4.15pm all students are invited to 'grow their brains' by attending our Homework Centre. A luscious afternoon tea is provided. Good company + good learning!

Darcy Moore
Relieving Principal

Teacher of the Week

ANDREW SMITH

For skilful management of construction
around the school

Coming Events for Week 3
TERM 4

WEEK 3 A WEEK

Tuesday 3rd October

" Hasset Cup Cricket v Bega High

" Leadership Conference for School Captains

Wednesday 4th October

" Showcase University, Science Fair

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 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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY

Dapto High School has accepted an invitation to take part in a Social Justice Day at Edmund Rice College on 18th November. This will be a forum where the voices of young people are heard, where they may be acknowledged for work they are already doing and where they are encouraged and supported to make their world a better place. Students will have the opportunity to develop leadership skills and explore creative ways work together in the Illawarra to make a positive difference. **Mr Phillips** and **Ms Stewart** will be taking students from Years 9, 10 and 11.



BE SUNSMART THIS SUMMER

Australia has one of the highest skin

cancer rates in the world and most of the damage is done in the first 15 years of life. Fortunately, being SunSmart is a simple and effective way to reduce the risk of developing skin cancer. The Cancer Council has a website devoted to information that can help you be SunSmart all year round. Check it out at: www.cancer.org.au/cancersmartlifestyle/sunsmart.htm

DON'T RISK INJURING A CHILD

The 40km/h speed limit in school zones operates between 8:00-9:30am and 2:30-4:00pm on school days—be aware or you could get fined. Children can be unpredictable and hard to see. It's important that parents and carers observe local school safety initiatives when dropping off and collecting children. Penalties are high, new fines and demerit point increases include:

- .. Speeding—minimum fine of \$128 and four demerit points
- .. Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely—\$384 fine and two demerit points
- .. Double parking—\$231 fine and two demerit points
- .. Stopping on or near a children's crossing—\$308 fine and four demerit points
- .. Illegal use of mobile phone in school zone—\$308 fine and four demerit points.

These penalties are reviewed and increased every six months but the worst penalty is knowing you've caused an injury to a child.

NSW GOVERNMENT CADETSHIPS NOW OPEN

The NSW Government is currently offering over 250 cadetships to HSC (or certificate IV) graduates under 25 across NSW. Permanent and temporary positions are available in office or business administration, tourism, community services, customer service, IT and the environment. The cadetships offer young people an opportunity for a great career with the largest employer in NSW. Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply and a minimum of 12 places will be set aside for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants. Organisations offering cadetships in Sydney CBD, Parramatta, Nowra and Grafton are specifically seeking Indigenous applicants.

Applications close on 4 November 2009.
Go to www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Laurena Ludwig-Polo, an exchange student from Germany, is currently enrolled in Year 10 at Dapto High School. After the initial adjustment period, Laurena has settled down and is having a very successful family and finding out what it is like to be part of an Australian school community.

Each year Southern Cross Cultural Exchange helps secondary school students from all over the world to have a rewarding educational and cultural experience in Australia. This is possible because we have generous families who welcome the students into their homes. These students need a place to live where they can become a part of an Australian family and have a place they can call home. Host families are needed for students arriving in February 2010 from Holland, Germany, USA, Austria and Columbia, for 3, 5 or 10 months to fulfill their dream of studying in Australia and experiencing our unique lifestyle. Please call Michele on 02 9181 1084 to request a Host Family application kit if you would like to have one of these young people become part of your family for a short time.

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**

Need to reward yourself for all that exam effort?
Buy yourself a new phone!
For all your phones and accessories see Luke at OPTUS Dapto. Turn left at the top of the escalator in Dapto Mall.

