Trial HSC

Our Year 12 students completed their Trial HSC exams in week 6. Students are now in the process of working with their teachers to help identify areas to focus on before the upcoming HSC exams. As the term ‘Trial’ suggests, valuable information in both procedure and process has been attained by our students from this experience. Now it is time for students to consolidate their knowledge and use this information to their advantage. Students and teachers will be busy over the next few weeks in final preparation for the Higher School Certificate in Term 4.

School Captains 2016

Deniliquin High School is in the very important process of electing School Captains for 2016. You will find later in this newsletter, the profiles of the candidates who have nominated for this very important title. Next week these candidates will address the student body at a special assembly with their plight for gaining success with this position. Shortly after, an election will take place and the much anticipated results of the election will be announced at our Formal Assembly.

Year 10 Ballroom Blitz

It is that time of the year again when our Year 10 students start to get excited about the upcoming ‘Ballroom Blitz’. This year the theme is ‘A Night at the Movies’. As you would imagine, with such a title, I am expecting quite a sight as the students arrive for the event dressed in suitable attire. The ‘Ballroom Blitz’ is conducted by our PDHPE staff and is the culmination of much practice and dedication during the dance component of their course.

AFL Goal Posts

Those of you who have been past the school of late might have noticed that our oval now sports a set of AFL goal posts. These have just recently been erected in order to improve facilities at our school and to help cater for our PDHPE/Sport programs. The posts will also help encourage students to be active during recess and lunch, honing their goal kicking skills. Thanks must go to Mr Bradley and his helpers who set up the posts last week. Thank you also to Deni Freighters for storing the posts until now.

Parents and Citizens

In my role as Acting Principal, I have worked closely this year with the DHS P&C. We are very fortunate to have such an effective P&C that continue to actively support our school. Through the P&C’s commitment and generosity, there have been many contributions made to DHS this year. Ultimately, this results in our school being better resourced, and this in turn, enhances student learning outcomes. On behalf of the staff and students of Deniliquin High School, I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank our P&C for their commitment to improving our learning environment.

Condolences

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Meg Laing (recent graduate of Deniliquin High School). Our condolences go out to her family and friends at this time of profound grief. Counselling and support have been provided to students and staff and will continue for as long as necessary. I would also like to thank the school community for your understanding with the alteration of our normal school day last Monday.

Peter Astill
Acting Principal

Calendar

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English/LOTE

It has been an extremely busy fortnight for the students and staff in the English department, with students completing HSC Trial exams, submitting assessments and preparing for listening assessment tasks which are being conducted in class.

Students have now received their Trial exam results and have completed reflection activities to guide their study between now and their final HSC exam. This period is crucial for students and is typically where they see the most growth and development. We encourage all students to formulate their study plan as soon as possible and consult with their teacher on how to best address their weaknesses.

The student gallery this week features assessment tasks completed by Year 8, demonstrating their effective understanding and manipulation of persuasive devices. Students have put in an outstanding effort on these tasks and it has been most pleasing to see students composing advertisements for causes and products they strongly personally endorse.

English Student Gallery

The following advertisements are posters, brochures and billboards designed by Year 8 students during their Persuasion and Rhetoric unit.

Upcoming Maths Assessment Tasks

Year 7 Length Project due Week 10
Year 9 Surface Area and Volume Project due Week 10, Wednesday 16th September
Year 10 Data Project due Week 9, Friday 11th September
Year 10- Author Visit

Last Tuesday Year 10 spent time with visiting local writer Adem Besim.

Adem came to DHS to discuss the writing process and to talk about his novel “My Unforgettable Year”. Adem was born, raised and still lives in Kyabram, Victoria. He studied a Diploma in Professional Writing and Editing at Bendigo TAFE. His novel is a deeply emotive story told in the first person voice of a seventeen-year-old boy. The themes are many: bullying, friendships, dealing with death, and falling in love. This book will be loved by both male and female students; as it is a coming-of-age story about triumph and tragedy, love and loss, acceptance and letting go. Mrs Laing interviewed Adem and then the students also asked questions of the young Author.

Athletics School Visit

Yousef Abdi, a representative from Athletics NSW, came to give a presentation to Year 7 and 8 students on Monday 24th of August.

He spoke about his determination to represent Australia for the Olympics and how it took him the three attempts to qualify for his event – Steeple Chase. Also, he told students about the resilience needed to achieve his goal, to represent Australia at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Great Vic Bike Ride 2015

The Deni High Great Vic Bike Team now has a set of red Wind Vests with a reflective DHS logo printed on the back. The students will wear these on days of low visibility and when it’s raining they will wear them over their raincoats. DHS was able to purchase these vests with the support of Deniliquin RSL Club who generously donated money; helping to improve the safety of our students whilst on the ride.

Deniliquin High School P&C Cake Stall Thank You

The P&C held a fundraising cake stall at the Cressy St Kiosk on Friday the 21st of August. It was a very successful day raising a total of $1858.45.

We must thank the High School Canteen and the generous people that donated their time, food and funds for the event. Around 35 individuals cooked for the event and many more volunteers helped sell on the day. Some of these people do not even have children at the school.

Thank you to the staff that supported the event by purchasing goods before the sale. Thank you also to the Art department and students who did some wonderful artwork for the stall.

Kate Smith from Deniliquin Jewellers, Bimbella Beef and Central IGA donation of goods for the raffle, thank you.

The first prize hamper was won by Matt Kiley, the second prize, a Bimbella Beef voucher, was won by Gwen Pearn and the third prize, a hamper from IGA, was won by Mr Coleman.

Many thanks to Geoff Riley who lent us his card table for the raffle – I think it bought us luck!

Kind regards,
DHS P&C Committee.
Year 10 Lovebites

Recently, Year 10 students were involved in the Lovebites Program. Lovebites is an awareness program coordinated by Vinnies Services and the Sexual Assault Service. This is the seventh successive year that the program has been run at Deniliquin High School. The students were involved in sessions relating to domestic violence and sexual assault, which compliments their studies in PDHPE theory lessons this term on these same topics.

Thank you to the many facilitators from our local community who were involved in delivering the program, and also to Vinnies Services for providing the sausage sizzle during lunch.

All Year 10 students will now be busy preparing their next assessment task; a presentation on a health promotion initiative to raise awareness of one of these two important social issues. These will be delivered in class during Week 9, as scheduled in the Year 10 Assessment Booklet. The PDHPE teaching staff is looking forward to the many interesting initiatives which will be presented.

Mr. A. Michael
Head Teacher PDHPE/Administration.

Netball Victoria Schools Championships

On 19th August, Deniliquin High School entered three netball teams in a Netball Victoria tournament held in Bendigo. Junior, intermediate and senior squads were selected and competed in a high class field. The standard of netball was extremely high with our teams only managing a couple of wins in each grade, however, all players took something away from the experience.

Special thanks to Ms Norman for driving the bus and coaching the senior team on the day. The players also wanted to show their appreciation to our three umpires; Lainey Blake, Katie Murphy and Georgia Smith, who conducted themselves competently and professionally throughout the tournament.

Mrs Blake would like to thank the players for the outstanding conduct on the day and being such wonderful ambassadors of the school.

Yr 11 SLR Excursion

Recently, Year 11 SLR students camped at the Wanganella Creek Camp Park. The trip complimented their recent studies in Outdoor Recreation as a part of their SLR course.

On Wednesday we loaded the bus, hooked on the canoe trailer and set off for Wanganella. A short while later we were putting up tents in the sunshine while Jack Hope cooked up some marinated venison to keep everyone’s energy up. It didn’t take long for the fishing lines to be baited and cast, with Aiden Free
catching a decent Yellowbelly, which was a tasty entrée before our evening meal.

The students had been arranged into cooking groups. Liam Pitts, Aiden Free and Dylan East prepared a wholesome BBQ lunch. Michael and Tate made golden syrup dumplings in the camp oven, which were delicious and served with custard and cream. Jack prepared a superb lamb and vegetable stew in the camp oven, which was served with mashed potato. Miss Norman had been left behind, in particular a large camp oven. Catie and Lewis claimed to have hooked a giant, however like many fishing legends, the big cod was never landed due to an equipment malfunction. Brook Simpson misjudged the depth while disembarking from her canoe and took a dip in the rather chilly water.

Upon our return, it was time to light the campfire in order to get some coals on which to prepare our evening meal. Liam Pitts insisted on using a flint to do this. Unfortunately, he is no Bear Grills and he needed to enlist the help of firelighters to get the job done. Meanwhile, Keyah and Corey Stevens made some delicious pizzas for afternoon tea. Corey found Keyah’s strict procedures in the kitchen difficult to work with and there were several tense moments and comparisons made to Gordon Ramsey! There was even time for a quick trip in the bus to a guaranteed fishing hotspot before dinner, however this too proved less than fruitful with just a couple of carp caught. On the way back Tate Parsons received some tuition on what pig guts look like.

Back at camp we were greeted by camp manager, Lex Gardam, who was kind enough to provide us with a few essentials that he had been left behind, in particular a large camp oven. Catie and Jack prepared a superb lamb and vegetable stew in the camp oven, which was served with mashed potato. Miss Norman conveniently arrived in time for the evening meal, which was enjoyed by all.

After dinner there were some spotlight games in the dark. Mr Michael and Tate made golden syrup dumplings in the camp oven, which were delicious and served with custard and cream. Tate and Jack provided some extra entertainment with their wrestling antics.

As the evening wore on, everyone was glad to snuggle into their warm beds for some rest. The weather had been kind and Thursday morning was the warmest in many months, with no wet dew or frost. Mr Michael made bacon and eggs for breakfast. Then started the worst part of any trip; packing up and heading home. With such great weather and company, staying another few days would have been a popular decision. We arrived back at school just before recess on Thursday. It had been an enjoyable trip.

**News from the Student Support Officer – Tracey Page**

Year 7 to 10 students had the opportunity to attend the “Project Rockit” performance at the RSL Club. This performance was funded by Intereach. “Project Rockit” was developed by young people for young people. The project was a chance for students to learn more about cyber bullying. Students had the opportunity to understand the concept of digital citizenship and their role in cyber bullying. It gave them the tools to be more aware of cyber bullying and have empathy for others that are victims of cyber bullying, as well as have an increased awareness of the role they can play in decreasing bullying. Students stated that the presenters were in touch with terms they understood and spoke in language that was commonly used amongst teenagers. From the various responses I received, it showed that the students learnt a lot and will be able to use their new found skills in their daily lives.

Thursday 30th July, Indigenous families and carers were invited to a special morning tea at Deniliquin High School. The morning tea provided relevant information regarding their students learning and future endeavours. There were several guest presenters: Vicki Hutton, Leonie Francis and Lissa Todd. Vicki presented information about Tirkandi Inaburra – Cultural and Development Centre for Indigenous boys. Leonie and colleagues presented about TAFE opportunities for Indigenous students and Lissa Todd – Indigenous Services Officer at Centrelink presented information about the changes to Abstudy. It was a very successful morning which was enjoyed by all whom attended. If anyone requires further information about the morning tea and the presentations please contact me at the school. On the Thursday 10th September, Indigenous students from Deni High will be participating in the Buroinjin Challenge in Shepparton. For the sport block this term the students started learning this new game. Thank you goes to Ms Harley for helping the students engage in this activity.

**Naplan Results 2015**

The results of the 2015 NAPLAN Assessments have been received by all schools and parents/caregivers should have received their child’s individual results. At DHS, the results enable staff to look at areas that could benefit by introducing special programs as well as measuring the progress of existing programs.

Of particular interest is the growth table. In this table we are able to measure the growth of DHS students against the average of the state. This is important from Yrs 7 to 9 where the school is responsible for each student’s progress.

The growth this year from Yr 7 (2013) to Yr 9 (2015) indicates almost all assessment results exceeding the average state growth. This demonstrates that both teachers and students are working together to achieve positive outcomes.

If parents/caregivers require further information on their child’s results, please contact the school.
Careers News

UAC - VTAC - Year 12

Year 12 students have been advised that UAC & VTAC applications can now be submitted. Students intending to attend university or TAFE in Victoria and university in NSW must register and start looking at preferences for institutions they would like to attend. Mrs Van Lieshout is walking Year 12 students through the process in study skills sessions. Any students and indeed parents who would like further information to continue the conversation at home can go to the website at: http://www.vtac.edu.au/applying.html (VTAC) or http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/ (UAC)

Year 12 Employment and Other Training Options

On the 9th of September at 9.00am students will be addressed by a number of apprenticeship and traineeship brokers/consultants to advise them of their post-secondary options in the coming months as they prepare to leave school. We would like to extend an invitation to any parents, of students, who may be interested to join us in the library for this session. We have contact details for these agencies and are happy to forward these to any interested parents also. Please contact the Careers Office for more details.

Year 12 Tertiary Information Evening

A reminder to all students and parents that there will be an information evening next Wednesday the 9th of September in the school library. The session will commence at 7.00pm and run for approximately 90 minutes. This session is targeting students intending to pursue tertiary education in the future. Information regarding the application process, pathways, scholarships, special considerations, access and equity issues and the like will all be discussed. We invite all parents and students to attend this worthwhile information sharing evening.

Year 10 Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program

The Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program is an academic enrichment program designed to support high-achieving Victorian and select New South Wales and South Australian border school students. KLD now attracts 500 participating schools, who nominate their best Year 10 students for the program. The benefits include; conditional entry to University of Melbourne, access to University of Melbourne library resources for the duration of your schooling, $2500 for relocating to Melbourne if you choose to study at the University of Melbourne, $2500 Global Scholarship (in 2nd or 3rd year) for international mobility program during undergraduate studies. Deniliquin High School will once again be participating in the KLD program and seeking select students based on their academic and leadership performance over the past years. We invite these students to make applications for this prestigious program.

Access Education – HSC Exam Revision Lectures Yr 11 & 12

2.5 hour time and cost effective exam revision lectures for 6 different subjects offered at LaTrobe University, Albury/ Wodonga Campus. Lectures will be held on the 19th & 20th September 2015.

$46 per person per lecture or $37 per person per lecture when booking 5 or more tickets in one transaction. For an information brochure drop in to the Careers Office or follow this link: https://www.accesseducation.com.au/HSC

Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme – Indigenous Students

The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme is funded by Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing. The Scheme was established in recognition of Dr Arnold ‘Puggy’ Hunter’s significant contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and his role as Chair of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO). The aim of the Scheme is to encourage and assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander undergraduate students in health-related disciplines to complete their studies and join the health workforce. The scholarship provides financial assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are intending to enrol or are enrolled in an entry level course in an eligible health related discipline at an Australian educational institution (Certificate IV and above). Applications will be considered from applicants who are:

•of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent – students must identify and need to confirm their ATSI status.
•Enrolled or intending to enrol in an entry level or graduate level health related course
•Intending to study in the academic year that the scholarship is offered

Funding is provided for the normal duration of the course. Full-time scholarship awardees will receive up to $15,000 per year and part-time recipients will receive up to $7,500 per year. The funding is paid in 24 fortnightly instalments throughout the study period of each year.

Eligible health areas are:

•Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander health work
•Allied health (excluding pharmacy) Dentistry/oral health (excluding dental assistants)
•Medicine
•Midwifery
•Nursing

Any interested students can collect an information brochure from the Careers Office or contact: Australian College of Nursing Email: scholarships@acn.edu.au Freecall: 1800 688 628 Further information: 1800 668 628 W: ACN website E: scholarships@acn.edu.au
2016 School Captain Nominees

Phoebe Laing

Areas in which I have shown leadership in the past:
- Leading Deni South PS (2010)
- Being awarded the ADF (2014)

Why I would like to be considered for School Captain 2016:
I am a strong ambassador for our year
I have been a dedicated leader
I have experience in leadership
I go for every opportunity

Meg Erickson

Areas in which I have shown leadership in the past:
I was a House Captain for Mundiwa at Deni South PS. I have also represented the school in many events and organisations. Through my employment at the Deniliquin RSL I have had to train new staff and also co-operate well with others.

Why I would like to be considered for School Captain 2016:
I am a very positive and outgoing student. I also believe I am very approachable for all peers. It would be a privilege to be able to represent Deni High through school captaincy.

Lucy Seale

Areas in which I have shown leadership in the past:
- Being a part of the SRC and netball team. I have been able to learn what it takes to be a leader. I was also a Sport Captain at St Michael’s School.

Why I would like to be considered for School Captain 2016:
I would like to be considered for School Captain because I believe I can be a positive role model and representative for our school.

Stephanie McKindlay

Areas in which I have shown leadership in the past:
I have shown leadership in most aspects of my life, academic, sporting and workplace, including being Team Captain for soccer teams, being on the SRC. I was also Junior House Captain and in primary school, I was a Prefect.

Why I would like to be considered for School Captain 2016:
I would like to be considered for School Captain as I believe I am able to truly represent all students and staff. I am determined and enthusiastic and would strive to help our school achieve its goals. I believe I would be a great candidate for the position and would love the opportunity to proudly promote DHS to the wider community.

Jaime Blake

Areas in which I have shown leadership in the past:
I have shown leadership through my 3-year involvement in the SRC and advisor to the Youth and Beyond Committee. I am currently Rams U17’s Co-captain and was Junior House Captain for Colligen in 2013.

Why I would like to be considered for School Captain 2016:
I would like to run for School Captain so that I can provide a voice for the student body. I would strive to encompass all student needs and aim to provide new initiatives to improve the school.

Ashleigh Geldenhuys

Areas in which I have shown leadership in the past:
I’ve volunteered at the YMCA as a camp leader multiple times, and also captained my netball team at Deniliquen Rovers in the past.

Why I would like to be considered for School Captain 2016:
I’d like to be considered for School Captain in 2016, as I think that my confident and enthusiastic attitude would be an attribute to the role.
2016 School Captain Nominees

David Leech
Areas in which I have shown leadership in the past:
I have been respectful to both teachers and students, co-operating with them in any way I can. I have experience as School Captain, as I was Captain of Echuca South Primary School.

Harrison Wright
Areas in which I have shown leadership in the past:
For the past five years I have been involved with the Australian Army Cadets Unit in Deniliquin. Over this time, I have learnt many skills to help me lead DHS. I am now a Corporal, leading and teaching young cadets in the hopes that they may do the same.

Why I would like to be considered for School Captain 2016:
I believe that if I were to be the School Captain of 2016, I would be a valued member of the SRC, always willing to listen to those around me. I always aim to do my best within Deniliquin High School, like attending ANZAC Day and school assemblies. Please, Face the Task of making the Wright choice.

Sam Young
Areas in which I have shown leadership in the past:
I have been acknowledged as a leader on the GVBR over the last four years. I achieved my Duke of Edinburgh Award and I was also a leader at Edward Public School.

Why I would like to be considered for School Captain 2016:
I believe that I could proudly represent Deni High at both school and community events. I can also set a positive example for my peers through my behaviour. All students need a voice and I can listen and be their representative.

Josh Fullerton
Areas in which I have shown leadership in the past:
I have shown leadership through my completion of the Duke of Edinburgh Award, coaching basketball and being a current member of the SRC.

Why I would like to be considered for School Captain 2016:
I know that I will bring everything I have to the role of School Captain. I want to make the school a better place than what it already is, by listening to the requests of students, teachers and parents. I will do everything I can do to make the voice of everybody heard.

Jake Holschier
Areas in which I have shown leadership in the past:
At Deni North Primary School, I was School Captain.

Why I would like to be considered for School Captain 2016:
I think that I would be a good Captain in 2016 because I have great leadership qualities and I am so easy to get along with.
VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Southern Cross Care Orana is looking for volunteers. If you could spare just 1 hour of your time a week to come and help with activities, outings or just be able to have a chat and a cup of coffee with our residents we would love to hear from you. Children are also most welcome as our residents really enjoy their interaction.

So if you think that you could help brighten the day for our residents, please call Tenille Blake at Orana on 58812766 or drop in and see us at 59 Napier Street Deniliquin.