SENIOR CAMPUS STUDENTS TAKE ON RESTORATION PROJECT

Two pieces of antique fire fighting equipment have taken up residence at Dubbo College Senior Campus as part of a community restoration project, involving school students, the Dubbo Mens Shed and Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW). The FRNSW fire cart and hose reel were originally from the Cobar fire station and were moved to Dubbo to enable the restoration to be carried out. FRNSW superintendent and zone commander Greg Lewis made contact with Dubbo College TAS teacher John Miller and the Dubbo Mens Shed and the restoration project was born.

Superintendent Lewis said the two carts were the property of the FRNSW commissioner and as such were public assets. "We really didn't have the capability within FRNSW to have them restored and being aware of their historical value and significance to the community we took steps to ensure they would not be lost," he said. "I contacted John Miller at the College and he was keen to take on the challenge - so we are here to deliver them."

On hand to accept the carts were Year 11 and 12 woodwork and metalwork students, TAS head teacher Nigel White and teacher John Miller. "I would say we are all excited but very much aware that we will be tackling a very big project," Mr Miller said. "It will be a case of having to learn new skills for both myself and the students who are all in Year 11 and 12. Mr White said the art of making timber and metal products like the old carts had died out long ago. "We're hoping that some of the people involved in the Dubbo Mens Shed may be able to help us with skills and we would be interested to hear from anyone else in the community who might be able to lend a hand. It really is a great community project and it will be wonderful to see our new trade training facilities getting a good workout."

Chief superintendent and area commander with FRNSW Neil Harris said the old hose cart and reel were used prior to and during the steam age. "They would have been in use about the turn of the 20th century before the horse-drawn steam fire engines, the motorised Garford fire engines, came into being," he said. "They also were used in tandem with the horse drawn steam fire engines providing back-up hoses that could be used to fight in different locations at a fire. Interestingly these carts originally came from Cobar and the Cobar station also recently restored an old Garford fire engine in cooperation with TAFE, which provided mechanical, panel beating and spray painting skills."

Mr Miller said it could take some years to restore the carts with different groups of students contributing every year to the project.

ASTLEY CUP 2013 JUMPERS

The Astley and Mulvey Cup is the oldest interschool competition in NSW beginning in 1923. This year marks the 90th anniversary for the competition. It is contested between Dubbo College Senior Campus, Orange High School and Bathurst High School. The Astley Cup consists of a two-day sporting competition and the Mulvey Cup a debate against the other two schools on a home and away basis.

This competition is of huge significance to students and ex-students. For generations it remains perhaps the most lasting memory of their school days. If you would like to be a part of this momentous event and purchase a 2013 Astley Cup Jumper students, teachers and school community can pay $60 to the office (A Block) before 12 April 2013. No purchases can be made after this date.

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Dear Parents and Students

The term has certainly flown. We have had a wonderful start to the year. Students have embraced the learning and behavioural expectations of the Senior Campus and in general are really trying to be the best person they can and be good citizens of the school and community.

A group of fabulous students met recently with Mark Johnson from Pitt & Sherry an Economic & Policy Analyst - Energy and Carbon to discuss the impact on education during the Dubbo 2010 floods. Thanks to students Rheyce Spears, Corey Suckling, Kate Newton, Dale Johnson, Emily Lake and Jasmine Anthrop who were very articulate in providing excellent and interesting recounts and to Sophie Burke (SASS) for organising data in regards to the impact on attendance during that time.

An evacuation drill was conducted on Friday 15th March. Students responded in a mature and responsible manner and we were able to have all students and staff evacuated, rolls marked and dismissed within 20 minutes. It was very hot on the oval so everyone did very well. Thank you to the students and staff who provided feedback to the WHS team and we will initiate some of those suggestions in future.

On the 21st March the Senior Campus hosted the ‘Get Real’ assembly for all Year 10 students at Dubbo College. One of the most significant initiatives at Dubbo College has been the introduction of the ‘Get Real’ program. This program, now in its 8th year, is an initiative that enlists the support of Dubbo businesses and professionals in the community to support students education. They provide work experience, work placement, part time and full time work and give advice to the school to help students with post school options. ‘Get Real’ is an integral aspect of the school careers program. The pledge is for the students, to take charge of their future and to use the opportunities available to them at Dubbo College and in the community to prepare themselves for a successful life. At Dubbo College, the Careers team, ‘Get Real’ coordinators, Learning Centre and staff will support you to honour that pledge.

I showed a short clip from ‘Karate Kid 2010’ that I found most relevant to the ‘Get Real’ ceremony. I would like to share it with you.

We hosted the monthly AECG meeting on 4 April 2013. This is a great opportunity for Education and non-Government organisations to work together to support learning for students. Each school provides a report on what’s been happening in their school and there are fabulous things happening in schools across Dubbo.

Some of our students participated in Harmony Day at the Neighbourhood Centre and I thank Alca Simpson for his support with this event.

Students completed their Assessment Week in week 9, which ran really well and students should now be receiving their tasks and feedback from their teachers.

Parent/Teacher Night was conducted on Tuesday 9 April. We had an outstanding response from parents. Thank you to the CAPA department for their display of artwork and Robyn Yeo for her PowerPoint display. Special thanks to Carl for the outstanding job he did in setting up the Hall.

Happy and safe holidays to all. We look forward to students returning on Wednesday 1 May for a 9:00 am Assembly in the Hall.

Debbie Head, Principal (Rel)
Western Area Swimming Trials
A number of swimmers attended the Western Area Swimming Trials at Dubbo Leisure and Aquatic Centre on Thursday 7 March. Students from Dubbo College performed exceptionally, both in and out of the water. Special mention must go to Zohe Hughes and Connor Stewart who showed fantastic sportsmanship cheering on their competitors in their races.

Dubbo College was successful with a number of students gaining selection for the CHS Carnival on April 4. Students selected from Senior were: Jason Blackford, Zohe Hughes, Lachlan Munn and Ashlee Rowe from Delroy; Rosetta Betts, Jarrod Buckland and Siobhan Daley and from South: Carly Andrews, Emma Blake, Savannah Dimmock, Sharnia Dimmock, Trent Edwards, Tyler Edwards, Taneeka Fernando, Tyson Fuller, Juliet Furner, Meg Keizer, Hannah Mackie, Billy Munn, Matilda Munn, James Murphy, Emily Pearce, Keely Potter, Connor Stewart, Toby Stewart, Samuel Vail, Chelsea Wall, Emily Williamson and Tara Williamson.

In addition Dubbo College was successful in having all relay teams entered, selected for CHS. 10 relays teams from Dubbo College will be competing in Sydney. This effort is virtually unheard of from any other school in the State. A phenomenal effort.

All Dubbo students who attended these trials must be commended on their efforts during the day.

Netball
On 21 March the CHS girls netball team played in the NSW CHS knockout carnival. The team managed to win their pool defeating Bourke High School 30-0 and Kandos High School 13-7. They then faced Mudgee High School in the quarter finals for Western Region. In a competitive game we lost to Mudgee. A big congratulations to Pippa Manton and Leah Read who both made the Western Region CHS Netball team. We wish you the best of luck.

The Gap Medics program involves shadowing doctors, nurses and a whole range of professional physicians at work in international hospitals. The program is designed to give students interested in a career in health an educational experience in different fields. Gap Medics is offering international educational programs in Thailand, Tanzania and Czech Republic. For more information on how to apply go to www.gapmedics.co.uk.

Skill Set—Current Apprenticeships
Heavy Vehicle Apprenticeship- A Gilgandra business is looking for someone with an interest in mechanics to complete a 4 year apprenticeship. Must be motivated, reliable, willing to travel to TAFE
Applications close 30th April.
Plumbing Apprenticeship- A local Wellington plumber is looking for a keen applicant with an interest in plumbing to start an apprenticeship. If you are a Wellington local this may be the position for you. Applications close 12th April.
Chef Apprenticeship- A Gilgandra business is looking for a reliable individual preferably 18 year or over, for their kitchen. Applicant will have a current drivers licence. Applications close 30th April.

For more information on how to apply contact Skillset on 6884 8100 or by email Dubbo@skillset.com.au

Work Experience
Ever wanted to try something out? Why not try work experience? Already a few students have enjoyed going on work experience. Any students who would be interested in undertaking work experience need to see careers for more info! Pictured is Leticia Quince (with Alca Simpson) on work experience.

Upcoming Dates for Term 2
8 May- Tertiary Information Day
6 June- HSC Seminars
Careers would like to wish all students a safe and relaxing break! :)

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Capa Faculty News

MUSIC – We’ve been fortunate to gain an addition to our faculty with the inclusion of Ms Katie Bell our Music teacher who is keen to offer many opportunities to students for performance. We are all really excited that Music 2 is being offered for the first time in a long time! Ms Bell will be working with our two Music 2 candidates Nathan Bryon and Rachael Baker. A Vocal Ensemble is starting in Term 2 during Wednesday lunchtimes in the music room. Any student wishing to be a part of this is asked to see Ms Bell for more details. We have a lot of talented Music students at the Senior Campus, some of which aim to study at the Australian Institute of Music when they leave school. Students who wish to sneak a peek at what AIM has to offer are urged to enrol in the workshops for music students occurring from the 2nd to the 4th of July for the bargain price of $99. Again, students should see Ms Bell for more details.

DANCE — Eleven of our Dance students have auditioned to be part of the “Combined Dance” section of the School Spectacular, an annual event that showcases over 3500 talented public school singers, dancers and musicians from around the state. I’ve seen footage of the audition tape and I agree with Dance teacher Ms Schulte that the dancers stand a really good chance of representing the school. Successful schools are announced in May so watch this space!

VISUAL ART — Great news for Sophie McMillan and Leila Kirkness who have been selected to participate in the Dobell Drawing School at the National Art School in Sydney. This Drawing school is sponsored by Sir William Dobell Foundation and offers 75 Year 11 students from government schools the opportunity to work in a tertiary institution in programs conducted by National Art School staff, all who are practising artists. The intensive 4-day drawing workshop will complement and extend the students’ art studies through a demanding and rewarding experience. Art teacher Mrs Vaughan says “the skills these girls have demonstrated in class are of a really high standard. They possess amazing accuracy in proportional life drawing”. Well done girls, we hope you enjoy the experience.

DRAMA — Students are still recovering from the ONSTAGE excursion to Sydney where they were put to the test in a variety of practical workshops at the National Institute of Drama (NIDA) and the Australian Theatre for Young People (ATYP). Students also witnessed some fabulous theatre including Kate Grenville’s dramatized “The Secret River” and a series of monologues created especially for adolescents for ATYP’s “The Voices Project”. Judging by the reaction in log books, students had a great time and found it really valuable. “The Secret River” was seen as featuring characters that were “beautifully interpreted by the unbelievably skilled cast, each showing inner conflict within their characters with a sense of ease”. Delroy Yr 9 and 10 drama students were invited to the Senior Campus to witness the Yr 11 drama group performances as part of their first assessment task. This was a great experience for all students involved. The girls loved it and were inspired to try new ideas for their own assessment tasks.

Watch this space for the upcoming “Stellar Selection”- a series of short performance excerpts from year 11 Drama students. Although the date is still to be finalised, this selection will be performed early next term featuring everything from the foxy ladies “Kath & Kim” to a guy who intently asks “do you feel lucky…punk?” Open to friends and family of our Drama students, you’re guaranteed to know every line! Finally, a reminder to all CAPA students to pay your fees as soon as possible to enable materials and resources to be available in each class. If you have any queries please contact me at the Senior Campus.

Lauren Ward CAPA Coordinator.

WESTERN NSW REGION BAND CAMP 2013
The 2013 Western NSW Region Band Camp will be held at Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre from Sunday 26 to May 31 inclusive.
The camp aims to give students a valuable educational and musical experience. It will give students the opportunity to enhance their skills by working with professional musicians, tutors and conductors and will be exposed to a variety of music and styles. Participation in a variety of sport and recreational activities will be organised for students by the Lake Burrendong staff during the day and evenings. Camp cost is $400 per student (instalments accepted) . This covers accommodation, food, tuition, music and recreation activities. For more information please contact the band camp coordinator Alice Dorman (02) 6888 7578 or Regional Arts Coordinator Di Reichelt (02) 6883 6328. Closing date 30 April 2013.

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Learning Centre BBQ—Making connections with our school community

The Learning Centre has introduced a new innovation to connect the parents and caregivers with the students that access the Learning Centre on the Norta Norta Program hoping to increase the two way support processes between parents/carers and the school. Parents and caregivers were invited to attend a BBQ in Victoria Park Dubbo on Monday 11 March. It was attended by teachers in the Learning Centre, school executive, Aboriginal Education Officers, the Youth and Transition Consultant, local members of the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group and staff from Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre. Those attending were able to meet and talk to each other in an informal setting and valuable connections were made for the Norta Norta program. The support staff were able to make connections with family members to gain a better understanding of the students educational needs and the mode of tuition that will best improve the learning outcomes of the students. Any issues and difficulties that impact on the child’s education can be discussed in collaboration with parents/caregivers, AEO, AECG and support staff with an opportunity to follow up at school.

Following the success of the 2012 Dubbo College Cook-Off, 2013 will see the introduction of ‘The Great College Bake off’. This culinary challenge will see teams of students from all three campuses compete in Heats and Finals learning some fantastic cake decorating skills along the way. Students will compete in teams of three at the Senior Campus Trade Training Hospitality Facility. They will complete a skills based day learning skills in the kitchen and following this, students will compete in a heat against teams from their own campus. Two teams from each campus will progress through to the finals where students will be required to bake and decorate a cake that may be up to two tiers high. The finals will be judged by well-known community members in an evening where parents will be invited to see the fantastic work produced by their children. There will be some great prizes to be won.

Entries for ‘The Great College Bake Off’ will open in Term 2. Cost will be $10 per student which will cover the cost of some ingredients used and bus travel from the junior campuses. Numbers will be limited, so students are encouraged to start getting their ‘Bake Off’ teams organised and listen out for more information on how to enter. ‘The Great College Bake Off’ will run during Terms 3 and 4. We are looking forward to seeing the great cakes that will be produced in 2013. For more information contact Kate Smith at Senior Campus on 68824655.

STS student exchange are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. STS is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation with over 50 years of experience and has placed many students from all around the world with Australian host families over the last 25 years. We have a number of exchange students who are arriving in July 2013 and are very keen to become part of an Australian family. Aussie families come from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds, that’s what makes up our country. Our volunteer host families provide room and board and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will lean about theirs. What a great way for your children to learn about another country.

Call today and start your adventure! 1800 263 964 or email stsf@people.net.au  www.sts-education.com.au

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