School community engaged in lifelong learning

Sport Studies

Building Positive Relationships
The school year closes and it is time for us to reflect on the achievements of the past year. At this time of the year we acknowledge those students whose efforts are indeed praiseworthy.

We recognise them for:
* Their diligence and commitment to learning
* Their involvement in extracurricular event
* Their support for fellow students
* Their speed, strength and skills
* Their fellowship and their leadership.

We recognize and celebrate their success at being the best they can.

I also wish to acknowledge those who have helped to encourage, guide and support the students over past years. Being a parent comes without an instructional manual and for good reason as every child is a different model and requires a special mix of affection, encouragement and love. Parents should feel proud of their sons and daughters but also of their 12 to 15 years of support.

I wish to acknowledge the teachers who have demonstrated their skill, support and encouragement, who too rightfully share the pride in student achievement.

But before you glow in the glare of public recognition we need to reflect on the past year and what lies ahead.

**Some highlights of the year were:**

* This year we can boast an exceptional Yr 9 debating team. Lucille Wright, Georgia Benton Bryant, Jade Bunt and Swastika Sharma. The team remained undefeated until the Western Area finals but Jade Bunt was selected to be a member of the Western Area team that competed at the NSW Junior Schools debating Competition. A fantastic effort.
* 27 of our aspiring future scientist from Dubbo College South Campus took part in the Science and Engineering Challenge and emerged as the overall winners for 2015 in a neck to neck competition with the runners up (MAGS).
* Our school steers were placed 7th and 8th at the Dubbo Show Steer Class and we were the Grand Champion School at the Coonamble show.
* Tegan Shields was placed 2nd out of 180 students in the wool judging at the Merino show.
* Isabella Ray was Champion student at the Mendooran Junior Judging Day. We received a highly commended at the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza in Lead Steer and Carcase Competition.
* Our Clontarf Academy students have demonstrated excellent progress in all aspects of school life thanks to the leadership of Charlie, Keith and Jed.
* A group of our students were selected to take part in a Plein Air Workshop which is a French term for painting outdoors. One work will be selected early next year to be displayed at Parliament House.
* Miss Shirm’s dedicated team of students have almost finished 12 more murals that will support a school beautification process. They are so dedicated that they gave up their own time and, for a small fee, of fish and chips, they attended last Saturday week to complete more of the boards.
* Many students competed in the Dorothea MacKeller Poetry Awards, Write 4 Fun, What Matters and were commended by the judges for their creativity and skill.
* The Opportunity Hub, Jnr AECG, Nascar and Mulgabirra are four school programs that have developed self-respect, application, literacy and student leadership. All have been very highly successful and will continue into 2016.
* Azelle Hechanovea’s excellent leadership of the Write a Book in a Day competition was extraordinary and they also raised $400 to be donated to Kids Cancer Project. 9000 words, proofed, edited, illustrated and bound in one day.
* Archie Purcell once again placed in the top 5% of Write 4 Fun competition.

South had a very successful year in sport once again.
* Buckley Shield U15 Rugby League team were overall Western Region Champions
* Tom Kemp U16 Rugby League team were Western Region runners up
* U15 netball girls were also Western Region runners up
* Array of students that were selected in western region teams, (all listed in Miss Richardson’s presentation)
* Particular note is Dalton Medcalf who was the only student in the college to receive a CHS Blue for Hockey.
* Dubbo College South Campus was represented at the NSW State Boccia Championships held at Homebush Stadium in September this year by Mr Brandon’s and Miss Hockey’s Special Education class. After winning the Western Area division, the team played off against the state’s best to make it through to the grand final and finish 2nd in NSW.

Our Creative and Performing Arts team have had many successes this year, they were Semi Finalists in the state wide Prime Television “Contribution to Community Awards”.

Magnificent Musicians were introduced to a range of activities which allowed our students to achieve extraordinary things.
And during 2015 we were indeed fortunate to have had such wonderful role models as our captains this year. Captains, Emily Crampton and Eathan Hughes were exemplary in their leadership and school participation. Vice Captains, Olivia Watmore and Blake Greaves were always supportive and willing to step up when required.

To you all, you have been leaders in the true sense of the word. Thank you and all the best for the future.

I am proud to announce our student leaders for 2016, our Vice Captains are Robin Hall and Phoebe Cusack, our Captains are Tom Roberts and Georgia Benton Bryant.

The school community congratulates you and we look forward to your leadership in the coming year.

We are indeed fortunate to have such an active and interested school P&C. Gerard Crampton’s welcoming and inclusive leadership has seen the parent representative group work harmoniously and always in the best interests of the school community. Thank you Gerard for your many years of service to South Campus.

Specific mention must be made of five actions or initiatives that we believe will enhance our school’s ability to improve students’ educational experiences at South Campus.

1. To support academic excellence we will be introducing the AVID program into Yr 7. The students who applied for the Academic Extension Class, were ranked on their results in external examinations provided by the University of NSW. The top 25 Yr 7 students will be taught using specific teaching and learning strategies that we believe will improve their performance in their first and subsequent years at Dubbo College. Staff have attended training at Newcastle University, the central coast and last week attended a three day training course in Melbourne. After the initial roll out of this program our aim is to train more staff and broaden our delivery into more year and class groups.

2. We have adjusted our curriculum pattern to increase the number of periods allocated to core subjects and increased the number of electives offered to students in Years 9 and 10.

3. Months of planning has resulted in the college wide implementation of guidelines for the use of student feedback in the learning process. Evidence has demonstrated the significant affect size on student performance when students are provided with specific information in class, before and after formal assessment tasks.

4. South Campus is conducting a complete overhaul of our Welfare and Discipline structures. New guidelines, processes and expectations will be finalised and communicated to the school community at the commencement of next year.

5. And finally, Dubbo College will be finalising the plans to completely change our school uniform with an implementation date for Yrs 7 and 11 in 2017. The implementation phase will allow all other students one year to adopt the new uniform. There will be a new logo, new colours and it will be more formal in design. Many thanks to the members of the College Uniform Committee for their support of this College initiative.

As I said, these are major initiative that we believe will enhance our school’s image and performance in the coming years. We will continue to review our process and practices so that our students are the beneficiaries and furthermore we will build on our successes as we strive to be the best we can.

To the parent body, once again thanks for your continued support, your advice and understanding.

To our teachers, many thanks for your work with your children and the positive impact you have on their future lives.

Always in life, strive for better things.

Merry Christmas, have a safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you in the coming year.

Mr R Gorrie
PRINCIPAL

Last day for students  Wednesday 16 December 2015

2016

Year 7 Students will commence on Thursday 28 January 2016
Years 8, 9 and 10 will commence on Friday 29 January 2016.

Successful learning in dynamic, well managed classrooms
Caring and supportive teachers specialising in middle schooling
Unique, innovative middle years programs within a wide and diverse curriculum
On the 23 November 2015, the Dubbo Clontarf Academies participated in a 12 Hour Bike Relay. About fifty Clontarf Boys and a host of partners and local business people rode around the velodrome at Number One Oval from 6:00am in the morning until 6:00pm at night. There were boys who rode off and on for the whole 12 hours and did over 250 laps. It was a huge effort and the local community members were very impressed with the effort and endurance the boys showed on a hot Dubbo summer day.

South Campus and Delroy Campus spent a lot of weeks prior to the event, organising local partners and businesses to take part in the day. The point of the event was to raise awareness of White Ribbon Day and Domestic Violence. The fellas understood how big the issue of domestic violence is both locally and nationally. There was communication with the local White Ribbon Ambassadors to ensure that the boys understood the significance of the day and what other events were being held in the community.
Over the past six weeks the Year 9 Sport Studies boys have been volunteering their time to help build a positive relationship with the future students of South Campus by organising and facilitating mini sport lessons of a Tuesday morning. The students were given an instruction to create a lesson based around kicking in which they developed numerous activities to help improve the skills of year 5/6 students of Dubbo South Primary School. During each visit the boys grew with confidence and they received glowing reports from members of staff at the primary school. Some comments below show how well the boys have represented our school.

“The professional manner in which they deliver the lessons is outstanding.”

“The maturity level that the boys have shown has exceeded anything I have seen from a group of young men.”

“A wonderful group of boys who have done an amazing job”

HUGE congratulations to the U15 Netball team who took out Narromine a whopping 68-2 on a windy overcast Thursday! The girls will now be up against either West Wyalong or Condobolin sometime before the 18th December, hopefully we will find out soon. Good luck!!

In week 7 the selection trials for western boys and girls cricket were held. Congratulations to Chloe Ahern of year 9, Brittany Owens of year 10 and Marty Jeffrey of Year 10 who were all successful in their selection! The carnivals for these teams are held in February 2016. Good luck!

It is getting hotter so make sure you come dressed appropriately to sport (Hint: Wear shorts not track-pants!) and bring your water bottles! We will continue to expect participation in sport, as outlined in the DET policy, for the remainder of the term!

Keep up the great work!
Mrs S Richardson
Sports Coordinator
Another successful Dubbo Clontarf Academies Award Night with over 200 people attending a huge night to recognise all award winners and 90% and above school attenders across all 3 academies. We would also like to congratulate all the Year 12 school leavers at Senior Clontarf Academy.

Well done to everyone for a successful night.
Congratulations and Well Done

Kyjuan Crawford – Senior Clontarf Spirit Award

Jordan Fuller – Senior Trainer of the

Maclay Ryan - Junior Clontarf Spirit Award

Blake Dodd—Encouragement Award

Dalin Smith – Junior Trainer of the year

Caring and supportive teachers specialising in middle schooling
OMNIA is our school magazine which is put together every year as a record of the year’s events. They are now available for sale.

This term is passing by so quickly, Christmas will be here before we know it. We have had a few students initiating work experience this term which has been great for their greater education. Mr Stuart ran a white card course at Delroy for any college student interested during week 2. Once again the students were cooperative and completed the course in preparation for employment in the Construction industry, at a very discounted rate.

The Careers Team ran another Good First Impression workshop which was attended by approx. 24 students across the college. Kathryn Taylor (Turning Point Consulting) was invited to run the day, and she did a great job. The students were informed of future career trends, labour market information, resume writing, interview techniques, body language and a participated in a number of other engaging activities. Kathryn was encouraging and had some great motivational ideas and tips for impressing employers.

Sydney University Compass Program visited the Senior Campus on Monday and hosted a Year 10 transition activity day for both South and Delroy students. It was quite an entertaining day where students were encouraged once again to consider post school opportunities and hopefully they will start considering their options.

The Careers Team would like to wish all students and their families a Merry Christmas and hope you have a safe holidays.

Yours in Careers
Vicki Kenyon

Unique, innovative middle years programs within a wide and diverse curriculum
A group of Year 10 students from South Campus attended a four day Indigenous Australian Army Experience in late August with the Opportunity Hub, in conjunction with the Get Real program. Dallas Towney-Elmes, Taye Chatfield and Max Ryan travelled to Canberra to stay on-site at the Royal Military College Duntroon and visit Australian Defence Force Academy. The boys endured cold, early mornings to participate in fitness training including challenging obstacle courses; participate in weapons simulation target practice and had a chance to speak with Army cadets, soldiers and officers to learn more about military life in the Australian Defence Force.

The students gave up their weekend for this experience to learn about career options and pathways into the Australian Army, and now have a new insight into the possibilities for their futures.

$500 in matched funding for education costs including school uniforms, stationery, text books, tablets, laptops and PCs, TAFE and apprenticeship costs, sports fees and equipment, excursions and more. Eligibility criteria required; over 18 years, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pension Card, you or your partner have some regular income from work including part time, casual, seasonal, or be self-employed, and have a child at school or attending vocational education yourself.

To find out more contact John Edwards on 6882 3329

Date: 9/12/15 Time: 5.00 – 6.00 pm   Venue: 150 Darling Street Dubbo 2830

All committee positions will be declared open at the meeting. Nomination and Proxy forms are to be received by Dubbo Deaf no later than Monday 7th December 2015

For nomination forms, contact Donna Rees  Donna.rees@det.nsw.edu.au

Outstanding range of opportunities for individual success
Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation that is registered with all state and territory Departments of Education around Australia and with the Ministry of Education in NZ. We are the first and only secondary exchange organisation in Australia and New Zealand to be certified to ISO 9001 (Quality Management System) and we ensure the highest standards of care and support to our participants.

We would like to invite your students and families to our next FREE Live Online Session on Thursday 19th November - 5.30pm - 7.30pm. AEST.

The LIVE Online session gives students and families the opportunity to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available in 2016.

Students can find out more about our exchange programs to over 25 countries, listen to former exchange students share their experience and learn about our scholarships and discounts on offer in 2016.

We offer scholarships and discounts worth over $100,000 to students each year. These include 3 x Language, 2 x International Affairs, 2 x Indigenous and 3 x Digital Video Scholarships and 2 x Volunteer and Community Involvement Scholarships. We would appreciate if you could please mention our upcoming information session in your newsletter. You can copy the below text or download our notice from here [pdf](#). If you would prefer to receive the attachment in a different version, please respond to this email with your request.

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Special Opening Hours

**JANUARY 2016**

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**Girls:**
- Short Sleeve Jnr Blouse $26.00
- South Pleated Skirt $48.50
- Black Shorts $10.00
- Black Bootleg Slacks $10.00

**Boys:**
- Elastic Waist Shorts $29.00

**Unisex:**
- Jnr Custom Polo $29.50
- Jnr Wool Jumper $72.00
- Jnr Polar Fleece $32.00

**Sport:**
- Microfibre Jacket $68.00
- Microfibre Trackpants $38.00
- Sport Shorts $30.00
- Sport Polo $35.00
- Sport Socks $7.50

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**TERM 1 2016 Opening Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 3.00 – 6.00

Friday CLOSED

Saturday 9.00 – 1.00

MASTERCARD & VISA ACCEPTED, EFTPOS NOW AVAILABLE

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FREE LIVE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION FOR Dubbo College Students and Scholarships Available in 2016
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