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Term 1  6 March 2015

School community engaged in lifelong learning
From our Principal’s desktop ......

It has been great to see an excellent focus on learning this term. With assessment weeks in action I would encourage you to talk with your children about their progress on these tasks and for them to discuss any questions with class teachers.

A picture is included on the wonderful mosaic our Year 9 girls designed and constructed which is now displayed near the girl’s toilet. This is the result of a strong partnership we have developed with our Primary Schools. It is also a part of the continuing processes of school grounds beautification. Currently the wall at the front of our assembly area is being prepared for a large design piece which runs the length of the quadrangle. Well done to all involved.

Pictures are also included from the Year 7 welcome BBQ and the historic freedom ride return to Dubbo. All of our students benefitted greatly from their involvement in this historic event. I must admit I really enjoyed an impromptu concert from Paul Kelly at the Senior Campus on the day. On this note can I also congratulate Nathan Riley, who joined our Clontarf Team this year, for organising an outstanding Deadly Fun Run this week. It was an outstanding community event. Well Done!

Our parent/teacher evenings begin soon. Years 7 and 8 will be held on Tuesday 17 March from 4.30 to 7.30pm in E Block and Year 9 and 10 will have their night on Wednesday 25 March also from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. Please come along and meet your child’s teachers for the year.

Last year our teachers completed a survey to provide feedback on planning to develop our College. The ‘Tell Them From Me’ process is run by an external company engaged by the Department of Education and Communities to assist with our planning. This year ALL STUDENTS have the opportunity to complete the survey. Details are included. If you DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY please return the note included.

You will be receiving in the mail very soon an invoice for the collection of our school contribution. The amounts will be confirmed at our next P&C Meeting. They will remain the same at $120 for one student or $200 per family. These funds will be used this year to provide resources for our library and continue to fund the implementation of our interest group activities on Tuesdays.

Items of note in this edition are the date for our Get Real Assembly, to be held on Tuesday 17 March, where our Year 10’s sign a pledge not to leave school before they have a job, are engaged in further study or are planning for university entry, our Under 15 netballers who have reached the State Finals, the unveiling of our wonderful mosaic in the Quadrangle and a wide range of programs and performances which will take place over the next few weeks including: the Science and Engineering Challenge, Solid State Circus, the 360 Degrees All Stars and the maths Inquisitive Minds. Please keep an eye out for permission notes and promotional material.

I continue to seek your support in terms of our mobile phone and electronic devices policy. Students are not to bring them to school. If they are used they will be removed from students and stored safely in the Library. A process is then in place for parents to collect them from the school. The success of this approach in reducing disruptions, especially in classrooms, and keeping a focus on effective learning means that the policy is working and needs to be supported by families.

Can I also remind you that all students are to report to the office when departing early. A note explaining the reason for the departure is also required. I am also seeking parent/carer support to always report to the Administration foyer and not enter directly into the school grounds. All visitors MUST report to the office.

Our next P&C meeting is being held on Monday 9 March. I once again encourage as many parents as possible to come along to this meeting. It will commence at 7.30pm in the Library.

Have a great week!
Darryl Thompson
Principal

What Matters 2015

It’s time to write!

Over the past few weeks a huge number of students have expressed interest in two fantastic writing competitions – What Matters 2015 and the 2015 Schools Writing Competition.

What Matters 2015 is a writing competition that gives students in NSW and the ACT a chance to say what matters to them in society. The 2015 Schools Writing Competition invites students to submit a short story or poem on a topic of their choosing.

Both competitions are offering some fantastic prizes, from creative writing workshops to iPads and up to $1000 in cash. Students will be battling it out with the best writers from across Australia but, given the talent we have here at South Campus, we know the College will be well represented.

The English Faculty wishes all entrants the best of luck – start writing!
Dear Parents and Carers

This term, our school is taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes less than 30 minutes to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education and Communities, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), will have access to data from across the State and will run a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research will look at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students and schools will not be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students’ personal information will not be disclosed by the Department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish to. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable answering any question, he/she should leave it blank and move on to the next one. Your child can stop the survey at any time.

If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school by Friday 13 March.

More information about the survey and the research is available on the CESE website: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

Darryl Thompson
Principal
Dubbo College South Campus

Dr Jenny Donovan
General Manager
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

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Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey

If you do not want your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school by Friday 13 March 2015.

I (print name) .................................................................................. DO NOT give consent for my child/children (print name/s) .................................................. of roll class/es ......................to participate in the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey.

Signed .................................................................................. Date ......................
Freedom Ride 2015

Unique, innovative middle years programs within a wide and diverse curriculum
On Tuesday 3 March our school had 7 teams represent Dubbo College South Campus in the Years 7 and 8 Milo T20 Blast School Cup Indoor Cricket Competition. The teams comprised of 5-6 players each and included 5 boys’ teams and 2 girls’ teams. The students picked their own teams to play in, so they mainly stuck to their friends from their own year group. The day was broken up into 5 pools, 4 boys’ and 1 girls’, with other teams from Delroy Campus, MAGS and Narromine. After the preliminary rounds we had 2 teams successfully qualify for the semi-finals, they were to play a team from Delroy and the other from MAGS. Both teams won hard fought semi-finals so it made it an all South Campus final. The teams that made it through to the final were a team comprised of year 8 only and the other year 7 only. It was a fantastic final which came down to the last ball of the match, the year 8 team needing to score 4 or more to win. They ended up getting 6 off the last ball to claim victory by 2 runs. The winning team included the following students: Ben Wheeler, Connor Watts, Ram Hari-dharan, Tom Pascoe, Jack Knaggs and Brayth Stevenson.

The girls’ competition saw only our 2 teams’ show up for the day. They played 2 preliminary games against each other and another game against a boys’ team. During their breaks they were given plenty of coaching and advice from the Cricket NSW Development Officer. The improvement in the girls’ performances was amazing to watch over the course of the day. The girl’s then played a grand final for the day and the team that had lost all their previous matches throughout the day came through in the grand final to win the day. The representatives from this team were: Maddie Fernando, Eliza Vail, Payton Harris, Tenaya Unger and Lucy Northill.

All students that participated in the day did a fantastic job and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Mr N Jones
COORDINATOR
**PARENTS & GAURDIAN BBQ ARVO**

**Who’s invited:** Clontarf students & all Parents & Guardian’s

**When:** Wednesday 11th March

**Where:** South Dubbo Clontarf Academy Room

**Activities:** Table Tennis & Pool Competitions

**Time:** 4pm-5pm

Please contact Charlie Maher on 0448 900 903 if you have any queries.

*Thank you*

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**ICAN Activity Day**

Words and photos by Nathan Riley

Dubbo South Clontarf Academy recently had an activities day with local partner Indigenous Concepts and Networking (ICAN) as part of the Year 7 induction camp.

The day consisted of fishing activities which was run by Brett Smith from Department of Primary Industries who showed the boys the ins and outs of fishing.

This was followed by a visit to Terramungamine Reserve. Here the boys had a look at the Terramungamine grinding grooves that were used by the Aboriginal people for sharpening their tools and weapons, and also got to gain some cultural knowledge of the area from James Riley.

To conclude the day, the boys headed to the ICAN Growing Futures Nursery where they were given a tour and got the chance to learn the ins and outs of running a nursery, gain some horticultural knowledge, and also discuss employment opportunities with Robert Riley.

ICAN provided a BBQ lunch and drinks for the boys, who then sat around discussing the day and also future activities which they can be part of.
DUBBO COLLEGE CAREERS ACTIVITY

Get Real Assembly - Tuesday 17th March Dubbo College Senior Campus

Activity: Students from Year 10 at Delroy and South Campuses will be participating in the Get Real Assembly. As part of this assembly, students will make a pledge stating they will be in full time employment, training or school by their 17th birthday. The Dubbo Business Partnership and other business and community members will also make this pledge as evidence of their support for our students.

Travel and Time: Students will be travelling by bus to the Senior Campus, leaving their school at 9am and returning at 11.15 am.

Supervision: Students will be supervised by teachers from their respective schools.

Uniform: Students are required to wear full school uniform.

Cost & Equipment: There is no cost associated with this excursion and no equipment is required.

Additional information: The Get Real Assembly commences at 9:30am in the Dubbo College Senior Campus hall and parents are welcome to attend.

If you do not wish for your child to participate in this within-College excursion could you please advise the Principal in writing at either Delroy or South Campus.

Dubbo College Careers Team
Vicki Kenyon, Fleur Mara, Ian Smith, Caroline Watts
Phone: [Senior Campus] 6882 4655 if you require further information
SPORT REPORT

What a awesome term in sport we have had!

In the last 2 weeks we have had many cricket stars in our midst, with Mr Tim Berry taking the college cricket team to Delinquin, 2 students from south were in this team Dalton Medcalf and Marty Jeffrey, and also many ex south students as well! Well done Mr Berry and Team!

On Tuesday Mr Jones took a group of year 7 and 8 boys and girls to compete in the MILO T20 blast indoor cricket competition! Congratulations to all teams who took part- more information on that in his report!

Congratulations to Marty Jeffrey, Louie Kerr and Tyler Spang who are playing in the opens soccer team (4 March) we wish them the best of luck!

Friday 5 March will see around 25 students heading to the Dubbo Aquatic Centre to compete in Western Area Swimming! Good luck to all involved!

Still waiting news on when, where and who the U15 Netball Girls will be playing the grand final for the knockout competition. In the meantime we will be training hard! The Open girls will be competing in a round robin gala day 19 March! Good luck to all involved!

Thank you to all students who are getting in and participating to the best of their ability in sport! It is great to hear so many good reports from teachers about their performance every week!

Keep up the good work!
Mrs S Richardson

VACCINATION CLINIC

Parents are advised that there will be three Vaccination Clinics throughout the year. The first Vaccination Clinic will be held on Monday, 16.3.15.

The following vaccinations will be given at the first clinic:-

Year 7 Boys & Girls
HPV (Human Papillomavirus) and dTpa

Students are to have a good breakfast the morning of the Vaccinations.

FREE LIVE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION FOR Dubbo College STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE IN 2015

Here from our very experienced, National Director, find out more about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.

Wednesday 18 March
5.30pm
Register now

Visit: www.studentexchange.org.au
or call
1300 135 331 for more information

Caring and supportive teachers specialising in middle schooling
Does multi-tasking reduce focus?

Can your kids really study while updating their Facebook page, listening to their music players and messaging their friends? Research shows dedicated study time without distractions produces better learning and a greater ability to retrieve information. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/homework-and-multitasking-can-it-be-done

Good number sense

Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.


Creating mature and responsible citizens
**Dubbo Hockey Association High School Competition is here for 2015**

**When:** Wednesdays in Term 2  
**First game:** 22 April 2015  
**Last Game:** 24th June 2015  
**Times:** 5.00 – 7.00pm  
**Ages:** 12 to 18  
**Venue:** Dubbo Hockey Centre

What’s involved: Register your interest to hockey@dubbohockey.com.au and then come along to the drafting sign on afternoon on Wednesday 22nd April at 5pm. You will then be placed into a team that is mixed with genders and ability. It will create the ultimate fun environment for all those who want to take part! Come along and prepare yourself to have fun. Bring your non hockey playing friends with you (we love seeing how footy players and netballers play hockey) catchup with your fellow hockey players and also meet new friends.

What if we aren’t sure if we want to play? Come along and try it! You’ll be hooked.  

**Start Dates:**  
- **Juniors:** 14 March  
- **Women’s:** 10 March  
- **Men’s:** 11 March  
- **High School:** 22 April

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**Dubbo Hockey Association**  
**Pioneer Park, West Dubbo**

Contact: Nikki Simpson  
hockey@dubbohockey.com.au

Check us out on FACEBOOK:  
‘Dubbo Hockey Association’

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**6 March 2015**

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**DUBBO COLLEGE SOUTH CAMPUS**

**Principal:**  
Mr D Thompson

**Deputy Principal:**  
Mr R Gorrie

**Deputy Principal:**  
Mrs B Stevens

**Deputy Principal:**  
Mrs D Baker

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Mr C Pettit  
Administration

Mr I Munn  
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Mrs S Foran  
Science

Ms J Marshall  
CAPA

Mr G Black  
HSIE

Mr D Stuart  
TAS

Mr T Berry  
PDHPE

Mr P Maher  
Mathematics

Mrs H Jones  
Special Education

Mr D Wood  
Professional Learning and Equity

Ms C Gofers  
Teaching and Learning

**Girls Advisor:**  
Mrs C Brown

**Year Advisors:**  
**Year 7**  
Ms B Allan  
Mr M Smith

**Year 8**  
Mrs W McLachlan  
Mr P Brandon

**Year 9**  
Mrs R Smyth  
Mr S Sampson

**Year 10**  
Ms C Shirm  
Mr D Wood

The P & C Association meets in the Library at 7.30pm on the second Monday of the month.