Dedication: To Wade, Rachel and His Family

Bazil is the bird with little knowledge of his involvement in this very powerful Australian Story. He is potentially the bird that could write this story; if only he had mastered a skill for writing! Bazil sits on the shoulder of a dear boy I taught at a pivotal time in my life. It was my last year of teaching face to face, as I was dealing with a diagnosis of Parkinson’s Disease at 32. There in front of me and next to me was Wade with a cheeky grin and heartfelt soul.

I knew little of the devastating effect Otitis Media could have on a child and I learnt Wade had become seriously ill with this debilitating illness of the ear. His eardrums and middle ear bones had rotted away and his body had been consumed with infection by the time he reached the specialist. This was no fault of his loving family who had attempted to find the cause of his illness for some time. The most difficult thing for me to comprehend as Wade’s Teacher seemed to have a simple solution. We needed education to build awareness. Somehow, many teachers and parents knew little to nothing of the high prevalence of Otitis Media among our children, especially our Indigenous children, and I knew of no resources to help me with this.

An amazing woman named Rachel worked with Wade and his family and shared with me his story so I could assist him in the classroom. The work she does through her own passion and with others could be, in my opinion, one of the most amazing movements in health for our Indigenous children. Rachel campaigned, rallied, fund raised, spoke up and became the Snot Lady, educating us to blow our nose properly and keep germs away!

Our passionate souls came together; we cared about Wade and developed an unspoken bond that will carry on. This illness could have silently taken this boy from us and possibly others?

Bazil sits on his shoulder as a friend and companion to Rachel and Wade, and as a bird with a story. Wade is now becoming an inspirational young man and his story serves a great purpose. He makes the world a better place with his spirit and strength, and Bazil holds within him the story of hope, humanity and triumph. Wade has changed my life, my destiny; and I have a place in my heart for him, Rachel and his family.

From the love heart etched on my heart,
Warm Regards,
Sacha Whitehead
Co-Author and Illustrator, What’s In A Doctor’s bag?
Student Progress Interviews

Interviews for Year **7 & 8 students** will be held on:

**Tuesday 1 September**
**between 4.30 and 7.30pm.**

Interviews for Year **9 & 10 students** will be held on:

**Thursday 10 September**
**between 4.30 and 7.30pm.**

All interviews will be held in the school hall. Parking via Fitzroy Street entrance.

Please ensure that you collect the interview booking sheet that your child brings home and plan your interviews with your child. The teachers will make every effort to see you at the appointed time on the night and provide you with information based on the interview scaffold outlined below.

**Student Progress Interview Scaffold**

- Check that the correct student is being discussed.
- Provide a brief summary of the course that this child attends. Work samples or photographs may be useful here.
- Comment on the student’s participation and effort in the course.
- Comment on the student’s level of achievement. Marks and course rankings should be available for parents. Work samples for the child may also be available.
- Discuss strengths and weaknesses of the student in terms of their participation in the course.
- Ask if a follow-up contact is required and decide on the best format – phone call / email / personal interview.

Parents/Caregivers and teachers are asked to keep their interviews to the 5 minute limit. This allows teachers to complete 36 interviews in the 3 hour evening session.

Teachers will be dismissed after 7pm if they have no further appointments for interviews so it will be very important to make your bookings.

We look forward to meeting as many parents/caregivers as possible. Refreshments will be available on the evening and children are welcome.

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**HOME SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICERS VISIT**

This term, *Home School Liaison Officers and Aboriginal Student Liaison Officers*, will interview students about absences (partial, lateness, whole days & truancy).

This will be done via face to face and phone interviews.

The law in New South Wales regarding attendance at school is very specific. Children between the ages of six and seventeen years must attend school on all days the school is open unless there are justified reasons for an absence. All absences must be satisfactorily explained to the school at which the child is enrolled within 7 days.

Find one of her students making faces at others in the playground, Ms Smith stopped to gently reprove the child. Smiling sweetly the teacher said “When I was a child, I was told if I made ugly faces I would stay like that”

The student looked up and replied, “Well you can’t say you weren’t warned.”
Caring and supportive teachers specialising in middle schooling
Another great few weeks in sport has been had!

In week 5, Miss Brady organised a 9/10 touch gala day! We had a boys and girls team play against Delroy, MAGS, Christian School, Parkes High and St Johns.

The girls didn’t lose a game, and showed true sportsmanship passing the ball around and encouraging each other the entire day. This outstanding display of teamwork, paid off for the girls and they ended up winning the grand final against St Johns 3-2!

The year 9 boys team played exceptionally well especially seeing as most of the boys were not avid touch football players. Congratulations to all these boys, looking forward to seeing what they can do in year 10!

The year 10 boys team played well all day with some players demonstrating exceptional skill on the touch field.

Kelsey Rowe, Liana Campbell and Tenaya Unger from South Campus and Stacey Dyball from Senior Campus were a part of the western gymnastics team who recently went to CHS gymnastics in Newcastle. The girls were up against some tough competition but put in their best efforts and did both our school and western region proud! These girls are the only girls from all of western region to compete at CHS so a huge congratulations goes out to them!

Mr Smith is busy organising the Serisier Cup teams, and their coaches are busy training them as they have the competition in week 7 and 8. Go South!!!!

Term 4, week 2 will see the interschool challenge being hosted in Dubbo! Miss Brady, Miss Hogan, Mr Berry and Mr Smith are all working hard to get their teams organised and fighting fit for our competition this year!

Don’t forget! Every Saturday morning “ParkRun” is held at Sandy Beach. This is a FREE event! It is a free 5km timed run! You can walk it, run it, and it is pet friendly. Check out the Dubbo ParkRun Facebook page for more information.

Lastly, don’t forget the Dubbo Stampede is fast approaching! Held on the 6th September you can enter the 5km, 10km, 21.1km or 42.2km event. If you sign up don’t forget to select that you are from Dubbo College South Campus!

Mrs S Richardson
SPORT ORGANISER
**CAPA CONNECTIONS**

What a fantastic production! “
That was great Miss!”

The agreed consensus from the 45 students who attended the Bell Shakespeare’s “Hamlet” at the theatre on Wednesday just gone! It was so great to see a live theatre production of this calibre.

“I am Jack” is our next theatre opportunity by Monkey Baa Theatre from Sydney. This piece of work is based around bullying and looks at being bullied, being the bully and how to access support/help. It is a clever piece of comic work by the writer and actor, with serious undertones and is sure to engage our Yr 7 and 8 target audience. Your support for your child to attend this piece of theatre will support their creative writing skills as well as entertaining and educating them around this issue that faces too many of our students. It may help to develop greater resilience and strategies to deal with Bullying. Notes are being sent home through English Classes and payment to the office is required next week (with permission notes) This show will take place in Week 8, 3 September.

Week 7, Friday evening 28 August we are having a CAPA MADD Night in the hall, which will be a showcase of Music, Art Drama and Dance. We will kick off with a BBQ at 6.00pm and the concert will begin at 6.30pm. All performers are asked to be at the hall by 5.45pm. We would love to see family and friends and the school community join together to support our CAPA students. There is a small entry fee of $4.00 per person ($20.00 large family) and these funds will go directly back into supporting students in CAPA with must needed resources!

Sausage Sandwiches will be $2.00 and drinks $2.00. Please come and support the CAPA students and staff and our school!!!!

Monday 24 August will see the current Year 12 Drama class do their HSC performance exams. There is some great work up for marking by the 10 talented students. You may remember a lot of these students from the work they did at South over the past few years. It has been great to see them reach their Drama goals and we wish them all the best.

Conradulations and Good Luck

Amber Bunt   Bridget Sullivan
Caitlyn Coman-Sargent   Kayla Ney
Billie Palin   Elisha Cavanagh
Jodi Howard   Louise Rossitt (Ward)
Ella Bass   Sam Read

We are currently looking into a theatre trip to see Matilda in Sydney on 18 November. It will be important when all is confirmed and notes are handed out that you secure your spot with ticket payment to the office by 15 September, Please be in touch with Miss Kersley, Mrs Maher or myself if you are interested!!

The “Idea of North” was a highlight for our vocal students last week and congratulations also to our three musicians who went to Sydney for the State Wind Ensemble. Please see Miss Kersley’s Report.

Until next time celebrate your creative talents.

Cheers
Jules Marshall
HEAD TEACHER CAPA
The State Wind Band provides young musicians the opportunity to perform in a state ensemble under the direction of professional conductors to perform repertoire, which challenges their musical skills. Students are nominated from their local region and then selected to be part of the ensemble to represent their school.

The Arts Unit is responsible for creating learning experiences, which complement and extend local school and network programs. The student’s involvement in the state wind band program is aimed to enhance and extend their skills, which will in turn benefit local school music programs.

Robin Hall, Chloe Allen and Tara Williamson were among 3 of the 65 students who were selected to be part of the ensemble. The students participated in extensive rehearsals lead by professional conductors and performed two pieces at the Sydney Opera House.

We are honored to announce that Robin, Chloe and Tara have now been invited to travel to Vienna as part of the West of the Divide State Wind Band Tour in 2016.

The trio will perform at the South MADD Night on Friday 28 August.

Dubbo College South Campus is extremely proud of these students and wishes them all the best on the tour.

Students from Dubbo College South Campus attended performances and workshops by members of The Idea of North. The popular acapella group is known for their passion for singing that connects with all ages, backgrounds and cultures. The students learnt about correct breathing and vocal techniques throughout the workshops and developed their ensemble singing. The students combined with students from Dubbo Christian School and St Johns College to form a large youth choir who performed along side The Idea of North at their evening concert.
South Campus P & C are running a Winter Warmer Fundraiser, now is the time to stock the freezer and support your school. Please complete the attached Order Form and return it with your money to South Campus Administration before 25 August 2015.

Please support us to support our children

DUBBO COLLEGE SOUTH CAMPUS

P & C Winter—Warmers Fundraiser

Orders need to be in by Tuesday 25 August 2015

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**TOTAL COST**

Orders can be collected on

**Tuesday 1 September 2015 between 1.00pm and 4.00pm**

from school.

Unique, innovative middle years programs within a wide and diverse curriculum
There will be a sausage sandwich BBQ and drinks available with all proceeds funding resources for the CAPA faculty. There will be a concert of performance work in the hall from 6.30pm featuring classroom and student work from Dance, Drama and Music. A student visual arts and photography display will also be available and you can vote for your favourite piece of artwork. We hope you can join us in celebrating CAPA student achievements!!

Entry to the concert will be $4/head or $20 for large families.

The evening will conclude at approximately 8.15pm

All “performance” students (for the concert) will be required at the hall from 5.45pm. Please complete the below slip and return to your teacher by Tuesday 25th August to assist with catering requirements.

To: CAPA staff
   Dubbo College South Campus

We are looking forward to attending CAPA MADD Night on Friday 28th August 2015.

Family name: ____________________________________________

We would like to order __________ sausage sandwiches at $2.00 each and
____________ drinks at $2.00 each.

Proceeds from the BBQ will go towards fundraising for the CAPA faculty which will go directly back into student resources.
Will you...
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A short walk for some can be a challenge for others. Join as one community, walk side by side with people with disability, raise awareness and support a world where all are truly included.

When: Saturday 12 September 2015
Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm
Where: Victoria Park Dubbo (near the Rotunda)

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Kind regards
Sydney Olympic Park Team

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For Dubbo College students and scholarships available in 2015

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, 3rd September 2015 - 5.30pm. 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.

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 2015.

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 brand new Volunteer and Community Involvement Scholarships. We would appreciate if you could please mention our upcoming information session in your newsletter. If you would prefer to receive the attachment in a different version, please respond to this email with your request.

FREE LIVE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION
Hear from our very experienced, National Director, find out more about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.
Thursday, 3rd September
5.30pm (AEST)
Register now

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or call 1300 135 331 for more information

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## DUBBO COLLEGE SOUTH CAMPUS TERM 3 CALENDAR

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