

# Deni High News



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## TERM 2

A big welcome back to all for Term 2. The term has started in a busy fashion with many activities that have already taken place within the school.

### COMBINED SCHOOL STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Deniliquin High School hosted a Combined School Staff Development Day on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April. Staff travelled to DHS from Finley High School, Barham High School, Hay War Memorial High School, Tooleybuc Central School and Balranald Central School to participate in a day of professional learning. The first half of the day involved staff from all of the schools gathering in the Multi-Purpose Centre to be involved in presentations. The focus in the morning sessions were differentiation and adjustment, and cognitive load theory. The following session involved the staff from all the schools working in their Key Learning/Faculty Areas. This time was spent more specifically on their area of expertise and building networks throughout the region.

There has been a considerable amount of positive feedback from the principals and staff from the schools that attended, with potentially similar staff development days planned for the future. I would like to mention the considerable contribution of the school canteen and volunteers who organised refreshments on the day. The catering that they provided for the 228 attendees was outstanding, with many positive comments relating to their efforts.

### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last week students and staff braved cool and windy conditions at the school's annual athletics carnival. A great day was had by all with students competing against each other and themselves to record personal best achievements. Many records were broken during the day even though conditions were not favourable. The competition between house groups was closely contested with our students in 'Edward' being the eventual victors. I would like to thank Ms Norman and staff for making this day so successful.

### NAPLAN

Students in Years 7 and 9 have this week participated in NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN is an annual nationwide assessment program that tests students' skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy.

### WHITE CARD TRAINING

This Friday we have 20 students attending training to attain their 'White Card'. A white card is a mandatory requirement for construction workers/

tradespeople in Australia and focuses on safe work practices. Areas that are addressed are identifying safety hazards, reporting safety issues, measures to reduce the risk of accident or injury and responding correctly to incidents. Students will receive a Statement of Training which will allow students to access worksites immediately.

### FACE THE TEE

Finally, I would like to thank the Deniliquin High School P&C for the planning and organisation of the school's inaugural Face the Tee golf fundraising day. A great day was had by all, with much needed funds being raised for audio-visual equipment upgrades in the Multi-Purpose Centre.

Peter Astill  
Relieving Principal

## CALENDAR

### TERM 2

#### Week 4

21 May - Open Boys AFL (Hay)  
22 May - Cross Country 1.30pm  
21-23 May- Future Moves  
(Year 8 to 11)  
24 May -Year 9 Theatre Visit  
24 May - Echuca TAFE Year 10

#### Week 5

27-31 May - Year 10 Work Experience  
29 May - Year 12 Moving Forward  
Information Night

#### Week 6

3 June-School Photos  
4-6 June NSW CHS Boys AFL  
(Sydney)  
5 June -Year 6 Parent Information  
Night 5pm to 6pm

## Next P&C Meeting

**28 May 2019**

**6pm Meeting Room**

**Administration Building**

**All Welcome to attend**

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The 2019 Deniliquin High School Athletics carnival was arguably one of the chilliest in the last few years, however, there were many students ready to compete for the day, not letting the cold stop them. The 100 metre dash always a fan favourite. The shot puts were putting, while the discus flew through the air. Lots of smiles and laughs at the tug 'o' war, and the obstacle course that was constructed in the middle of the oval. The throwing of the javelin is always a sight to watch, and the effort of the students to throw it as far as they could was excellent!

The 200, 400 and 800 metre runs may be daunting to many; however all students competed in these events well and gained points for their houses. The long jump proved to be a photographer paradise, with students launching themselves into the air to jump as far as they could. The relay races are always an entertaining way to end an athletics carnival, and this carnival was no different.

Records were up for grabs, and the students below were able to break those records; some which had stood since 2003. Well done!

The all-important house point results are shown below. Well done, Edward!

1st Place Edward 1465 points  
 2nd Place Nyrangi 1417 points  
 3rd place Colligen 1143 points  
 4th place Kyalite 1044 points

## NEW RECORDS

### Jessica Dover

12 Girls Shot put 7.03 m  
 12 Girls Discus 23.90 m  
 12 Girls Javelin 16.60 m

### Elena Mulham

14 Girls Discus 24.10 m  
 14 Girls Shotput 10.52 m  
 14 Girls Javelin 21.95 m

### Brock Redden

15 Boys 200 m 26.25 s

### William Campton

12 Boys Discus 19.80 m

### Charlie Hillier

14 Boys 400 m 1:02.60 seconds

## Age Champions

12 years age champions - William Campton and Jessica Dover

13 years age champions - Masen Brain and Kahlia Small

14 years age champions - Alvin Cooper and Elena Mulham

15 years age champions - Brock Redden and Charlotte Strong

16 years age champions - Duncan Hughes and Sophie Strong

17 years age champions - Anthony Zielke, Samantha Rourke and Ella Sander.

On my journey around the athletics carnival, I saw every student doing their very best and trying to reach their own P.Bs. Each and every student who competed in the athletics carnival should be proud of what they achieved!





**CAREERS NEWS**

**YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE – 27 MAY – 31 MAY (WEEK 5)**

Our excited Year 10 students are looking forward to the opportunity to get out amongst community members to be involved in the annual Work Experience Program run by the high school. We are ever grateful for the wonderful generosity of our local employers who willingly give up their time to introduce our students to the world of work. Students who are not participating for their numerous reasons need to provide the school with a written note of exemption. Thank you to all students who have returned their necessary paper work. We are still waiting on a considerable number of students to return forms, so if you/your child in this category, please return them fully signed asap.

**FUTURE MOVES**

Next week from Tuesday to Thursday, Jordan from Charles Sturt University will be in attendance, running workshops for our Year 8 to Year 11 students. The Future Moves program aims to stimulate conversation regarding post-school options. Late in the year, Year 9 students will be invited to attend an on-campus workshop at CSU Albury.

**BENDIGO TAFE EXPERIENCE DAY**

Next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, a group of Year 10 students will be participating in workshops at the Echuca Campus of Bendigo TAFE. They will be covering areas like animal studies, construction, hospitality and engineering.

**DHS BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

On Tuesday Deniliquin High School staff held a Biggest Morning Tea. DHS Staff came together to raise funds for those impacted by Cancer. Thanks to Dom Jansen for organising.



## ENGLISH NEWS

We have already had a busy start to Term 2, Year 7 and 9 have been preparing for their literacy, writing and reading NAPLAN tests in class. We wish them the best of luck.

All junior classes (7-10) are studying novels this term; they will closely examine key features and represent their understanding in both creative and analytical texts. Students are still encouraged to continue reading novels of their choice for silent reading and home reading.

The Year 9 Bendigo theatre excursion to view *The Violent Incident Which Drew Me to You* will occur on the 24<sup>th</sup> May. Students who are attending received a note early this term outlining pick up and drop off details.

Senior classes have begun their new modules. Year 11 Standard are examining the concept of Contemporary Possibilities, while Advance tackle Narratives Which Shape our World. Studies have begun exploring the topic, *Playing the Game*. Year 12 Advanced are engaging with a critical study of Ibsen's *A Doll's House*, while Standard are examining Mark Haddon's *A Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. Many Standard English students were fortunate enough to have viewed the stage performance of this last year. Year 12 Studies are exploring a range of texts within the topic Digital Worlds.

Any students who are interested in writing, the HeyWire Regional Youth Writing Competition is open to writers 16-22. 40 winners will have their story featured on the ABC Tv or radio. The competition closes on the 16<sup>th</sup> September; please see English staff for more information or visit [abc.net.au/heywire](http://abc.net.au/heywire).

## SCHOOL PRODUCTION 2019!!!

The Major Cast roles have been busy for the duration of the past sport block developing their acting skills and learning how to work together as team. The focus over the past few weeks has been how they will create their own versions of their characters. They have each come up with some very unique personas, which no doubt will impress the audience later in the year.

The next phase will be the Full Cast, Set Design Crew and Band commencing their Rehearsal and Design sessions in Week 5 and students will be sent home with contracts to be signed and returned to staff. Already there are a number of great design options in the works by some of the Set Design Crew with innovative ideas being considered to make sure the production is a feast for the senses.

We are now looking for students to fill the minor roles of the Munchkins, Flying Monkeys and Emerald City folk. We are looking for students who enjoy performing, dancing and singing, to fill these roles. If you like flying or tumbling, do we have the role for you! Any students interested in joining in on the fun, please see Miss Hof in the English staffroom.

Ms Hatton  
CAPA

## YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY- FIELDWORK AND DATA GATHERING

In Week 2 this term, Year 7 Green and Orange were introduced to urban area field work and data gathering in their current unit Place and Liveability. They used a digital web-based program called Survey 123 on their phones, to submit data about the conditions of footpaths in the streets of Deniliquin. Liveability is about the conditions which make life comfortable and the decisions people make on where to live, all around the world. Their survey required them to examine the condition of footpaths along different streets, take photos of sections of footpaths and assess the ease of travel motorised scooters, wheelchairs or prams would have. This data will be used later in the unit to develop a map of Deniliquin's streets and the footpath conditions.



**YEAR 11 AGRICULTURE EXCURSIONS**

Over last 2 terms, Year 11 Agriculture has visited a number of farms. Last term we visited Rob and Jo Wettenhall's farm, 'Sunny Pines'. Rob runs a mixed sheep/cropping farming operation in Mayrunga. As part of the Year 11 Agriculture course, the students visit a farm and observe and learn about the different operations that are carried out.

Rob showed us his farm layout, the technology he uses and explained the improvements he has made. At the time we visited we were still waiting for the Autumn break and he explained to the students how this affected his farming operation. He explained to the students, the effect of limited water allocation and price of water has on the choice of enterprise. The students observed a travelling irrigator running and how it works.

This week, we visited Lachy and Ellie Danckert's cotton crop, located on the Conargo road. Lachy showed us around and explained to the students the procedures involved in growing a cotton crop. He showed us a cotton paddock ready for harvesting and a harvested paddock and explained how the stubble is incorporated. We also saw the cotton harvester and Lachy explained how it works.

The students have learnt a lot about farming in this area from visiting both farms and we really appreciate Rob and Lachy for giving up their time to talk to us.



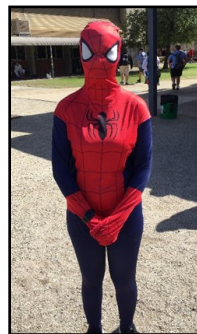
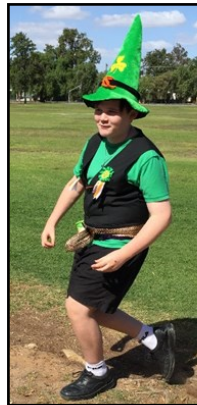
**SRC NEWS**

SRC had a busy end to Term One, celebrating Youth week and Book Week. Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of April saw both staff and students dressed in their best character costumes. There were prizes for best dressed student, staff member, group and roll call.

- Best Dressed Student – Steph Vickery
- Best Dressed Group – Dottie Wilson, Mia Tilders, Remy Cathcart, and Matilda Glowrey
- Best Dressed Roll Call – Mrs Laing's Library
- Best Dressed Staff Member – Miss Norman

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of April, Stage 5 students took part in a highly contested match of touch football against the staff.

On the night of Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of April, the SRC joined with the Edward River Council for the first Deni Youth Fest. We had a number of students come down to Waring Gardens to view the short films and listen to music by Zara Lindeman. SRC ran a very successful lemonade stand which raised money for future school initiatives.



**COUNTRY EDUCATION FUND DINNER**

On Friday 3, Year 11 and Year 12 hospitality catered for Country Education Fundraising dinner at the Deniliquin Golf club. It was a great opportunity for the kids to work together with their teachers and peers. 169 guests were catered for on the evening. Thank you CEF for giving us this opportunity to cater the event.



**DENILQUIN MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS - OFFICIAL OPENING**

On Thursday 11 April The Deniliquin High School Great Vic Bike Ride students attended the official opening of the Mountain Bike Trails in the Murray Valley Regional Park. This ceremony was attended by The Murray Council CEO, Tourism officers, National Park representatives and local councillors. The Mayor Mr Norm Brennan welcomed everyone and two DHS students Jack Michael and Duncan Hughes( who were chosen as they had participated in the video promoting the Area) cut the official ribbon which was attached to the new signage in the Park.



### YEAR 12 ENGLISH STUDIES WAR MEMORIAL VISIT

In the last week of Term 1, the Year 12 English Studies classes visited the Deniliquin War Memorials where they answered a series of questions about the construction of the monuments and the wars that they represent. The students also searched for any relatives or any prominent surnames from the Deniliquin area, it was interesting to note that a few of the students could find relatives that served during the wars. Luke Fisher found an inscription of his grandfather's name who served during the Vietnam War, Nikiela Larcombe was able to find 2 soldiers with the same surname who served in the second world war. The students found it a worthwhile experience as they have been jointly studying "We are Australia" and Australia's involvement during the World Wars.



### ANZAC DAY AND ANZAC ASSEMBLY

On 25<sup>th</sup> April over 50 students and staff from Deniliquin High School participated in the Anzac Day March in Deniliquin. They were led by Mr Astill, Ms Richards, Mr Tobin and the School Captains. Will Shaw and Tiarna Condren were part of the Official Party at the Commemorative Service. Thankyou to all those students who participated and demonstrated that important value of respect, especially towards our community. Deniliquin High School's Anzac Assembly was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May at the school. Thankyou to the members of the Deniliquin RSL Sub-Branch for their attendance and involvement on this day.



### Homework Centre - Library

3.10pm - 4.10pm Wednesdays  
3.20 - 4.20pm Thursdays  
Students put their name down at  
Henry Street Office  
Great for revision and homework  
All students welcome.



### You are invited to attend our first **CARER SUPPORT GROUP**

The selflessness it takes to support someone who is living with mental illness can take its toll on your health. By ensuring you get the support you need and to be able to talk to others who have similar experiences can be just as important to maintain your health and wellbeing.

**WHEN:** 1st Monday of the month starting in April 2019  
**WHERE:** Intereach, Napier St, Deniliquin  
**TIME:** 10.30am - 12pm  
**CONTACT:** Michelle Conroy - 0481 010 728 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

So, come and join us for a free cuppa and homemade slice!



## CROSS COUNTRY

Sunday May 26th, 2019  
9am start

**\$10** per person

Earlier bird entry fee \$5 before 20th May

Memorial Park Deniliquin

For more information including entry form see facebook : Deniliquin Athletics or Leanne on 0447357437



## DENI LAUGHTER CLUB

Come along for a different kind of  
**"HAPPY HOUR"**  
to de-stress and have some fun with  
**Laughter Yoga.**



**When:** Wednesdays 6.30-7.30pm from 1st May 2019  
**Where:** Intereach Family Centre, Trickett Street, Deniliquin  
**Cost:** Gold Coin Donation

**Contact Lesley on 0458 007435**