

Deni High News



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PRINCIPAL REPORT

Term 3 has been a busy term with many learning opportunities presented to students from all years. I am very privileged to have the opportunity to lead this school, that is one of dedicated educators with the drive, passion and determination to build upon students' knowledge, skills and understanding across all areas of the curriculum. Congratulations to all who have embraced these learning challenges. During Term 3 varied, creative, mandatory and existing opportunities have been taken up by students. During the term senior and junior students have been part of successful ventures including paddock to plate, drone flying in Geography, PDHPE and lifeball community learning, work placements for vocational education students, Primary Industries and Agriculture students in the Riverina Wether challenge, the 2019 National Indigenous Music Awards, singer/songwriter workshop for music students, Year 10 student's involvement in the Love Bites Program, Youth Mental Health Forum, field trips related to Liveability, sport achievements in Netball, Basketball, CHS Athletics, debating opportunities, mock interviews, Fish Park Project and many more classroom and beyond diverse learning opportunities. It is evident that students are indeed responsive to these learning opportunities. Thankyou to the staff who really know their students and are aware of their needs and congratulations to students who have demonstrated ownership and engagement in their personal learning. What wonderful community learning opportunities Deniliquin has in place, I am fortunate to be continuing in this position in Term 4 and have the opportunity to continue student voice strategies and get to our know captains elect for 2020. In term 4 continued planning and implementation of our digital learning centres will continue as well in term 4 we will celebrate learning through the HSC, transition for Year 6, whole year excursions, VALID testing, reports for students and our presentation night.

Thankyou to all who work hard to ensure that each and every student at Deniliquin High School has opportunities to learn, celebrate achievement and be part of the learning community.

Enjoy the forthcoming holidays.

Kym Orman

Relieving Principal



STUDENT VOICE THIS EDITION IS FROM YEAR 11, ELLA, HAYLEY AND GEORGINA.

So far this term, Year 11 have been busy preparing for our exams. Along with this Mrs Van Lieshout and Mrs Dunmore have been flat out planning our excursion to Melbourne which takes place Week 2, Term 4 where we will be touring Tertiary Education options.

School Captain nominations have been taking place this term, we had 10 students nominate for 2020, presenting their speeches on Wednesday 11 October during assembly. All candidates did a fantastic job, it is such a challenge to simply apply for the position and present to our peers, good luck to all candidates.

Our hospitality class has catered many events this term including Miss Norman's Channel for Change Fundraising Dinner. Students who are studying VET subjects participated in Work Placement as part of their learning. Those who experienced this learnt valuable work place skills which they can use in future careers. A small group of students attended the annual Youth Mental Health Forum, that Deniliquin was fortunate enough to host at the RSL. During this event students worked with other Riverina schools about ways in which youth can be proactive in combatting Mental Health issues affecting youth within the school and community.

Best of luck to all the students sitting their exams, make sure you try your best.

CAPTAINS 2020

Congratulations to our Captain and Vice-Captains for 2020.

Captain: Georgina Mildren

Captain: Anthony Zielke

Vice-Captain: Harry Hillier

Vice-Captain: Isabella White



ENGLISH NEWS

It has been another very busy term in the English Faculty. Year 10 have enjoyed engaging with a PBL (Project Based Learning) Unit discovering the world of Shakespeare's plays. As an introduction to this unit, they were challenged to design their own Globe Theatre using recyclable materials. Many students enjoyed the cross-curricular opportunity this activity provided.



On the 30 August, 60 Year 9 and 10 students embarked on the journey down to Melbourne's Southbank where they viewed Bell Shakespeare's Macbeth; this tied into Year 10 studies this term and introduced Year 9 to the world of Shakespeare before they engage with this next term.



Junior assessments for English have now been completed with Year 7 to 9 due this week and Year 10 due on Monday 23. We look forward to seeing our students engage with a range of mediums. Year 7 have been challenged with composing an essay in response to their film studied this term. Year 8 were tasked with designing an original picture book inspired by their study of poetry and the image. Year 9 were inspired by their director of study to construct a new film, developing a promotional poster to accompany their idea. Year 10 created an advertising campaign in groups each presenting one element of their piece to their peers. Year 11 and 12 studies are drawing to a close, we wish them both luck as they begin their exams. Year 11 exams begin on Monday 23 September and Year 12 will sit their English papers on the 17 and 18 October. They have been preparing for these exams in class at home and many have been utilising Homework Centre for extra support. With only one week remaining of Term 3, we would like to remind all students to check at home for any texts which need to be returned to their English teacher.

SWAN HILL FIELD AND GAME SHOOT

On September 2nd, Deniliquin High School entered five students to compete in the Annual Swan Hill Schools' Field and Game Shoot in Swan Hill. Those students' being Liam Hunt, Jack Michael, Duncan Hughes, Charlie Waters and Will McKern.

The students shot two different courses on the day, both consisting of 12 targets each. The Deniliquin High School team finished 3rd overall with consistent shooting.

Duncan Hughes was Deni High's top shooter, finishing his two rounds on 16 from a total of 24 targets. He finished 3 overall in the Senior Boy Member division. Liam Hunt also had a strong shoot, hitting 14 targets and was required to shoot-off for third place in the Senior boys; non-member division. Jack, Charlie and Will all totalled 13 targets for the day.

We were extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to practice prior to this year's shoot and we thank Adrian Mills for allowing that to happen. Adrian also supplies his firearms on the day for student to have access to. Thanks must also go to Mrs Callanan, Mr Rae and the parents/grandparents that joined us for the day.
DHS Shooting Team.



PDHPE AND LIFEBALL

Year 11 PDHPE were lucky enough to have a visit from the 'Deni Dodgers' on Tuesday 2 September to share their expertise in Lifeball. This was to complement their studies in the Fitness Choices option as a part of the Preliminary Course; investigating activity options available in our community for people of different ages. The group taught students the skills and rules of Lifeball, before enjoying a game. This experience broadened the understanding of our students about necessary modifications for inclusion of all in a variety of physical activities. We are very grateful to have such a supportive community to assist in providing these opportunities to our students.



HOSPITALITY NEWS

Year 11 Hospitality and Food Technology visited the Long Table Cafe today. They were exposed to 'paddock to plate' practices and prepared ravioli stuffed with goat's cheese and chard from the vegetable garden.



CHANNEL 4 CHANGE DINNER

Another great opportunity to showcase their skills and talents on the catering front. The Year 11 & 12 Hospitality classes prepared and served over 100 meals to the happy patrons of the Channel for Change Fundraising dinner at the Deniliquin Golf Club on 6 September. Well done and congratulations to Mrs Kirk and her band of helpers.



YEAR 12 TIMBER

The Year 12 Industrial Technology (Timber) showcase evening was held on Wednesday night. The students were able to show off their amazing Major Projects to their families. Thank you to their teacher, Mr Anthony Bradley, for organising the event.



FLYING DRONES IN GEOGRAPHY

In Week 5, Year 10 Geography students spent a lesson learning to fly the school drone. The class had previously learned the CASA rules, regulations and procedures for safe flying of a drone. They were also tested on their knowledge before being given permission to fly.

With perfect weather conditions, the students took turns to pilot the drone for a short flight under controlled conditions. They successfully took off, flew and landed the drone. Along with familiarising themselves with the pilot's role, they worked together as spotters for aircraft and birds of prey while flights were conducted.

These first flights enabled students to gain valuable new skills that may be used in the workplace. They also learned the possible geographical applications of drones during their current unit on Environmental Change and Management.

Mrs Hayes - HSIE Faculty



**SPORT NEWS
CHS ATHLETICS**

Four of our students have performed exceptionally well at the NSWCHSSA Athletics Championships in Sydney on 4-6 September. The student's highlights included:

Jess Dover was 5th in high jump and 6th in discus. She also achieved PBs in the 200m & 800m.

Jaycob Clarke was 7th in discus, 10th in 200m and 12th in 800m

Anna Young was 10th discus

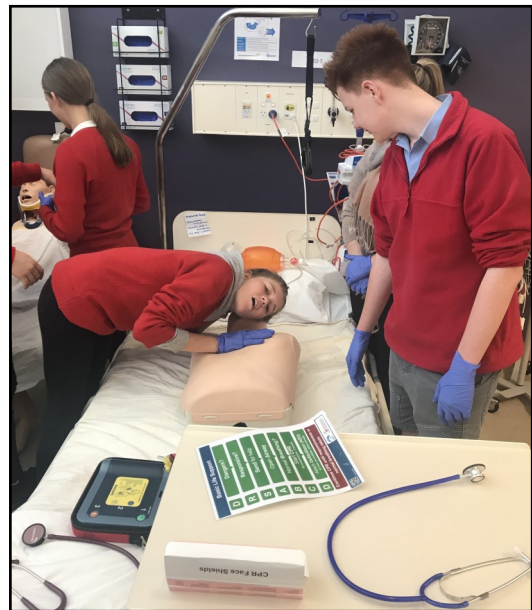
Rachel Crockett was 13th in the 1500m.

Congratulations to them all on their achievements.



YEAR 9 CSU FUTURE MOVES

29 students went across to the Albury campus on Wednesday as a follow up activity to the Future Moves program implemented by CSU. Ideal conditions for a day of exploring university courses and life. Our students were excellent ambassadors for DHS. Thankyou to Charles Sturt University for hosting our lucky Year 9 students.



STUDY WITHOUT STRESS

Beginning next term and continuing into 2020, Deniliquin High School senior students will have the opportunity to participate in the Macquarie University 6 week program Study Without Stress (SWOS). The SWOS program is theoretically grounded in the cognitive behavioural approach and will be delivered by Lyn Bond, Senior Psychologist, Education. The program is designed to provide the basis for skills to be practiced and used outside of the sessions. Group size will be limited to 12 and students will be required to purchase the participants manual at a cost of \$22.00. Please contact the school for further details.

CALENDAR

TERM 3

Week 10 23-26 Sep - Year 11 Exams
 25 Sep - Royal Melbourne Show Excursion
 26 Sep - Year 12 Final Assembly 9.00am
 27 Sep - Year 12 Formal - RSL 6.15pm
 27 Sep - Last day of Term

Term 4 14 Oct- Students return to school

HOMEWORK CENTRE - LIBRARY

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

SICK BAY

If you feel unwell?

You will require a note from a teacher to seek treatment or assistance at the Henry Street Office (Sick bay).

You may rest for 15 minutes and then return to class or contact will be made with home.

**Next P&C Meeting
 24 September 2019**

6pm Meeting Room
 Administration Building
 All Welcome to attend

**DO YOU NEED HELP TO
 GET YOUR LICENCE?**

- Do you live in the Deniliquin area?
- Are you looking to get your Learner's Licence?
- Already have your L's and need help with driving?
- Need help preparing for the Driving Test?
- Have fines and can't pay them?

Birrang will be conducting a **FREE* 5 week Program** in Deniliquin
 *Eligibility conditions apply
 3 days per week on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9am to 1pm
 Driving Lessons will be available for those who have their L's

Start Date: Tuesday 17th September at 9am
 Venue: St Vincent de Paul Society
 74 Wellington Street, Deniliquin



If you would like more information or to join the program call or email us on:
 02 6361 9511 or reception@birrang.com.au



**Deniliquin Amateur Swimming
 & Life Saving Club Inc.**

Registration Night for 2019/20 will be held at the Clubrooms in Poitiers Street, on Monday 21st October 2019 between 5:30pm and 7:00pm.

Parents are required to bring Active Kids vouchers for validation on the night before they commence on-line registration.

Website <https://deniliquin.swimming.org.au>



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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Deniliquin High School Uniform

GIRL'S SCHOOL UNIFORM

Plain black shorts (not sports shorts) OR
 Plain black skirt (with black stockings in winter)
 Black pants (not tracksuit pants)
 Plain White, black or grey socks
 Black leather enclosed shoes with black laces
 Black/Red polo shirt with DHS logo
 White collared shirt
 Red polar fleece or woollen jumper with DHS logo
 DHS logo black jacket
 Plain black or red hat or cap

BOY'S SCHOOL UNIFORM

Plain black shorts (not sports shorts)
 Black pants (not tracksuit pants)
 Plain White, black or grey socks
 Black leather enclosed shoes with black laces
 Black/Red polo shirt with DHS logo
 White collared shirt
 Red polar fleece or woollen jumper with DHS logo
 DHS logo black jacket
 Plain black or red hat or cap

SPORTS UNIFORM FOR PD/H/PE AND SPORT SESSIONS

Black/Red polo shirt with DHS logo

Red hoodie or red woollen jumper or red polar fleece with DHS Logo

Plain White, black or grey socks

Plain black sports shorts or Plain black tracksuit pants (no 'skins')

An appropriate cap/hat is highly encouraged

Additional notes

- Shoes** - It is compulsory for all students from Year 7-12 to wear full leather shoes –shoes with 'holes in the top of them' or shoes that essentially only cover the toes are not acceptable. Shoes must have leather covered uppers as required by the Education Department for safety in **all** subjects.
- Hats** - It is highly encouraged for all students from Year 7-12 to wear an appropriate cap/hat when involved in outside activities such as at the Ag farm or on any excursion or activity where there is a lot of outside activity.
- Hoodie** – note that the hoodie is to be only worn on sports days and when competing in school sports events
- In winter months, other layers underneath the jumper can be worn, although they cannot be visible

Full implementation of this uniform will occur at the start of the 2022 school year

