

Deni High News



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STUDENT VOICE

Hello everyone!

For those who do not know us we would like to introduce ourselves, the Captains of 2021. We are thankful for the support and to be chosen as your leaders. We hope to bring positive change within the school and wider community of Deniliquin, as we are approachable and more than happy to help when help is needed. First off, we have Alex Poka, the Boy Captain. He prides himself in having a great sense of humour and values his relaxation time, most times listening to his favourite music and playing Mario kart. Next, we have our Girl Captain, Ella Harvey. If you are looking for a kind face or someone to talk to, she is your person. You may know her from her involvement in Netball or helping around the school. Now onto the Vice Captains. First up, we have Duncan Hughes, who you might have seen playing footy. He is always up for a chat or will help you find the right person to do so. Last but not least, Eliza Baker, the Girl Vice Captain for 2021. She is easy to spot, because of her curly hair. She is caring and will always try her best to help.

Now you have an idea who we are, we would like to know who you are, so feel free to introduce yourself or ask for help anytime, and anywhere. We acknowledge that this year has been an interesting one, and our goal is to make it easier and more enjoyable for the students and teachers. We will be the student voice and always the first to be called on and asked for help.

Thank you, and we hope to see you around.

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

- 24** P&C Meeting
- 25-4** Year 10 Driver Education Program
- 15** Presentation Afternoon (MPC)
- 16** Last day of Term

ASSESSMENTS DUE

Week 7

Yr 12 - Assessments: English
Ex2 - Maths Ad,
Stand 1 & 2

Yr 8 - Assessments: Music ,
Visual Arts

Week 8

Yr 12 - Assessments Chemistry,
Legal, English Ad, Standard &
Studies, Business

Week 9

Yr 12 - Assessments:-Invest Sci,
Earth & Environmental,
PDHPE, Eng Ex1

Week 10

Yr 12 Assessments: Visual Arts, Ag
CAFS, Modern History,
Work Studies, Physics , SLR

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

FAREWELL YEAR 12

Last week saw our year 12s finish their exams. After a most unusual year it was great to be able to hold an assembly for the departing Year 12 students. Thanks to the technical genius of Matt Kiley we were able to livestream the assembly to all students and parents. Fortunately, we were able to have parents in attendance in a COVID safe manner along with students from Year 11. It was wonderful to see the year 12s receive their gifts and to hear the wonderful things that their year Adviser Gen Dunmore had to say about them. The slide show of then and now as always brought about some laughter.

Saturday the customary photo on the steps of the court house was taken before we held a High Tea in the MPC where students and their immediate teachers enjoyed individualised meals from The Crossing and mocktails served up by Kath Kirk and some Year 10 volunteers. A huge thank you to the volunteers who stepped in late on and did a fantastic job serving the food and drinks. Year 12 were able to mingle with the staff and the photo booth had a good workout – thanks to Eliza Baker and Rosie North for being the photographers. This event was also live streamed for families to watch (once again a big thank you to Matt Kiley) and it was a most enjoyable afternoon seeing the students all dressed up and enjoying their time with their teachers and each other. A big thank you to all those involved in the organisation and decorating of the MPC which looked truly amazing.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Last week saw our new school leaders Ella Harvey, Alex Poka, Eliza Baker and Duncan Hughes join myself and Matt Tobin at the Remembrance Day Ceremony. The students laid a wreath in memory of all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.



NAIDOC WEEK

On Wednesday of last week, the school held our NAIDOC Week assembly. This was an opportunity for our students to show their expertise and pride in their culture with the theme being Always Was, Always Will Be. This recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. Thank you to all of those involved in the running of the assembly. NAIDOC Week is always an important date on the calendar and it serves to remind us of the rich culture that exists within Australia and in particular within our local area.

RESTORATIVE PRACTICE

Next week there will be some parent sessions being held to introduce Restorative Practice. This is a process that we will be introducing over the next four years to tie in with our PBL and to develop a supporting environment of all members of the school community. Our local public primary schools will be joining us on this journey and we are going to be a part of a larger Deniliquin wide project to implement restorative practices into the town. If you can attend one of the parent sessions it will be great but if not then I will send out further information about this after next week when we know a bit more about how we as a schooling community, as well as the wider Deniliquin community, can go about implementing this program. Watch this space.

YEAR 10 DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Planning is well underway for end of year activities. While we are limited by COVID the staff are busily coming up with alternatives for the students. Driver Ed will go ahead for Year 10 in Week 8 though it will look a little different from previous years. Anthony Michael is putting in plenty of hours along with the Driver Ed Committee to put together an engaging program.



Remy and Eimear on their work experience at North School

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

By the time this newsletter goes out Year 10 would have completed work experience in a variety of businesses. I would like to personally thank all of those businesses that have opened their doors to provide this experience to our students despite doing it tough themselves throughout 2020. Your willingness to support the school is greatly appreciated and it is a great reflection on our wonderful town.

PRESENTATION AFTERNOON

Planning is also underway for our Presentation Night. This year will of course be very different. We are planning to hold the event on Tuesday 15th December from 1:30-3:00pm. Due to the need to maintain COVID safety we will be unable to accommodate parents due to the 4 square metre rule. By the time we have all of the students and then the staff the MPC is full. The event will of course be livestreamed and details on how to access this will be available closer to the event. Here is hoping that we can return to some form of normality in 2021 whatever the new normal will be

APPOINTMENTS

We have been busily filling positions at the school this term. Donna Van Lieshout has been appointed Head Teacher Wellbeing for the next four years, Brenda Norman has been appointed Head Teacher Instructional Leader for four years and Robyn Richards as Deputy Principal for four years. All positions were filled through merit selection with a big thank you to the P&C for providing members to sit on the merit panels. It was important that we had the best person in each position and I am excited to have a strong and supportive executive team ready to move the school forward over the next four years. There are still a number of teaching staff positions to be filled and we are busily searching for people to be a part of our school and to support the learning outcomes of our students.

MRS HAY RETIRES

This year will see Ann-Marie Hay retire from education after 40 years of commitment to students. Ann-Marie has been a valuable member of Deniliquin High School for many years and she has always been a great assistance to me in my time here at the school. Her connection with the community is very strong and she will be sorely missed by all that have had the pleasure to work with her. I would like to wish her all the best in her retirement and thank her on behalf of all the students that she has worked with and supported over the years.

Glen Warren
Principal

CAREERS NEWS

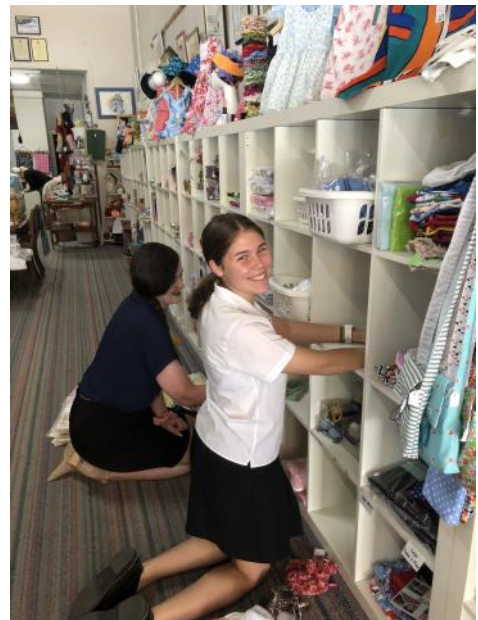
YEAR 10 ALL MY OWN WORK MODULES

Over the past weeks students have been working through this compulsory unit of work in Careers classes. Most Year 10 students have completed all 5 modules, however, there are a number of students who have not collected and signed off on all 5 modules. Over the coming weeks and until the end of term we will endeavour to catch up with as many students who were absent. Any students who do not know what this is about, must see Ms Sinha to rectify the situation.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Our generous community continues to embrace and support our school's annual Careers initiatives and this year, more than ever, our local business houses have provided our students with the opportunity to experience work in a range of fields, from Tourism to Engineering. By all accounts students are having a wonderful time, showcasing their hidden talents and enthusiasm. Congratulations to all Year 10 students and thank you to all of our wonderful employers.

Pictured below:- Storm at Hair Desir, Drew at Deni Care Care, April at the Naponda Store volunteering on behalf of the ANZ Bank., Sienna at ACTIV8 Health & Rehab Clinic and Brodie at South West Music.



CAREERS NEWS CON'T

SUMMER SKILLS FAST TRACK TRAINING TAFE – YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Fast-track into a career or further study with free skills training this summer. Explore your interests, gain new skills for in-demand jobs and industries and take control of your future, today. All NSW 2020 Year 12 school leavers can enrol in Summer Skills training courses over the summer period. Places are limited so call 13 28 11 to find out where training is taking place near you or read more about the Summer Skills program. Summer Skills is an initiative of NSW JobTrainer. It offers 2020 Year 12 school leavers the opportunity to upskill, prepare and get ahead through fee-free training courses in construction, coding, business, horticulture, social media, mental health and more.

<https://www.education.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/summer-skills.html>

JMC - 'LEARNING CREATIVITY: THE ART OF ADAPTATION'

Thursday 26th November. 4pm

Online via Zoom. Access link will be emailed to all registered participants.

In today's fast evolving world, the key to thriving in any industry is the ability to adapt. It is about responding to changing demands, new technologies or emerging industries. Creativity is at the centre of adaptation, and the good news is, it is a skill that can be learned and mastered. In this webinar, gain insights from the design industry into perspective and providing a practical way to look at creativity and unlock its true potential in all of us. This talk is relevant to all subjects in the high school curriculum, and you'll learn 7 tips that you can put immediately into practice! For more information, please follow this link:

<https://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/events/industry-events/learning-creativity-the-art-of-adaptation>

AIT VIRTUAL OPEN DAY - SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER. 10AM-4PM

Academy of Information Technology will be holding their next Virtual Open Day on Nov 21. Each course will have a live webinar session via Zoom that allows students the chance to hear from educators & recent graduates. This is the ideal opportunity to explore study options and career paths in Film, Animation, Games, Digital Design & Mobile App Development. Register via:

<https://hubs.ly/H0stkys0>

YEAR 11 BIOLOGY DNA MODELS

In Year 11 Biology we were learning about DNA structure and replication. The students designed their own lolly model to show the structure and then the process of replication. We then discussed the positives and also the limitations of using models in Science followed by some lolly eating!



ENGLISH NEWS

WELCOME TO HSC ENGLISH

We are lucky enough to offer 5 strands of English to the HSC class of 2021. All classes have begun their HSC units this term and are engaging with texts which challenge their perspectives.

Advanced English are exploring how Human Experiences are portrayed in Arthur Miller's 'The Crucible' and a wide range of related texts. They will present their knowledge in an engaging podcast due on 2nd December.

Standard and English Studies are both exploring Human Experiences with the Docoseries 'Go Back To Where You Came From'. This text has allowed students to develop and share their perspectives on the refugee journey. Similarly to Advanced, Standard will present these insights and analysis of the text in a podcast form due 2nd December. Studies will demonstrate their opinions and explore how the series has influenced them in an informative website due 2nd December.

We have five students who are undertaking Extension 1 and Extension 2 English. Extension 1 are examining Literary Worlds throughout history. Their study will focus on a range of shorter texts. Their knowledge and understanding will be presented through the development of a Literary World in a creative response and critical reflection due 10th December. Extension 2 requires students to compose an original text reflecting their control of language, sophistication of ideas and creative flair. Their first assessment will require them to present their proposed project to a panel explaining their influences, processes and aims this will take place on the 24th November.

We wish our students all the best in their chosen course.

Due Dates

Week 7

Tuesday 24th November - Extension 2 – Viva Voce

Week 8

Wednesday 3rd December – Advanced – Podcast

Wednesday 3rd December – Standard – Podcast

Wednesday 3rd December – Studies – Web Design

Week 9

Thursday 10th December – Extension 1 – Creative response and Critical reflection



GET BEHIND THE ONLY P&C FUNDRAISER FOR THE YEAR

DHS
FACE THE TASK

Back to
SCHOOL Theme

DHS P&C Online Trivia and Games night

Friday 27 November 6.30 for a 7.00pm start
 \$20 per person register and pay on line
 via - <https://www.trybooking.com/BMYFD>
 Host a group of up to 10 in your own home.
 Ask friends to bring a share plate of nibbles or something for dinner.
 Points will be allocated for the best dressed team
 No under 18s please!
 Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
 Our only fundraiser for the year - please join in

SUSTAINABILITY 2.0

This term 8 Orange, have been comparing the different types of soil found at the Deniliquin lagoons. They have collected, tested and classified the soil types noting their consistency and presence of micro-organisms.

Additionally, they have been catching and releasing flathead gudgeons and other small creatures from the lagoons to classify their species and check if they are breeding.



WELL BEING MATTERS

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The breakfast program has expanded its menu to include Fruit, Yoghurt, Muesli and Up and Go.

Pictured below:- Rachel & Sophie helping serve breakfast.



THE HUB SERVICES

Day	Service Provider	Service offered
Monday & Wednesday	Vinnies Services – Vanessa McKay, Tamara Sefton and Nick Robinson	Working with young people and their families to resolve issues and foster positive relationships
Tuesday & Thursday	Well-being Health In-Reach Nurse (WHIN) – Callie Learmonth	Assists young people and their families to connect with health services in the community and maintain mental health
Friday – Even week	Murray Mallee Training Company – Susie Stafford	Mentors students looking to make the transition into employment, part-time positions and School-based Apprenticeships & Traineeships (SBATS)