

THE Davidson Dispatch

The Newsletter of Davidson High School

Opportunities to achieve personal excellence in a safe, supporting and creative learning environment

May 2010

Principal's Report

Rod Cassey, Principal

Parent Teacher Night

Many parents were able to attend the recent Parent Teacher Night for Years 7, 11 and 12. This is a most important evening as it provides parents with valuable information about their child's progress in a variety of subjects. I trust all parents found the evening helpful and informative. If you missed the evening and wish to be advised about your child's progress please contact the Head Teacher of the relevant faculty so that information can be directed to you. I wish to thank Ms Kate Fitzsimmons for coordinating the organisation for the evening and the teaching staff who willingly gave of their time to discuss each student's progress.

Year 9 Laptops

Parents were recently invited to an informative session which highlighted

the terms and conditions for laptop use in Year 9. Mrs Anderson and Mr Fazzolari gave important presentations on the detail of laptop management. It is helpful when all Year 9 parents are aware of the operational procedures for using the laptops. Ms Pantschenko and Mrs Hewes who were in attendance on the night are assisting students and staff in using the laptops productively. The students will receive their laptops on the 10th May. I'm sure they will enjoy using their new computer.

Tools For Success

Another very successful parent night was organised by Mrs Curtis for Year 7 parents. Ms Pru Salter was invited to the school to speak to parents on the "Tools for Success" for Year 7 students. Both parents and students enjoyed the evening gaining a range of interesting insights into student

engagement and learning. Through Mrs Curtis as Head Teacher Teaching and Learning we are organising more opportunities for parents to become involved in their child's learning.

Maebashi

We are expecting forty students to be arriving in August for this year's Maebashi Project. A committee for the implementation of the project has been formed and we are looking forward to a most successful fortnight. We are actively looking for families to host a Maebashi student. As previously stated, this is a wonderful opportunity for your family to engage with a student from Japan. These students are carefully selected for the tour and I'm sure their stay would be a fascinating experience for your family. A sum of money is provided to each family for the upkeep of the student while they are in your care. If you are interested in hosting a Maebashi student please contact the school.

Northern Beaches Careers Expo

The 7th May provided a wonderful opportunity for our students in Years 10 and 12 to attend the Careers Expo. This market is a showcase for business and variety of agencies to advertise careers within those industries. Students are able to ask questions of industry professionals and gain valuable information concerning future career paths. I know students value these opportunities highly. My thanks go to Mrs Peek and Mrs Murray who were



Asana Taga and Nicole Min meet University exhibitors at the Northern Beaches Careers Expo

instrumental in the organisation of the day.

Northern Beaches Eisteddfod

I was in the audience to see Concert Band 1 and 2 compete in the Warringah Eisteddfod on 7th May. The bands were in competition with concert bands from St Augustine's and Stella Maris. The Davidson bands played beautifully. They are certainly

impressive on stage and I know that all parents would have been very proud of their performance. The Davidson bands came first and second respectively with Concert Band 2 awarded first place. I was very proud of the students. Not only did they play with skill and passion but their conduct and respect for the other bands was a feature of the morning. I wish to thank Mrs Oberg

whose skill and commitment in conducting the bands allowed the students to perform at the highest level. My thanks are also extended to Mrs Zappia who provided valuable assistance at the venue. I would also like to thank the many teachers whose consideration allowed the bands to perform on the day. Parents will be able to see the bands perform at our annual SOPA concert in June.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

May	
Monday 17 – Friday 21	Year 11 half yearly Exams Year 12 Hospitality Work Placement
Monday 17	Y 9 Respect, Understanding Acceptance Project students to Jewish Museum
Tuesday 18	Y 10 Music Night – MPC
Thursday 20	Y7 Brainstorm Production
Friday 21	SRC Tim Tams/Jim Jams fundraiser Y7 Brainstorm Production
Monday 24 – Friday 28	Y7 Small Group Interviews
Tuesday 25	Years 8, 9, 10 Parent/Teacher/Student Night P & C Meeting
Thursday 27	Zone Cross Country
Friday 28	Vaccination Day Y 10, 11, 12 Macleay College lunchtime visit
Monday 31 – Friday 4 June	Y 9 Small Group interviews Y 11 Hospitality Work Placement (class 1) Y 12 Construction Work Placement
Monday 31	Y 9, 10 & 11 Italian excursion to da Vinci Secrets Exhibition and Haberfield
June	
Tuesday 1	Vocal ensemble Sydney North Music Festival rehearsal all day
Thursday 3	Year 8 Leadership day
Friday 4	Year 10 Red Room Poetry workshop Dancing with the Stars preliminaries (lunchtime)
Monday 7 – Friday 11	Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement (class 2)
Monday 7	Years 7 – 10 Religious Instruction Y 11 Study Skills speaker
Wednesday 9	ICAS Science Competition
Thursday 10	Year 10 Brainstorm Production
Friday 11	Year 7 Reptile Workshop Year 10 Red Room Poetry Workshop Dancing with the Stars Final (Evening)

P & C Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope everyone had a wonderful school holidays and ANZAC weekend break. We have had a busy fundraising start to the year. I have recently co-hosted the Belrose Rotary and Davidson P&C fundraiser at Café Piemonte in Terrey Hills. It was a wonderful night that was shared by not only the very supportive Rotary members but also Davidson was represented by past exchange students and students who had utilised the fantastic programs that Rotary initiates in the community. We had an auction on the night and over \$1,300 was raised for the Youth support programs for Davidson High School. This will be a yearly event, so watch your calendars for the 2011 night; it will be bigger and better next year!

I was also lucky enough to be part of the winning team at the other social event, the Trivia Night. Well done to Caroline Musik and her team for their fantastic efforts once again. It was my first time at the event and what fun it was! Some fantastic prizes were on offer and lots and lots of laughter was had!

One final note, if I could remind all parents just how important your P&C payment is to the school. Without your help, we are not in the position to provide all the little extras and opportunities for our children. It is also an extra bonus for us at the P&C if you wish to attend our meetings and really get involved and feel part of Davidson High School's future planning. Our next meeting is Tuesday 25th May at 7.30pm in the staff room - love to see you there!

Deborah Cullen – President – 0401 849 955

AT LAST P&C MEETING ...

The many issues discussed included:

- A summary of the goings on in the school such as the History students' trip to France, the Anzac Day ceremony and the respect that the students have for the occasion, the NAPLAN situation within the school, the school oval work and the updated school website was provided by Mr Cawsey.
- Forthcoming activities and events were also discussed – these included the evening fundraiser for Belrose Rotary and the programs it sponsors for the school at Café Piemonte and Maebashi which is in August.
- The next school working bee is Saturday 8th May.
- The Trivia Night was a great success, although there were a smaller number of people than expected. The money raised is being used in the Music Department and the updating of the drum kits. New volunteers are needed to run the night next year.
- The Maebashi visit required a new convenor and Sam Phillips has volunteered for this role. Helpers will be needed to assist with organising the requirements for this. The most important aspect for Maebashi is to find the necessary home stay families. There will be

40 students visiting Davidson High School this year.

- Issues to be discussed at the next meeting are the school uniform and a request for funds to assist with the payment for the school oval work.

Robyn Banks – Secretary

TRIVIA NITE

What a wonderful night was had by all who attended the Black and White Trivia Night last term. Big thanks to the companies and small businesses for their generous donations. I also wish to acknowledge a wonderful Davidson High parent without whom the Trivia Night would not have been as successful. Coralie Turner-Morris and her husband, Alan, have been shining examples of what a difference volunteering can do and help a community like ours here at Davo. They have made such a considerable contribution to the P&C and school and I'm not sure what we will do now that their son David has finished his high school education. Both Coralie and Alan stayed on the P&C for Term 1 just so the canteen had a smooth transition under a new coordinator and as always Coralie helped in other areas like the organising of the Trivia Night. I am proud to call them my friends. So the next time you see them say 'thanks' and we all wish them well and congratulate the next community group that have the good fortune to have them help there. Also a special thank-you must go to Gail Philips, Karen Muir, Lisa Coleman, Mr Cawsey, P&C and Mr Peade.

Congratulations to the winning table, "Magnificent 7", and we hope you enjoyed your Davidson wine. Many prizes were won on the night, including a terrific prize worth \$300+ from Wakehurst Golf Club and a fantastic voucher to enjoy a special dinner or lunch at 'Moby's' Whale Beach valued at \$250 donated by Banks Consultancy. The laughter and social interaction was by far the highlight for me and I thank Fundraising Partners for their support and professional running of the night. So if you missed out this year, keep an eye out next year.

We raised over \$1,000 and wish to thank the following businesses: Wakehurst Golf Club; Banks Consultancy; Treetops Beauty Therapy; Forestway Fresh, Terrey Hills; Four Seasons Nursery; Rampai's Thai Kitchen, Belrose; Talk mobile phones, Forestway; Michel's Patisserie, Glenrose; Barevo Espresso Bar, Glenrose; Well Connected Travel, Forestville and Glenrose Fruit World. The money raised is being used in the Music Department and the updating of the drum kits.

Caroline Musik – Vice President

P&C EMAIL

The P&C has an active email list which keeps you up to date with P&C events. If you would like to receive emails from the P&C please email us at davidsonpandc@gmail.com and request to be on the list.

CANTEEN COMMITTEE

Welcome to Term 2. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Coralie Turner-Morris for her wonderful work as the Canteen Convenor for the past few years. The canteen is in great shape! Winter is approaching pies are back on the menu and we have a new 99% fat free milk chocolate, honey and malt flavour. If you are interested in volunteering in the canteen Sam will always be happy for the extra help. Also if you are unavailable for your rostered day please organise a swap.

Uniform Shop Opening time is 8.00 - 9.00am Wednesday. Please utilise this opening time or send in an order form (this can be found on the school website in uniforms) which can be filled and then collected by your child. Ties and jumpers are in stock and are required to be worn as part of the winter uniform. The majority of shirt and winter tunic sizes are available.

Sue Abrahams – Convenor

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Our next working bee will be held on Saturday 8 May from 9.00am to 11.30am. Those of you on the email list will already have received advance notice of this. We are really appreciative of and count on the small band of regular attendees who give up part of their Saturday morning to assist in the ongoing effort to maintain and improve our grounds. We do struggle to attend to the varied tasks associated with the school's extensive grounds. We are trying to hold shorter but more frequent working bees in an attempt to attract more helpers. We would love to see some new faces and hear any new perspectives on the grounds. For the next working bee, please meet near the pedestrian gates of the main entrance walkway. Don't forget sunscreen, a hat, gloves and water.

Sam Phillips 9452 4677 and Lesley Snell 9975 7052

PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE

Entertainment Books have now been handed out to all Performing Arts students. This is our main fund raiser for the year and we encourage all parents to purchase the book if possible. Please return money, along with original envelope, to the accounts office as soon as possible. The accounts office has extra copies if anybody else would like to purchase a book. They are \$65.00 each and \$13.00 is donated back to the school.

SOPA: This year's performances will be held on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th June. Be sure to book your tickets, once they become available. There is a flyer at the end of this Dispatch that gives more details.

Major Sponsor for Performing Arts: Raine and Horne, Belrose has very kindly agreed to be a major sponsor for our Performing Arts program and will donate a substantial amount to our fund raising efforts this year. We very much appreciate their willingness to support us.

Cake Stall/Sausage Sizzle: Thank you to all the wonderful mums, dads and children who made cakes/ goodies for our first fund raiser of the year. It went very well and we made a good profit on the day. A big thank you also to the mums and students who helped on the day – definitely couldn't have done it without you! The next Cake Stall/Sausage Sizzle will be on Friday 25 June. More details to follow in next Dispatch.

Hoyts Movie Tickets: Thank you Jane Montague for organising this fundraiser and to all the families who bought movie tickets. Another good profit was made. I am aware that many parents missed out on getting movie tickets this time. Please note we will be doing this fundraiser again later in the year.

Janet Littlehailes - Convenor

2010 P&C Executive

President	Deborah Cullen
Vice President	Caroline Musik
Vice President	Carolyn Watters
Treasurer	Louise Burke
Secretary	Robyn Banks

2010 P&C

Dates

25 th May	28 th September
22 nd June	26 th October
20 th July	23 rd November
24 th August	AGM and General 7 th December

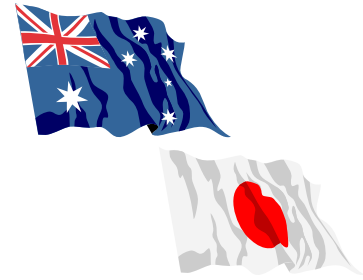


Above: Students enjoying a SOPA BBQ and cake stall fundraiser



Davidson

HIGH SCHOOL



MAEBASHI SEISHONEN CULTURAL VISIT 7-19 AUGUST, 2010

Can you help?

During August, 48 Japanese students will be attending Davidson High. Host families are needed to provide a home for these students. The students, aged between 13 and 17, are selected from 16 schools in Maebashi and are supervised by the six teachers who accompany them.

This event provides a great opportunity for both the Maebashi students and the Davidson students to gain cross-cultural understanding, practise their language skills and to become friends with a person from another country. Previous host families have found this to be a wonderful experience for their family. Host families receive \$250 to cover expenses and would be expected to provide the visitor with a normal home environment and normal family meals. It is not necessary for family members to speak Japanese. Some family outings/sightseeing would be good. Sightseeing trips have been organised for the students during school hours.

This event is a major fundraiser for the School. The funds are used to purchase educational resources and equipment for the students at Davidson.

Some information is provided on the back of this page. For more information or to confirm your interest, please call the school office on 9451-0022.

Please fill in the slip below and return to Davidson High office, marked Maebashi 2010.

Maebashi Seishonen Cultural Visit August 2010 Expression of Interest

We are interested in hosting one or two (please circle) Japanese student(s) from Maebashi.

Name: _____

Contact No. _____

Contact Email: _____

Student's Name: _____

Student's Roll Class: _____

Please put this form into the box in the front office at Davidson High or post to Davidson High School, Mimosa Street Frenchs Forest 2086.

MAEBASHI SEISHONEN HOMESTAY VISIT 2010

Questions	Answers
What days will I look after the student?	Saturday 7 August to Thursday 19 August inclusive.
Will I be reimbursed for my expenses?	You will receive \$250 to cover costs such as food and miscellaneous items.
What age and sex are the students?	Both girls and boys from 14-17 years
How many students can stay at my home?	One or two. Many families find that two students are easier, as they assist one another to communicate.
Do any of the students know each other?	The students are selected from many different schools in Maebashi. Some will know each other.
What is the purpose of their visit?	To gain a better understanding of English and to experience the Australian culture and family life.
What do students do during school hours?	English lessons, a little about Australia and some sight seeing.
Where do I pick up the student when they arrive in Sydney?	The students will be delivered to Davidson High School and collected from Davidson High School.
Do the students speak English?	All speak some English. This group has been organised by the Ministry of Education in Maebashi City with student representatives from a number of high schools in Maebashi.
Will I receive a profile of the student?	Yes, each host parent will be provided with a profile of the student before they arrive.
Can a student share a room with my child?	Yes, with the same sex.
What about medical problems?	All students have comprehensive medical insurance.
What is my role?	To provide all meals, accommodation, a family environment and show a little about our way of life.
Should I take the student on sightseeing trips in and around Sydney?	It would be excellent to show some of the many beautiful sights in Sydney.
What support will I have access to while the student is with me?	Immediate assistance will always be available from the Japanese teachers with the students, the school and the parent coordinators.
Will there be a chance to meet with the other host parents, before the students arrive?	Definitely, there will be a comprehensive 'information evening' at which you will meet all host parents and the various coordinators – any remaining questions will be answered.
What will they eat?	Students are encouraged to eat your normal family meals. You are not expected to prepare special meals.

Modern History France trip

Mr David Rule, Head Teacher, HSIE

During the recent school holidays and an unexpected portion of week 1 and 2 of school, 17 Modern History students boarded a



Malaysian Airlines flight to Paris for a tour of the World War I battlefields of France and Belgium. While there all students were involved in a service at Menin Gate where they had the opportunity to meet a



Belgian veteran who had been playing the Last Post at this service for the last 45 years. They also placed a wreath at Tyne Cot, the largest Commonwealth cemetery outside Britain.

The experiences gained by visiting some of the war sites that saw heavy Australian involvement was both invaluable and also very moving. Pozier and Fromelle brought out a sense of pride and appreciation for much of what happened in this part of the world 94 years ago. The trenches of Hill 62 and Vimy Ridge were a real highlight and the extensive Australian signage and recognition in Villers Bretonneux really took the students by surprise.



A few days in Paris gave everyone a break from the intense and emotional aspects of the Western Front. All the big musts were visited: The Eiffel Tower, The Louvre, The Arc de Triomphe, The Palace of Versailles and the Latin Quarter.



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It must be said that the students were simply amazing and conducted themselves in a manner that drew credit to themselves, Davidson High School and Australia. It is safe to say that the reputation of Australians and specifically Australian students travelling to France, has been enhanced by this group of Modern History students. A special thankyou also goes to Ms Suttling who accompanied us and provided a wealth of knowledge on the D-Day beaches in France. The 17 students who attended were: Nick Vergos, Ryan Terrey, Alex Kessel, David Troup, Alana Wallis, Eloise Davies, Michelle Montgomery, Natalie Baker, Andrew Beveridge, Tristan Rae, Aaron Arias, Chloe LeMoy, Amber Smith, Mallory Waters, Tessa Stockburger, Dom Jolivet and Bryce Waters.



Science

Ms Sarah Barrand, Acting Head Teacher, Science

Welcome back to term 2! The first couple of weeks have flown by with the holidays a distant memory. Many of you will be aware that Meghan Ferguson left to go on maternity leave at the end of the term 1. I am pleased to announce the arrival of Madeleine Ferguson on 2 May - Meghan and Madeleine are doing well.

Science Competitions

In the Science Department we receive a number of competitions and opportunities that students can enter throughout the year. Posters and information are displayed on the noticeboard outside the Science Staffroom. If students are interested all they need to do is let me know. Below I have listed opportunities that are available at the moment, you will see from this that the opportunities take many forms and if students are considering a career in any field in Science participation in these types of activities may improve your opportunities in the future.

Competition	Year group	Cost	Final registration date	website
UTS Science Outreach Program	tbc	tbc	None via the school	Excursion
Sunsprint model solar challenge Make your own solar car and race against other teams	7-11		13 August 2010	www.sunsprint.unsw.edu.au
Big Science Competition	7-12	5.50	31 July 2010	www.asi.edu.au
National Youth Science Forum Canberra based and opportunity to learn about university life.	11	Rotary	30 May 2010	www.nysf.edu.au
Young commonwealth competition Photography and Film competition			Photography 1 June 2010 Film 1 July 2010	www.thercs.org/youth/competitions
The Science Experience 3 days of hands on Science Fun	9-10	\$110/rotary	No selection process	www.scienceexperience.com.au
Science and Engineering challenge Team challenge	9-10	Travel	Gather your team and Expressions of interest	www.newcastle.edu.au/group/challenge/index.html
Year 9 girls summer school in Maths and Science – University of Newcastle	9	See next column	2 July 2010 – Student equity target Groups	www.newcastle.edu.au/aimhigh
Forensic Science Camp	8	\$550	Academically selective residential camp	www.as.edu.au/forensics

Students Equipment for Science

Students recently completed their first round of assessments for the year in Science. While many students revised for the exam they did not however turn up fully prepared. Please ensure students have the following a pencil, eraser, pencil sharpener, ruler, pen and a calculator every day because in any given lesson or test students may need all or some of this equipment.



Right: Year 7 GATEway looking at artefacts in a cross-discipline module between Science, HSIE, Mathematics and English



Languages

Prof Anita Curtis, Head Teacher, Languages

Year 7 are beginning their Japanese language studies which will continue for the rest of this term and will also learn about Japanese culture.

Year 8

All year 8 classes have finished test week. In Italian, they presented a speech to their classmates. We are continuing with Chapter 3, learning about families and descriptions. These topics will help students in the **Year 8 Language Activity Day** at the end of this term. Year 8 Japanese have done a wonderful job of learning their *hiragana* and need to consolidate their spelling rules and practise writing their characters on a regular basis. We are about to start Chapter 4, dealing with ages, time and zodiac signs. On the 5th May we celebrated Children's Day - *こどものひ* by making origami samurai helmets - *かぶと* and designing our own *こいのぼり* – carp banners. We hope to delve more into the tradition of Japanese samurai this term.

On the 21st of June, all year 8 students will be doing language activities, and there will be guest performers. Here is the programme:

Italian

Commedia dell'Arte (traditional theatre with masks), Quizzes and games, Making biscotti (and eating them)!!!!, Traditional pasta for lunch

Japanese

The Rhythm Hunters (Japanese drumming), Film – anime (animated cartoons), Technology and Japanese/calligraphy/ Japanese language, Obentou for lunch!!!!

Elective Italian

Years 9-11 Italian are looking forward to going to an exhibition of Leonardo da Vinci in the city and then on to Haberfield to explore Italian food.... *Squisito!!!!*

We are planning another **Italy trip** – this time in April 2011. So, if you intend to study Italian next year in Years 9-12 and are interested in going to Italy for 2 weeks with a very enthusiastic group, see Prof Curtis! Italian beginners in Year 11 are also welcome. We had a fantastic time in Italy this January.

Elective Japanese

Year 12 are just completing a unit on Future Plans and will use all their knowledge so far to refine their speaking skills. Then, we move onto the topic of Travel.

Visual Arts

Ms Jo Young, Visual Arts Teacher



Once again Davidson High School has been represented in the annual Mosman Youth Art Prize.

Sisters Leanne (Year 12) and Katherine (Year 10) Pollock have had their art works selected for exhibition. Leanne submitted a painting entitled "The Hills alive with the Sound of Ecstasy" and a drawing "Return of the Rustic" (Grandma's Kitchen) whilst Katherine's painting is entitled "Desert".

The Visual Arts Department is very proud of their talents and commitment to the arts and we wish them all the best in the judging of works.

Careers

Ms Ruth Peek, Careers Adviser

Northern Beaches Careers Expo 2010



The annual Northern Beaches Careers Expo was once again held at Miramare Gardens Terrey Hills. This year the Expo was sponsored by ICMS, the International College of Management Sydney. Representatives from the college, a strategic partner of Macquarie University and located on Manly's Eastern Hill, presented students with a tote bag on their arrival.

For the past 20 years the Careers Expo has been specifically organised and designed for Year 10 to Year 12 students by the local Careers Advisers from public, catholic and independent schools. Almost 3000 students travelled to the venue. Forest Coachlines took on the massive task of coordinating more than 20 schools to attend throughout the day.

The Careers Expo provides a unique chance for students to canvass the largest collection of experts to be assembled in one place in our

area. Over one hundred different exhibitors attended the Expo, offering an extensive range of occupations and information services from representatives of private business, government departments, TAFE, universities, private colleges and other training providers. Parents, school principals and local dignitaries were invited to attend and those who were able to fit the Careers Expo into their busy schedules were able to chat with local school students and see their response to the huge variety of displays. Exhibitors came from as far afield as the Queenstown Resort College in New Zealand, the Central Queensland University and Tocal Agricultural College in the Hunter Valley.

Exhibitor areas included apprenticeship centres, engineering and automotive, beauty care and design, volunteering and gap year organisations, accountancy and media, aviation and information technology, plumbing and metal trades, sport and travel, journalism and teaching, police and the defence forces, retail and television, natural therapies and psychology, as well as 22 different private colleges, Northern Beaches College of TAFE and 17 different universities.

Once again exhibitors evaluated the day most highly, citing the high level of organisation, attention to detail, central proximity, beautiful venue and the high calibre of interested students as one of the preferred careers expos on their calendar. Students reported that they were given the opportunity to meet face to face with organisation representatives and receive literature that may not be available just by visiting their websites. In past years students have reported that they "found their career" at the Northern Beaches Careers Expo. From the response this year in 2010 it may be that students are able to say the same.



WESTPAC LIFESAVER RESCUE BASE OPEN DAY

The Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter's base is situated at Cape Banks, Botany Bay National Park, La Perouse. This state of the art, purpose built operational facility which opened in 2006, is situated less than 200 m from the coast giving the helicopter quick access to the coastal waters and cliffs, providing the most responsive service to the community of greater Sydney.

Nick Barrett from Year 11 visited the RESCUE BASE OPEN DAY on Sunday 28 March and has provided us with the fabulous photos below.

The rescue helicopter's crew was joined by other search, rescue and emergency organizations to showcase the diverse tasks and missions undertaken across the Sydney community.

Visitors were able to get up close to the line-up of emergency service vehicles including the helicopter, police cars, fire trucks and surf rescue boats. There were action-packed demonstrations throughout the day, including simulated helicopter winch rescues, the NSW Police dog squad, the Police rescue and bomb squad's bomb robot and the Australian Federal Police currency detection sniffer dogs.



Nick Barrett



Rotary Youth Programme

Ms Loretta Mangassarian



President Henry with (l-r) Jack Stoneham, Teri Salter, Andrew Beveridge and Mallory Watters

On Tuesday 16th March, two Year 10 students, Jack Stoneham and Teri Salter, were given the opportunity to share their experiences gained from the Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment (RYPEN) with members of Rotary. Mallory Watters and Andrew Beveridge from Year 12 impressed the audience by a power point presentation from the (MUNA) conference. Our special thanks must go to Rotary District 9680 for their continued support of students from Davidson in the field of RYPEN and MUNA and community involvement.

Teaching & Learning Corner

Ms Anita Curtis, Head Teacher, Teaching & Learning

What a busy time we've had so far in Term 2!

Year 7 and Year 11 have both been involved in exam preparation sessions this term and Year 10 completed two sessions in Term 1. The aim of these sessions is to reinforce good work habits and explore exam techniques, as well as to clarify what and how to study.

I was delighted with the response to our **"Tools for Success"** evening with Year 7 parents in Week 3, despite the fact that it was in the middle of assessment week. Approximately two thirds of the year participated enthusiastically in a highly interactive evening. I believe that this night will become part of our school calendar, although we will see if we can fit it in earlier to our speaker's busy schedule. Below is a report about it from some of our Year 7 students.



10/10 for "Tools for Success!"

On the evening of the 5th of May students in Year 7 and their parents attended a presentation called "Tools for Success". At this meeting, we learnt many things, including: how to appropriately use our school diaries, the kind of work station we should be using, time management and what not to do while doing homework or assignments. We had our fabulous guest speaker - Prue Salter, who showed us a range of slide shows and short videos; she also gave us loads of ideas and activities.

All the parents and students who attended found it very worthwhile. Prue gave the parents more of an idea of how to help their children get through another term of high school. She also gave the parents an action planner to help them and their students work more comfortably in a tidy working area and filing system.

In conclusion, the night was really helpful and it was fun for us and our parents. We thank Prue very much for coming and telling us how to manage Year 7 and all the years to come. Many of us came home with full action planners, which is great to see from an adult's point of view. Overall, we rated the night 10/10, so we hope that many of you will attend again next year and enjoy the night just as much as we did.

Written by Zoe Hall, Jessika Hill and Ashleigh Taylor.

ICET

Mr Brett Manning, ICET Coordinator

Cowra/Canberra Peace Trip

At the end of term 2, the ICET students asked all Davidson students to contribute toward world peace by making 1,000 paper cranes (*Senbazuru*). According to Japanese legend, if 1,000 cranes are made, connected together and hung in a special place, your special wish will be granted. With the help of the Davidson students, more than 1,000 cranes were made over a period of four lunchtimes. Over the school holiday the ICET students connected all the cranes together, in preparation for their annual peace trip to Cowra and Canberra.



This trip is very special for the Japanese students as it is a time to reflect on World War II and learn about the impact war has had on the world. In Cowra, the students visited the POW camp from which thousands of Japanese POWs broke out in 1944. Many people lost their lives that day. The students are treated to a special speech at the camp by Mr Bruce Weir, who was a boy at the time and has many memories of that day and retells the story of

finding two POWs in his back shed on the day of the break out.

During the time in Cowra, the students visited Cowra High School and



Bilyara Hostel (retirement village) to share Japanese culture and entertain with dancing and games. The Peace Bell in Cowra was rung several times in memory of all who died in the tragic Cowra breakout.



The students then travel to Canberra to participate in the ANZAC day ceremony. This year, the students were fortunate to sit within touching distance of General Peter Cosgrove and the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. Wearing their school uniforms, the students were often asked where they were from. They were quick and proud to say "Davidson High School in Sydney". The students left a lasting impression on all people they met at the ANZAC day ceremony.

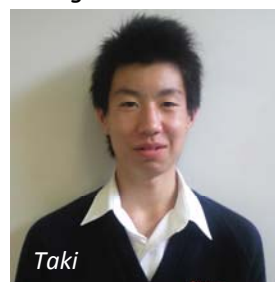
This trip is held annually and is a great way to introduce the ICET students to Australia's history and role within past wars. We would like to welcome back the 15 ICET students from their trip to Cowra and Canberra.

We have just returned from Cowra and Canberra. We had a lot of fun. We went to Cowra fun museum, a Japanese cemetery, Cowra High School, the Australian War Memorial and Parliament House. We also participated in the ANZAC Day ceremony in Canberra. It was very serious and it was confirmation for us that we should not make war. We learnt about many things and had a good time. I would like to visit Cowra and Canberra again.

Shiori Yoshida

I liked the Blue Mountains. The Japanese gardens in Cowra were very beautiful and represent the memory of the POW breakout. Canberra was a very organised city. We could go to very important and historical places. This trip was very important to me.

Taiki Nakaya



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Music

Concert Bands' Success

Ms Helen Oberg, Band Conductor



Concert Band 1

Last week our two concert bands again performed at the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod, our 15th time in the past 17 years! There has never been a year when we were not placed, indeed more often than not taking out the winning position. So we had a lot to live up to and prove to ourselves. I am delighted to report that both bands produced fabulous music and looked impressive. The adjudicator ruled that on this occasion he preferred the outstanding work that Concert Band 2 presented, awarding them an impressive 92 marks. Concert Band 1 was awarded a distinguished second place.

It is extremely rewarding to me to see and hear the students taking their performance work seriously while still displaying such unified energy and sense of fun. Well done to all the students.



Concert Band 2

Music Department News

Ms Jennifer Power, Music Teacher

Term 2 is full of many performance opportunities for our students. We began with our school ANZAC assembly on Wednesday 27th. Concert Band 1 played a beautiful piece 'With Each Sunset', and really captured the mood of the assembly. Scott Henry performed 'Digger's Waltz' with great sensitivity and the Choir sang the moving piece 'You Raise Me Up'. Week 2 had the students auditioning for SOPA which will be held on June 17th and 18th. Results of the auditions have been posted. On the same evening ten students performed solos for the P7C at a Rotary Fund raiser at Il Piemonte in Terry Hills. The students presented extremely well.



On Thursday evening 6th May the year 9 elective music students performed in a chamber concert held in the MPC. There were many fine performances, from rock to classical. The musical future of Davidson is in good hands. Thanks to Mrs Oberg for organising these events.

Up coming events :- Tuesday 18th May 6.30pm Year 10 music night in the MPC
Wednesday 26th May 6.30pm Year 11/12 music evening

