

# THE Davidson Dispatch

The Newsletter of Davidson High School

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

June 2010

## Principal's Report

Rod Cawsey, Principal

### School Evaluation

We are in the midst of surveying parents to gain feedback on a range of issues which influence the direction of the school. During our recent Parent Teacher Night for Years 8, 9 and 10, many parents took the opportunity to provide their judgements on the questions provided. Currently, we are canvassing a range of parents who have students in Years 7, 11 and 12. It is our intention to continue the sampling across the years to gain as broad a picture as possible. I wish to thank the many parents who have responded so far. Your opinions and advice are vital in assisting the school to plan effectively.

### Season of Performing Arts

The time is almost with us once again when the school showcases the many talents of our students in music, dance and drama. Rigorous

preparation and rehearsals for the Season of Performing Arts are currently being undertaken. It is a tribute to the students and staff that well over two hundred students perform and many more are involved in backstage preparation. The performances at Glen Street provide so many students with a wonderful opportunity to perform in a professional theatre. Memories of these performances will no doubt be treasured throughout life. I trust all parents will gain as much enjoyment and pride from watching their children perform as the students gain from performing for you. Take the opportunity to purchase a ticket, bring your friends and support the students in what should be an excellent program of entertainment.

### Rotary Youth Awards

Congratulations to Alana Wallis (Year 12), Emily Lemlin (Year 11) and James

Slack-Smith (Year 9) who were recently recognised for their contributions to the school as they generously offer their services in a range of voluntary capacities. Hayden Jewell also received an award, having been nominated by the Wakehurst Soccer Club. I would like to thank Rotary for their thoughtful initiative in supporting the young people in the district.

*Below: Alana Wallis receives her Rotary Youth Award*



### Smart Boards

The use of technology in the school is continuing to develop. The school over recent times has been funding a range of smart boards and the accompanying projectors and speakers. Many faculties have access to this technology and we are aiming to roll out more. The smart boards certainly add variety to a teacher's strategies and students benefit from working with contemporary technology and learning. I would like to thank Mrs Anderson who has been the driving force behind the



*Year 12 tutoring Year 10 English at lunchtime—see article later in this Dispatch*

acquisition and installation of the recently purchased smart boards. Her dedication is ensuring that our students and staff are well versed in the new technologies and their influence on learning.

### Construction

Parents will notice scaffolding around the school at present. A large project is being undertaken to address the issues of concrete cancer within the school. Repairs will be in two stages but we are hopeful that once the project is completed the major issues will have been rectified. Maintenance issues in a school of this size are

ongoing but there have been significant improvements to the infrastructure of the school in recent times to the benefit of students and staff.

### Litter

It may sound a minor topic for a Dispatch entry but for some time I have been concerned about the state of the playground areas. I, and a number of others, have made appeals to the students in assembly to take responsibility for their rubbish. The simple fact is that for most students a rubbish receptacle is only metres away from where they are standing

or sitting. Too often the rubbish falls to the ground and is left for the cleaners to pick up. Since we now have the values of respect, responsibility and effort displayed around the school it is incumbent upon all students to comply with reasonable requests to place their litter in the bins provided. The students have the privilege of a lovely environment and it needs to be respected. With the staff I am taking steps to dramatically improve this situation. The students know what they have to do. A reminder from parents to their children about your expectations over this matter would be very helpful.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

JUNE	
Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16	SOPA Rehearsals
Thursday 17 & Friday 18	SOPA Performances
Monday 21	Year 8 Language Activity Day Year 11 Small Group Interviews (all week) Sydney North Dance Festival (2 weeks)
Tuesday 22	Year 8 into 9 Information Night ICAS Spelling & Writing Competition P & C Meeting
Thursday 24	Zone Athletics Y 7-10 Vocal Ensemble to Sydney North Music Festival
Friday 25	SOPA Fundraiser Years 7, 8 & 9 English Shakespeare Production Year 12 Engineering Excursion to UTS
Monday 28	Years 7 – 10 Religious Instruction
Tuesday 29	URA-ICET Forum Year 8 Indigenous performance Year 10 into 11 Information Night
JULY	
Friday 2	Last day Term 2
Saturday 3 – Tuesday 6	HSC dance trials
Monday 19	Term 3 commences – Staff Development Day Year 12 Trial Examinations (to 30 July)
Tuesday 20	Students return to school Year 8 & 9 Study Skills talk
Friday 23	CHS Cross Country
Monday 26	Year 11 Camp (to 30/7/10) Rock Eisteddfod heats Sydney
Tuesday 27	Y7 GATEway parent evening P & C Meeting
Thursday 29	Year 10 Study Skills talk

# P & C Report

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you to all our guests at the last P&C meeting. It was quite a busy night with lots to discuss. Please note that you are always welcome to come along and listen in and be part of the discussions and future of our fabulous school. Our next meeting is Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.30pm in the staff room - pop it in your diary now!

Our next big school event is of course the Season of Performing Arts at Glen Street, from June 17-18. If you haven't been along before, please make the time to be part of the night where our school showcases its talents across a multiple of disciplines. We are constantly amazed at what our children can do! It is a great night also to catch up with lots of locals and other mums and dads, enjoy a glass of bubbles at intermission and support the children, staff and parents who put so much time and hard work into this event.

This year, we have some fantastic financial support from the local Forest business community. Particular thanks go to **Raine & Horne Forestville/Belrose (major sponsor), Banks Consultancy, Forest Legal, Family Wellness Clinic and Curl Curl Plumbing.**

So all we have to do now is fill the theatre! Tickets are on sale now at Glen Street Theatre. I look forward to seeing you there: enjoy the evening!

*Deborah Cullen – President – 0401 849 955*

## AT LAST P&C MEETING ...

The many issues discussed included:

- The website has been updated but there still some issues to be addressed.
- NAPLAN went ahead and was administered according to the requirements of the department.
- Maebashi (9<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> August) - Homestay families are still required.
- Belrose Rotary Club has been very helpful to Davidson High School. Three students (Years 9, 11 and 12) have been recognised with awards. The recent Rotary fundraiser night will be an annual event to assist Rotary raise funds for the programs that it sponsors at the school.
- The school oval has been repaired with the P & C providing funds to the school to assist with the renovations.
- SOPA – local primary schools to be contacted about attending the matinees.
- The winter uniform was discussed with suggestions raised in relation to the shirt and tie. These suggestions are to be progressed through the usual channels.

*Robyn Banks – Secretary*

## 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](mailto:davidsonpandc@gmail.com) and request to be on the list.

## GROUNDS COMMITTEE

At our last working bee on 8<sup>th</sup> May, we performed maintenance activities in the main entrance walkway. Thank you to Sue Denny, Phil Baxter, Jeremy Winer and Graham Johnson. Grateful thanks to Fusae Harada and her ICET students (Moeka, Shiori, Mako, Hiromasa, Yukinu, Tsubasa, Anna and Komei) whose numbers swelled our team considerably. Special mention must be made of Jeremy Winer who brought along his Steamwand, an environmentally sound steam applicator that is used to kill weeds. He successfully treated a large area of weeds, saving our workers considerable effort and time. If anyone has a significant weed problem, we can recommend this service (contact Jeremy at [weedtechnics.com.au](http://weedtechnics.com.au) or 0425 278 524).

The prolonged wet weather has put a dampener, to say the least, on several planned Wednesday afternoon working bees. Please note also that the current concrete remediation works being carried out in the school mean that work on many garden bed areas will have to be curtailed until completion of these works as scaffolding needs to be erected close to the buildings.

*Sam Phillips 9452 4677 and Lesley Snell 9975 7052*

## PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE

**SOPA** - There's still time to secure seats for this year's SOPA, to be held on Thursday and Friday 17 and 18 June. This year promises to be bigger and better than ever, so if you haven't already done so, book your tickets now at Glen Street Theatre. Refer to the SOPA flyer in this edition of the Dispatch.

**Entertainment Books** – Thank you to everyone who bought books and contributed to our major fund raiser for the year. Could all outstanding books please be purchased or returned to the accounts office as soon as possible. We are accountable for every single one.

**Major Performing Arts Sponsors** – We have received donations from Raine & Horne Forestville/Belrose, Banks Consultancy, Forest Legal, Curl Curl Plumbing, BHB Consulting and Family Wellness Clinic. Please support these local businesses who are generously supporting Performing Arts at Davidson High School.

**Cake Stall/Sausage Sizzle** – Our next Cake Stall/Sausage Sizzle will be on Friday 25 June. Could all performing arts students (or parents) please make cakes/biscuits for the day. A note will be sent home nearer the time.

*Janet Littlehales - Convenor*



# English

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## Lunchtime tutoring

*Ms Roberta McLeod, English teacher*

Davidson High School elder citizens are able to share some of their collective wisdom on Thursday lunchtimes this term with the launch of the Essay Exchange in Room 56. Mrs McLeod's current Advanced Year 12 class kindly tutored 10 Extension English by drafting their George Orwell, *1984*, essay responses. Year 10 loved the opportunity to learn from the experiences of Year 12 while Year 12 were amazed that they were once that young and astounded that there was no paper to be seen only laptops, with students madly scrolling through their essay drafts!



## Sydney Morning Herald Plain Speaking Award

*Ms Marcia Andrews, English teacher*

Once again School Captain Andrew Beveridge entered the Sydney Morning Herald Plain Speaking Award. The first round he was in, was conducted at Abbotsleigh Girls School, Wahroonga. His prepared speech was entitled "A Cranky Country" and the impromptu topic was "Let's Rock the Boat". Andrew was selected to progress to the next round along with two other students from a field of eleven students.

The North Sydney Regional final was held at Sydney Girls High School with a field of thirteen speakers. The standard was very high and Andrew again presented his speech entitled "A Cranky Country" which had been revised. The impromptu speech topic was "Out in the Open".



Andrew is to be commended for his efforts and he represented Davidson High School and Public comprehensive Education extremely well. Only four students were selected to go on to the semi-final and unfortunately Andrew was not one of them. Well done, Andrew! You did us proud!

### CAREERS NEWS

The Davidson High School resource from Careers Adviser Ms Ruth Peek - is now attached to the Dispatch as well as being available on the school intranet.

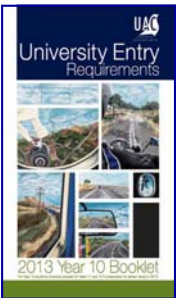
Use the "click & go" to visit the plethora of website links – COMING EVENTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, YEAR 12 MATTERS, PARENTS, OPEN DAYS, and more!

# Careers

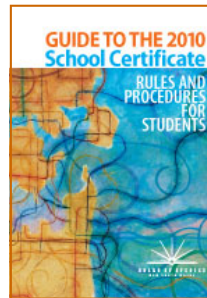
Ms Ruth Peek, Careers Adviser

In their Careers classes, Year 10 students are being prepared to make decisions about their pattern of study over the next two years. The process and procedures for subject selection will be explained to parents and students at our Year 10 into Year 11 Information Evening in the last week of this term on Tuesday 29 June.

All Year 10 students will receive a Davidson High School Subject Selection Booklet detailing their options for the senior school. At this stage the biggest decision students have to make is whether they will pursue an academic or vocational pathway, or leave their options open for either.



The UAC University Entry Requirements Booklet has already been distributed to those students who wish to look at possible entry to university in 2013. This booklet is for Year 10 students choosing courses to study in Years 11 and 12 in preparation for tertiary study in 2013.



Another booklet, the Board of Studies Guide to the 2010 School Certificate, was given to all Year 10 students recently. It contains the rules and procedures for the School Certificate - the culmination of their junior school studies - which occurs in Week 5 of Term 4 beginning 8 November.

Students and their parents should familiarise themselves with the information contained in these publications in order to make informed and relevant decisions about their study over the next two years and their future directions.

More detailed information can be viewed on the websites:

Board of Studies NSW [www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/schoolcertificate/](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/schoolcertificate/)

UAC University Admissions Centre [www.uac.edu.au/schoolink/](http://www.uac.edu.au/schoolink/)

# Engineering Studies

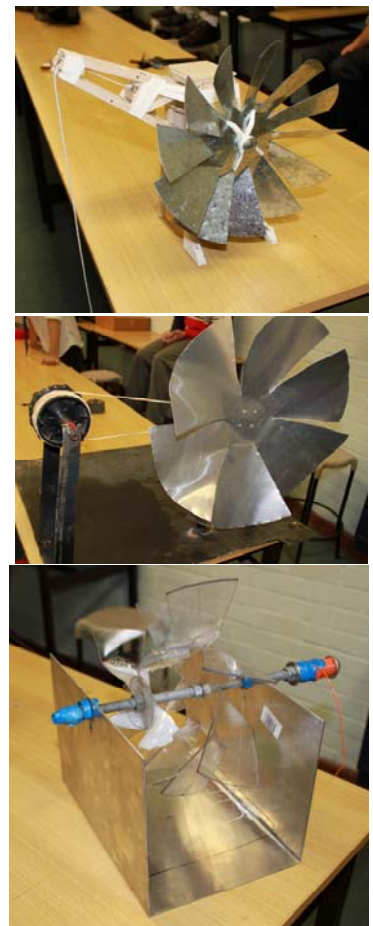
Mr Jeff Brown, Engineering teacher



Our third area of study in Year 12 is Lifting Devices. This topic allows students to explore the properties, materials and principles used in various engineering applications.

This term, Year 12 students were set a task in which they had to design and construct their own lifting device, capable of lifting a certain weight. The only constraint being, their device could only be powered by the airflow produced by a small desk fan. Materials used and methods of construction varied widely with each student's interpretation of a successful solution. A special mention must go to Bryce Waters who was able to produce a device capable of lifting close to 2kg.

An excursion to the Faculty of Engineering at UTS will be taking place in week 10. We have been invited to participate in three areas of engineering throughout the day which include materials testing, aerodynamics and telecommunications. This will provide our students with an opportunity to explore state of the art facilities, learn about emerging technologies and speak to young engineering students about their chosen fields of study.



# VET

## Year 12 Hospitality work placement

Ms Michelle Keeler, Hospitality teacher

Year 12 Hospitality class completed their second 35 hour work placement block during Week 5 Term 2. All students must complete a mandatory work placement in the Hospitality Industry. Students are required to complete 35 hours in a Hospitality establishment during Year 11 and another 35 hours in Year 12.

During work placement students are observed in course competencies such as:

- Work with Colleagues and Customers
- Follow Health, Safety and Security Procedures
- Clean and Maintain Premises
- Receive and Store Stock
- Organise and Prepare Food

As always, our Davidson High students received very positive feedback from their workplace employers.

A special thank you to the following workplaces for giving our students the opportunity to experience the Hospitality Industry first hand:

The Intercontinental	Mara Arellano
Quartdeck Brasserie	Natasha de Ronserail
The Rock Lily	Dominique Both
Out of Africa	Bianca Rackley
Stella Blu	Rebecca Cogan
The Bathers Pavilion	Eloise Davies
Pieces of Provence	Kirsten Gadsby
Newport Arms Hotel	Blade Hills
Hugos Manly Wharf	Geri Hills
Flavour Buds, Wakehurst Golf Club	Andrew Karaparashos
	Chloe Le Moy
	Michelle Montgomery
	Nick Taplin



# Year 12 Construction Work Placement

Mr Jeff Brown, Construction teacher



During week 7 of this term Davidson's Year 12 Construction students had a taste of reality, finding out what working in the construction industry is really like. In order to satisfy Board of Studies requirements for their course students must complete a minimum of 35 hours industry placement in Year 12



The function of the industry placement is to place the students in a "real" learning environment and consolidate skills they have learnt at school.

Through their participation in construction work placement students have the opportunity to:

- Develop knowledge, skills and attitudes, which are relevant to and recognised within a wide range of employment, training and further education settings
- Experience adult roles and responsibilities in the workplace
- Gain maturity through participating in an adult work environment
- Find out what employers are looking for in future employees
- Develop an awareness of current career opportunities

I would like to thank the Northern Beaches Business Education Network for their help in sourcing willing employers for the week and of course thank the following employers for providing such an outstanding opportunity for our students, Design It Landscapes, JMR Building Contractors and Topform Constructions.



Our students were involved in a variety of practical learning experiences including landscaping, retail fit out, timber framing and formwork, in a variety of locations including Killara, Ryde and Warriewood



# ICET

Mr Brett Manning, ICET Coordinator



It has been a very busy month with the ICET students participating in every activity imaginable! All 15 ICET students have been very involved in the Davidson activities, ranging from a working bee on May 8<sup>th</sup> to performing in school rock bands. Here is a summary of the ICET activities for the past month.

## Athletics

Congratulations to Taiki Nakaya who came 1<sup>st</sup> in the school cross country. He will now represent the school in the Zone Cross Country. Taiki will undertake his HSC at Davidson over the next few years and we look forward to the athletic success he can bring Davidson High School. Also, congratulations to Hikaru Kawai in Year 11 (former ICET student) who came 4<sup>th</sup> in the school cross country. Well done guys!

## Japanese Tutoring

Komei Henmi in Year 11 (former ICET student) and Anna Okamoto have been tutoring Japanese to Davidson students from various year levels. This has been a student initiative for the Davidson students and we would like to thank them both for their hard work and dedication in the promotion of Japanese culture and language. There are always places available for students interested in learning Japanese or for seeking support with their Japanese elective classes. If any Davidson student is interested, please contact Komei directly or an ICET staff member.

## Model Farms Visit



On Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, the ICET students were very fortunate to be invited to a cultural exchange day at Model Farms High School. The ICET students prepared some traditional activities such as Kimono wearing, Origami and Calligraphy. The students also performed a traditional dance from Okayama called the Uraja. The Uraja is a very 'catchy' dance with modern dance moves. The dance

is performed annually in Okayama as part of a summer festival, where hundreds of festival goers perform the dance together. The Model Farms students enjoyed learning the dance. Afterwards, the Model Farms students interviewed the ICET students about life in Japan, looking at the differences in hobbies and leisure activities.

## Year 5 Enrichment Program



On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Year 5 students from the Davidson Community of Schools participated in a Japanese language and culture day with the ICET students. The Year 5 students were introduced to cultural activities, such as Kendama (a Japanese toy), Origami, Calligraphy as well as language and vocabulary building activities. The students also cooked Curry Udon (Noodles) which was enjoyed by all, especially the ICET students who suddenly felt homesick afterwards. After lunch, everyone learnt a traditional dance called the 'Uraja'. The Year 5 students all danced admirably. The day was a wonderful opportunity for the promotion of language and culture and we hope all the Year 5 students had a wonderful and exciting day.

## Dancing with the Stars

Takuto and Shiori were very disappointed that the Dancing with the Stars trials were postponed. They have been practicing hard with our resident "guru" Mr. Kolokossian. They had heard so much about the event in Japan from the past ICET performers (Kanao, Komei, Ran and Yuya). ICET would like to ask for the support of the Davidson community in making this year's event as internationally recognised as last year! The ICET students of 2011 are very much excited about Dancing with the Stars. Places are still available for the trials and all interested students can see Mr Peade for further information.

## Upcoming Activities

The URA (Understanding, Respect and Acceptance) forum is fast approaching and will be held in the Jan Jones Room on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of June. This year, participants from Blacktown Girls High, Model Farms, Davidson High and ICET will discuss issues that affect the youth at global citizens. Each school will present on a specified topic. This year, the topic is "An Ideal Society" focusing on mass media, career, family and education and the global effect this has on multicultural societies. We are very much excited by this annual event. A summary of the forum will be included into the next Dispatch.

## Pen Pals

Next year's ICET students are very keen to have Australian pen pals. Having a pen pal is a wonderful opportunity to make friends and international linkages. If anyone is interested in having a Japanese pen pal, please contact an ICET staff member.



### Working Bee

On Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May, there was the Working Bee at Davidson High School. Mako, Yukino, Shiori, Takuto, Anna, Tsubasa, Moeka, Hiromasa and Saki participated. We put on work gloves and cut and carried grass. It was not easy, so we were tired. Finally we moved a lot of soil. It was very hard, but we had a good time and the garden at Davidson High School became beautiful.

By Moeka Endo



### Music Performance

We had a performance night on the 18th of May. We only started practising music one week before. We couldn't complete our music until the day before. We performed a Japanese song called "Kiseki". This song means miracle. The words are made for a good future.

Shiori sang, I played the drums and Eriko and Tsubasa played the organ. Our bands name was called "ICET4" because 4 is our classroom number. At school we have music class, but we haven't played any musical instruments, so we felt very nervous. While we were playing we made some mistakes, but I think we succeeded. The other Australian performances were so good. They have so many skills. We could listen to music that we couldn't listen to in Japan. I was very surprised by the guitar, saxophone and piano. I enjoyed listening to the music. It was great fun. This was a great experience and I have a big memory of Australian life.

By Anna Okamoto



# Music

*Ms Jenny Power, Music teacher*

A quick reminder to all musicians to check the SOPA program to see which of the 6 concerts you will be performing in. Attendance at all rehearsals is vital in the week before SOPA to ensure our groups are at the highest possible standard.

2010 has seen a record number of Chamber concerts. Year 7&8 music night gave us some excellent new talent, and thanks to CB2 and Stage Band 2 for performing. Year music night on May 18<sup>th</sup> gave this class a great opportunity to show their talents, and finally the second Year 11 & 12 chamber concert on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> is great practice for their up coming performance exams.

Thanks to all who helped organise and support the performers.



# Year 11 & 12 Chamber Concert

Jamaica Mosese, Year 12



From flute to saxophone and from guitar to piano the Year 11 and 12 Chamber Concert was a spectacular night that included the support of parents, Principal Mr. Cawsey, music teacher Mrs. Oberg, and Year 12 Advisor Mr. Brown.



Saxophonist Jevan Aralumpulum set a soothing mood and created a comfortable evening for the rest of the performances. An acoustic performance followed, by another HSC student Andrew Karaparashos, which entranced the audience with every note.

Year 11 student Yuta Himura took the stage and performed brilliantly on the piano with his own composition accompanied by Meg Louden on the flute. A true show of compositional talent amazed the audience and kept that 'special' mood alive. Flautist Meg took to the stage again and performed 3 short brilliant pieces. The usual suspects, the three Hills Boys let rip with Black Sabbath and it was an exceptionally entrancing performance from the trio.



Yuki Takao, one of our ICET students, settled down the atmosphere with her piano performance, captivating and magnificent. This soon contrasted with a stunning performance from Andrew Beveridge, his wonderful singing ability brought a type of joy and definite smiles with a somewhat cheeky Gilbert and Sullivan classic.

Kryptonite was a brilliant performance from Dillon Hamill on guitar and Mitchell Robertson on bass acoustic. They brought an uplifting energy that coincided well with the previous piece. Scott Henry, another of the HSC students, spell-bound the audience with a vocal and acoustic piece that added to the atmosphere. A Miriam Hyde classic was performed by Year 12 student Jamaica Mosese on piano that continued on the enjoyable evening. Gemma Gray took over and made her presence clear on stage with a gorgeous clarinet piece. HSC student Dean Sinclair performed an elegant Chopin piece that astounded an audience with clear talent and beauty. Matthew Small performed a brilliant acoustic piece that tied up the night wonderfully.



When asked about the Chamber Concert, Year 12 student Scott Henry summed up the night perfectly: 'It was a great night because we had so much support from everyone and we always do, that's what helps make the nights awesome. Everyone performed brilliantly and it was really great to be able to listen to one another and support each other.'

The Chamber Concerts offer an opportunity for students to confront their nerves in front of an audience. From Year 11 and 12 we would like to say that we appreciate the support and time that everyone gave on the night, and a special thanks to Mrs. Oberg, our music teacher for making it possible time and time again.



# Davidson

## HIGH SCHOOL

Davidson grandparents and senior members of the community are warmly invited to attend a special matinee performance of our annual Season of Performing Arts

# Seniors at SOPA

**DATE:** Thursday 17th June

**TIME:** 1pm — 2.15 pm  
followed by afternoon tea

**VENUE:** Glen St Theatre  
Glen Street  
Belrose

## FREE ADMISSION

RSVP to the School Office 9451 0022 by Tuesday 15 June



# Italian Excursion

Prof A Curtis, Head Teacher, Languages



## VIVA ITALIA!!!

On Monday the 31st of May, the elective Italian classes from years 9 to 11 with Prof Curtis and Prof Coletta enjoyed their excursion into the city and Haberfield. Entering the town hall for the Da Vinci Exhibition first, we found ourselves witnessing life-size replicas of some of Leonardo Da Vinci's most renowned art works including the Mona Lisa, the Last Supper and the Vitruvian Man. Stepping further into the depths of the exhibition, we were able to explore a few of Da Vinci's millions of pieces of research, inventions and innovations. By having the opportunity to visit such an exhibition, we were able to understand what a significant role Da Vinci played in shaping modern society and conclude that the term 'genius' was an understatement for him.

Afterwards, we gained a small insight into Italian culture walking around Haberfield: entering chocolate shops, bakeries, gelateria and coffee shops. To conclude an amazing day, the classes and Prof's enjoyed a delicious pizza lunch at "Napoli in Bocca" restaurant, savouring our way slice by slice!

Grazie a Prof Curtis e Prof Coletta! Arrivederci dalle classi d'italiano!

Yuta Himura (Year 11)

On Monday last week, the year 9,10, and 11 Italian elective classes explored the wonderful Da Vinci exhibit and the streets of Haberfield. In the exhibit, there were many interesting paintings, structures and all types of mechanical structures that fascinated us, including a few practical activities that we also enjoyed. There were many amazing works of art on display.

We then took the bus to Haberfield for some lunch and activities. We first explored the Italian shops around the area. The main highlights were definitely the Pasticceria (pastry shop) and the chocolate shop, where almost everyone bought a little something to indulge in. Then we ate at a nice Italian restaurant, and were served some lovely Pizza and salad. And after another quick stroll around, it was time to catch the bus back home. It was an enjoyable experience for everyone.

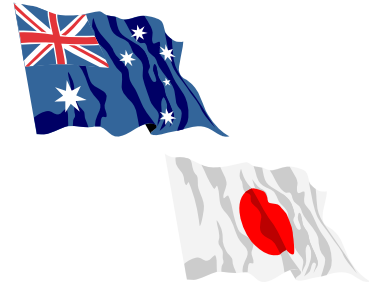
Brody Walsh (Year 9)





# Davidson

## HIGH SCHOOL



### MAEBASHI SEISHONEN CULTURAL VISIT 7-19 AUGUST, 2010

## Help still needed!

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.

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### 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.



