DOONSIDE TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

TERM 1 - 2023 NEWSLETTER









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TERM 1 - WELCOME BACK!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE- Mr. Colin Campbell

As we come to the end of another term, I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude and appreciation for all that you have done to make this term a success. Whether you are a student, parent, teacher, or staff member, each and every one of you has played a key role in ensuring that our school continues to be a place of learning, growth, and community.

To our students, I want to commend you on your hard work and dedication over the past term. You have shown resilience in the face of challenges and have demonstrated a commitment to your studies and your personal development. Your enthusiasm and energy have made our school a vibrant and engaging place to be.

To our parents, I want to thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's education. Your partnership with us has been invaluable in ensuring that our students receive the best possible education and support.

To our teachers and staff, I want to acknowledge the tireless effort that you have put in over the past term. Your commitment to our students and to our school has been nothing short of remarkable, and I am grateful for all that you do.

School Infrastructure Update

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, we have been undertaking a range of projects across the school to improve our physical learning environment.

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Principals Message Continued

The construction of the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) is now complete. The next stage of the project is well underway whereby we will have two new Basketball/Netball courts (painted blue) with multipurpose hoops. We will also have the line marking and posts for Volleyball. This will make an enormous difference for our school community and provide a wonderful shaded/under cover area. A quality learning environment is a priority and when the COLA/courts is completed it will not only be a state-of-the-art outdoor facility to support curriculum delivery, but a facility the community can be proud of. In keeping everybody safe, a reminder to students that they are not allowed to enter any fenced areas whilst we are still in the construction phase.

The two external courts have also needed a much-needed upgrade, and this will take place within the next month. The existing courts will be repainted (blue) and new line markings will be undertaken to ensure it can be used for sports and be a great facility for our students.

We are also currently finalising our landscaping plans for the front of the school to ensure this is a rejuvenated space and looks extremely presentable to showcase our school.

We are extremely excited about these projects, and we look forward to sharing some pics upon completion.

School Uniform

As winter is setting in, please be reminded of the uniform expectations. Students are expected to wear full school uniform each day. It is imperative that we look presentable when attending school each day in the correct uniform and ensures we are presenting a positive image of our school to the local and wider community.

If support is required in relation to school uniforms, please contact the school and speak to either the Head Teacher Wellbeing (Ms Sherrington) or the relevant Deputy Principal for your child's year group.

As we look ahead to the next term, I am confident that we will continue to build on the successes of this term and strive to create an even better learning environment for our students. Thank you again to each member of our school community for your contributions and support.

Wishing you a safe and happy vacation period.

Colin Campbell

Colin Campbell Principal

Term 1 TAS Update

The TAS faculty welcomes a new staff member; Ms Brooke Spice to the team replacing our Food Technology teacher Ms Werner who has returned to Richmond High School. Ms Spice is a wellknown and valued staff member, having previously worked at DTHS in the capacity of a Student Learning Support Officer in both the support unit and the learning and support faculty. Ms Spice has come from a varied background of knowledge and experience making her an invaluable member to team TAS. We also welcome back Mrs Mandeep Kaur who is supporting the faculty as a Technology Mandatory and Food Technology – Life Skills teacher for 2023.

Passion Projects within the TAS Faculty continue to be a popular choice amongst our Year 9 and 10 students. This year we continue to offer Go – Karting, Food, Glorious Food, Stitch Up and Minecraft Megastructures.

Students in Year 11 Exploring Early Childhood have had the opportunity to experience firsthand the joys of being pregnant and the discomfort of the additional weight a pregnancy poses by wearing our 'Real Care Pregnancy Profile vest'.

Students in Year 10 Industrial Technology – Timber are working diligently on their timber low stool projects.

Year 9 Engineering Studies students are building bridge as part of their studies with some creative designs taking shape.

Vocational Education Training – VET for short is a popular choice for students within TAS, with courses including Hospitality – Food and Beverage, Information Digital Technology, Construction, and Manufacturing and Engineering, with many of our Year 12 TAS VET students recently completing their final 35 hours of work placement within their chosen industries, leading to many students receiving job opportunities.

Mrs Saunders – Head Teacher TAS.



Adele Bryun of Year 11 Exploring Early Childhood experiencing the joys of pregnancy



Mr Navarro - TAS teacher leading the production of Go Karts as part of Passion Projects for years 9 and 10 students, hot pink being the colour most voted by students.

Science @ DTHS

Year 8 Science

As part of the Forces and Force Fields theme this term, Year 8 students were involved in designing and building experiments that demonstrated their understanding of the concepts learnt in class. The photos highlight the students' understanding as they worked on various kinds of forces and designed a small toy vehicle powered by a rubber band or a balloon. A structured approach assisted the students in developing understanding of the concepts of balanced and unbalanced forces, as well as the role of scientific inquiry in increasing their understanding of the world around them.





Ag Club

The Ag Club will run on Friday during lunch week A. 15 students from year 9 and 10 Agriculture classes participate in a range of activities such as maintaining their own gardens, animal care, cooking and celebrating with produce grown in their garden. Ag Club is a welcoming group of students who enjoy spending time at the farm and learning new skills.

Year 11 Earth and Environmental Science

Earlier this term, Year 11 Earth and Environmental students went on an excursion to the Australian Museum in the City. They went to look at the thousands of rocks, gems and minerals on display to extend their knowledge and understanding of the first module they study, Earth's Resources.





Pi Day

Pi Day was celebrated on the 14th of March this term. Teachers competed in a pie eating competition at lunchtime. Congratulations to Ms. Outridge for winning the final. Students competed in a competition to recite as many digits of Pi as possible. Congratulations to the following winners: 1st Place - David (Year 8) - 100 digits 2nd Place - Syeda (Year 7) - 43 digits 3rd Place - Aaron (Year 10) - 27 digits

Year 7/8 Support Visual Arts

This term, the year 7 and 8 students have been investigating Abstract Art. During their artmaking the students have been developing skills using various expressive forms and art materials such as painting, drawing, rubbings, stamping and collagraph printing. The students have been focusing on using mixed media to create the Elements of Art and focusing on placement and composition to create a variety of abstract artworks, where they have been influenced by artist Henri Matisse.



Year 9/10 Support Visual Arts

This term, the year 9 and 10 students have been investigating landscape art through the expressive form of painting suing acrylic and watercolour paint. The students have explored painting techniques where they have experimented with various ways to apply their paint in order to create textures and tones. As part of their painting investigation students focused on colour theory, colour mixing and making their own tints and shades. Through the subject matter of landscapes and the natural world, students developed composition skills, depth within a 2D artwork and creating a focal point.







Angelica Miller

Matthew Daniels

Natalie Palani

Year 8 Visual Arts

Year 8 students revisited the Elements of Art earlier this term and initially completed some learning activities to ground some essential art skills. Check out these impressive gradient tonal drawings where students used tonal shading techniques to create the illusion of a 3D object within their 2D drawing.



Josh Borg

Elena Fonua



Brock Carson

Zone Swimming Carnival

On the 1st of March, DTHS had 14 students represent the school in the Mount Druitt Zone Swimming Carnival. Despite the small team, the students performed fantastically whereby Doonside was the 3rd best-performing school at the carnival. The students should all be extremely proud of their efforts, particularly those named Age Champion - Pyper Nowland (12yr Girls 1st Place), Jordan Sleaman (12yr Boys 2nd Place), Riley Sleaman (14yr Boys 1st Place), Krish Lakdawala (15yr Boys 3rd Place) and Lilly Calder (16yr Girls 2nd Place). Good luck to the selected few who are competing at the Sydney West Swimming Carnival.



Representative Sports Report

Mt Druitt Zone Girls Volleyball-

This year, DTHS had four students selected for the Mt Druitt Zone Volleyball team - Ayen, Emily, Andrea and Aina. The girls represented the Mt Druitt Zone in the Sydney West Championships where they were eligible for selection in the Sydney West team. After a long day of playing many games of Volleyball, the girls rallied around the coach for the team announcement. I am pleased to announce that Aina, Andrea and Ayen were selected for the Sydney West Volleyball team - congratulations girls!







Mt Druitt Zone Girls Soccer-

DTHS had five students represent the Mt Druitt Zone Soccer team - Stella, Aaliyah, Taya, Lilly, Marla and Gwen in the Sydney West Championships where they were eligible for selection in the Sydney West team. Unfortunately, the competition on the day was simply too strong and the Mount Druitt team just couldn't quite get a win. The girls had a great day and are eager to try again next year. Well done girls!

Sydney West Girls Volleyball-

DTHS had three students attend the NSWCHSSA Volleyball Championships, a three-day tournament, in Port Macquarie -Aina, Ayen and Andrea. The girls represented Sydney West who went on to win six of their eight games and then won the grand final.

Day 1 saw Sydney West defeat North West, Western and Sydney North, 2 sets to nil. Similarly to the first day, the second day saw the Sydney west team go on to defeat Sydney South West, the Hunter, and the North Coast 2 sets to nil. On the final day, Sydney West was defeated in their final two games by Sydney East (2-0) and South Coast (2-1). Fortunately, the Syndey West team made it to the Grand Final against South Coast, a team they lost to earlier in the day. I am pleased to report that the Sydney West team bounced back to beat South Coast two sets to nil to take out the Championships.

Aina, Ayen and Andrea played incredibly well, especially Aina Gibbons who received the 'Associations MVP Award' for Sydney West and was selected in the NSWCHSSA Volleyball Team. Well done girls!



National Touch Football Carnivall

This year, DTHS had four students play for the Sydney Scorpions at the National Touch Football Carnival - Ben Hayes, Dylan Harris, and debutants Brock Cole and Marleya Elekana. Our students were joined by the 2022 Alumni, Leua Elekana and Junel Bagus, as experienced campaigners.

In their first game, the Sydney Scorpions played SWQ Swans. With an easy victory and tries from Junel and Ben, the Scorpions went on to win, 12-2. Round two saw the Scorpions have a bye and Round three faced HW Hornets where they went on to lose, 7-2. Coming into Round 4 after a loss, the team were determined to get the win. In a nail-biting game, and with Leua helping to close the 4point lead, the NT Devils went on to defeat the Scorpions, 16-14. In their final game, the Scorpions lost to the Cobras, 10-2.

After three days of facing off against tough competitors, and playing with determination and pride, the Sydney Scorpions finished fourth in the competition. Congratulations to all DTHS representatives, particularly Ben Hayes who was presented with the "Best and Fairest" Medal by the team's Coach, Greg. A massive thank you to the Coaching staff and families who assisted our students in travelling to Coffs Harbour.

Mr. Marques





DTHS Swimming Carnival

DTHS had their annual Swimming Carnival on the 14th of February where students embraced their house spirit and competitive nature in the pool. Following all the races, Crawford came out on top with a whopping 346 Points, making them our swimming carnival champions. On top of that, the top swimmers in the school battled it out for the major title "Fastest swimmer in the school" - with a race that was extremely close, Year 11 student Timothy Sondaar took out the title. Congratulations to the 18 students who made it through to our Mount Druitt Zone Carnival as well as the 10 students who further progressed to the Sydney West Swimming Carnival.

Girl	s Age Champions	Boy	s Age Champions	
12 Years	Pyper Nowland	12 Years	Jordan Sleaman	
13 Years	Syeda Abbas	13 Years		
14 Years		14 Years	Riley Sleaman	
15 Years	Krezlee Wilcox	15 Years	Krish Lakdawala	
16 Years	Lilly Calder	16 Years	Blake Watson	
17 Years	Nikolina Lazic	17 Years	Timothy Sondaar	
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Knockout Sports Report

OPEN BOYS VOLLEYBALL-

Round 1 saw the Open Boys Volleyball team play Crestwood High School. Throughout the game, our boys dug deep and were able to make some great plays, with exceptional blocks, spikes and great rallies. Unfortunately, the team lost two sets to none. Big wraps to Tai Pumati who backed up from a day of Knockout Cricket to join the Volleyball team, and a massive thanks to some of our Girl's Volleyball team for officiating the boy's match (making our Volleyball program that bit more sustainable). We look forward to seeing the boys return in the 2024 season with two-thirds of the team still eligible to play!

OPEN GIRLS VOLLEYBALL-

The Girls Volleyball team played Glenmore Park HS in the opening round of the Sydney West Knockout Competition. From our squad of 12 girls, only 7 were able to play on the day, with many having other commitments keeping them away from the court. This brought about some nerves from our reigning champions; however, they displayed resilience, determination and teamwork to go on to win two sets to nil (21-18, 21-14). The next round will be our home game, so we will invite you all to come and watch the girls do their thing!

COACHES: Mr Halavaka and Mrs Tofa



OPEN BOYS CRICKET-

After 3 years, we finally had an Open Boys Cricket team! Round 1 saw DTHS play Parramatta HS, who won the toss and elected to bat first. Our opening bowlers, Joni-K Pickering and Syed Abbas bowled some very tight spells, and after 20 overs in the field, we had Parramatta HS 5/90. Off stumps and middle stumps were flying with Joni-K and Winston bowling and we had 2 great runouts. Unfortunately, after the drinks break, Parramatta began to take advantage of the change in bowlers and dominated with the bat. After 40 overs, we took 9 wickets but were chasing a challenging 222.

Our opening batsman Joni-K and Thomas Hunt survived the opening spells of Parramatta's fast bowlers and then the batting collapse began, with 6 ducks. The highlights of the day were Joni-K with 60 runs and Winston with 27 not out. Overall, we managed to play a full day of cricket and the boys really enjoyed themselves.



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Wellbeing Team 2023

Please see this list below for our wonderful Wellbeing Team at DTHS for 2023. You can also see them in action at the 2022 Wellbeing Conference preparing for this year!



2023 D	THS WEI	LBEING	i TEAM
POSITION		STAFF ME	MBER
Head Teacher Wellbeing		Suzanne Sh	errington
Year 6 Year Advisor		Stuart McM	
Year 7 Year Advisor		Jack Gerard	
Year 8 Year Advisor		Kimberley 1	
Year 9 Year Advisor		Dimitri Pila:	
Year 10 Year Advisor		Harrison Ble	zakley
Assistant Year Advisor		Pauline Tof	-
Year 11 Year Advisor		Anya Gover	nder
Year 12 Year Advisor		Liam Culhar	10
Assistant Year Advisor		Virginia Joh	nston
Student Leadership Team			a / Matt Metzke
PRIDE Boys			/ Fernando Navarro
PRIDE Girls			Abbie Comafay
GROW Boys		Stuart McM	
GROW Girls		Madelaine	Hudson
Girls' Advisor		Pauline Tof	9
Aboriginal Education Coord	dinator	Stevie Rae I	Harrison
Aboriginal Education Office	er	Julie Baldin	
Youth Worker/Chaplain		Bay Ayling	
Pacifica CLO		Meta Tusini	
Student Support Officer		Abbie Comi	afay / Isaac Asuncion
Counsellors		Theresa Tor	wner / Michael Fajardo
	Deputy Pr		
Year 7 & 8	Year 10		Year 9 & 11
Ben Gerard	Paul Ka	rbon	Nic Webb

Congratulations Stuart McMahon!

Our latest addition to the Wellbeing Team is our new Year 6 Advisor (Year 7 2024), Stuart McMahon. Stuart already does wonderful work in a wellbeing capacity in his role as GROW Boys coordinator. Stuart has already launched into his new role with gusto, attending meetings, assisting with transition events, and playing an instrumental part in the recent Open Night. We are so happy to have Stuart as our next Year Advisor and congratulate him on his successful application.





Scholarships

Towards the end of 2022 we had a number of students receive scholarships. Congratulations to the following students:

- Fatima Adeli of Year 11 received the Friends of Zainab Senior Secondary Scholarship
- Chloe Tottrup and Aka John of Year 12 received the VET in Schools Scholarship
- Tasha Hardy (Year 12) and Reagan Flaxman (Year 11) received the Michael Vassili Outstanding Achiever Scholarship

These students are to be congratulated and demonstrate some of the excellent work taking place at DTHS. Below is a photo of Tasha Hardy with Head Teacher Wellbeing Suzanne Sherrington at the ceremony to receive their award.

Body Image Workshop

In Week 10, students from years 7-10 participated in some workshops run by the Butterfly Foundation, an organisation which provides evidence-informed, age and developmentally appropriate programs in schools on body image and relationship with food and exercise. These areas are something we value at DTHS and it was wonderful to see students engaging with the presentations.

Barnados

We are very fortunate to have Andrea Fernandez from Barnados working at DTHS one day a week this year. Barnados Australia assist young people and their families who may be struggling with any support services they might need. Andy has begun working with some of our students and their families and has already developed a positive rapport with many. If you would like to request the support of Barnados please contact Suzanne Sherrington or the Deputy Principal of the year group. Andy will always seek permission from the family before beginning to work with them.



Dental Clinic

The NSW Health Dental Clinic will be visiting DTHS in Term 2 on the 1st of May. This is a free opportunity for all students to visit the dentist and we strongly suggest you take advantage of the opportunity. Notes have been distributed to all students by their Year Advisors

Year Advisor Updates

Year 7 : Jack Gerard

- Congratulations to Our Year 7 Age champions! 12 year boys Jordan Sleaman, 12 year girls Pyper Nowland and 13 year girls Syeda Abbas. These three students also represented DTHS at the Mt Druitt Zone Swimming Carnival. A massive congratulations to Pyper Nowland who was recognised as the Mt Druitt Zone Swimming Age Champion. Both Pyper and Riley will be representing the Mt Druitt Zone at Sydney West Swimming.
- Chum Awan and Cooper Christiansen representing DTHS at the NSW Futsal Championships.

Year 7 have an exciting Personal Development Day coming up that will be a gala day run by our Year 11 Sport Coaching Class. A great way to end an excellent term from our Year 7 cohort.



Year 8 : Kimberley Twaddle

- This Term, select students from Year 8 have been participating in the Creating Chances 'Champions' Program to develop self-awareness and become responsible learners. Students have participated in workshops and sports activities to develop their personal and social skills as they learn to understand themselves, others and their community. Students reflect on their experiences, draw out key concepts and lessons, relate the lessons to themselves and learn how to apply the key messages to their lives.
- DTHS Art Prize: Elena Fonua was awarded 2nd and Kayleb Holman 3rd place for their outstanding Art submissions
- Junior Dance Ensemble where Year 8 has 7 representatives Alexis, Angie, Emily, Keana, Maricos, Mikaela, Tarshya.
- A massive shout out to Connor Hewitt, Kayleb Holman, and Nellie-Ann Reid who represented DTHS at the Mt Druitt Zone Swimming Carnival, with both Connor and Nellie advancing to the Sydney west Swimming Carnival
- We have had many students represent the school in Knockout Sport with Dexter Batula and Nathan Lopez competing in the Open Boys Volleyball team and Georgia Ennab the Open Girls Soccer team, as well as Isa Akhtar, Lochlan Hunt and Esoufa Saibou competing in the NSW Futsal Championships.
- We had 11 students compete in the Chemistry Competition in which we had some very impressive results → Dylan Prasad (High Distinction top 10%), Mykhaiza Canja (Credit top 40%), Sakina Adeli, Mia Davies, David Fuatogi, Nathaniel Fuertes, Connor Hewitt, Zam Lazatin, Diamond Mansouri, Keana Villanveva, and Megan Xerri (top 50%) congratulations to all!
- Year 8 have also been instrumental in getting involved in whole-school events including Pi Day where David Fuatogi placed 1st after successfully reciting 100 digits of Pi, and Clean Up Australia Day Initiative whereby Year 8 collected the most rubbish in the school (8 garbage bags!).

Year 9 : Dimitrios Pilason

• Congratulations to Riley Sleaman 14 years boy champion and Krish Lakdawala 15 years boy champion at the swimming carnival. Represented DTHS at Mt Druitt Zone Swimming

Year 10 : Harrison Bleakley

- Lilly Calder and Blake Watson crowned champions of their respective age groups at the 2023 Swimming Carnival. Lilly Calder also represented the School at the Zone Swimming Carnival!
- Ayen Nyuar competed at the Sydney West Volleyball competition in Port Macquarie
- Jeremiah Sovala and Jdin Teiti competed with the Boys Opens Volleyball team against Crestwood HS
- Benjaman Campbell competed with the Opens Boys Soccer Team against Arthur Philip HS
- Aaron Pearce-Amato placed third in the Pi Day numeracy competition
- Phoebe Snow, Gloria Sue, Zainab Abbas, Sophia Dionisio and Chloe Lau have been successful in gaining entry to work experience programs with Westpac

Year 11: Anya Govender

Year 11 have been settling well into their Senior studies this year and we have a lot of students balancing their sporting commitments and their academic achievements.

This year so far we are congratulating:

- Brock Cole who travelled to Coffs Harbour to participate in the National Touch Football Carnival
- Timothy Sondaar for being age champion at the DTHS swimming carnival
- Nikolina Lazic for being aged champion at the DTHS swimming carnival
- Andrea Bolina who was selected for the Sydney West Volleyball

Year 12 : Liam Culhane

Year 12 have been continuing their HSC studies and have demonstrated their commitment through a noticeable improvement in the year group's attendance overall.

The major event on the Year 12 is their upcoming camp to The Tops Conference Centre in Stanwell Tops. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the Year 12 cohort to come together after several years of disrupted learning. The timing is wonderful as it will be the final few days of the term and will allow students to have a relaxing break before coming back to focus on their studies for the next two terms leading up to their HSC. Students will have the opportunity to develop study skills at the camp as well as partake in leisure activities. Year 12 have been working hard to fundraise for their camp, including putting on a barbeque at the recent election. Congratulations Year 12 on your efforts!



Suzanne Sherrington Relieving Head Teacher Wellbeing

ATOMI: Video learning built for maximum retention!

ATOMI is the leading online learning platform available for students at DTHS. Students across Years 9-12 are encouraged to access these free learning resources at their own pace and time, to master concepts learned in class.

Video learning for subjects including Mathematics, English, Science, PDHPE and HSIE are all available for students to access, freely!

Recently, student information sessions were organized to provide a more in-depth understanding of the platform.

For any further clarification please contact Ms Sharma or Ms Shukla on 9622 2463





A quick guide on how to access ATOMI online learning.

To activate your school account on Atomi as a student you need to accept the email invitation for your school account.

Check your email and accept the invitation

- 1. Go to your email app and open the Atomi invitation email.
- 2. Accept the invitation by clicking on the Accept invite button in the email.

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UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

WEEK 2

3/5: NSW OZTAG CHAMPIONSHIPS

WEEK 4

15/5: KO - TABLE TENNIS GALA DAY 16/5: DTHS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 16/5: BOCCIA INCLUSION CARNIVAL

WEEK 6

29/5: FLAG GRIDIRON GALA DAY 2/6: KO - BOYS UI5S BASKETBALL

WEEK 8

12/6: KO - OPEN BOYS SOFTBALL 13/6: GIRLS U14S PANTHER TROPHY 13/6: GIRLS U16S PANTHER TROPHY 14/6: SYD WEST CROSS COUNTRY



WEEK 3

8/5: ZONE CROSS COUNTRY 10/5: BOYS U14S BUCKLEY SHIELD 12/5: KO - OPEN BOYS SOFTBALL

WEEK 5

23/5: BOYS U15S PANTHER TROPHY

WEEK 7

9/6: ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

WEEK 9

20/6: SOFTBALL INCLUSION SHIELD 23/6: KO - GIRLS U15S BASKETBALL







Dates for your Calendar

Term 1, 2023

Monday 24th April 2023, Week 1 - **Staff Development Day** Tuesday 25th April 2023, Week 1 - **ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)** Wednesday 26th April 2023, Week 1 - **Students return for Term 2**

