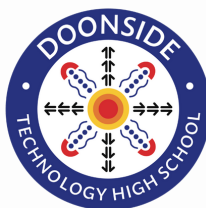


DOONSIDE TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

TERM 3 - 2022 NEWSLETTER



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TERM 3 - WHAT A GREAT TERM!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE- Mr. Colin Campbell

MAJOR State Award

It is with pleasure that I announce to the Doonside community that we have been successful in receiving a major award from the Department of Education. The award ceremony was held earlier this term and a proud achievement for The Wellbeing Team that do an outstanding job every day to support our students and led so professionally by Mr Gerard.

Our congratulations to:

Wellbeing Team – Award received by Mr Ben Gerard winner of the **Executive Directors Award for Excellence in Public Education**. These awards are selected from many that are submitted, and a selection panel makes the decision as to who is awarded. In some cases, there may be only a few awarded across the state as the quality is extremely high.

Wear it Purple Day

In week 6, it was my privilege to see our students from Years 7 – 12 participating in 'Wear It Purple' day. As a day of significance for many Australians, it focuses on LGBTQIA+ youth and the issues they face, whilst showing them they have the right to be proud of who they are and who they are becoming. I was so proud of our school community, and it just highlighted how inclusive and wonderful our school is! I would like to recognise the organisation of Ms Tomagra, Mr Pilason and of course our wonderful All Sorts group for doing an outstanding job in organising the day and making it so special.

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Student Leaders 2023

I had the pleasure recently of being on the panel to decide who our students' leaders will be for 2023. It was an absolute pleasure to be a part of this process and just so pleasing to see such wonderful young people at our school with great leadership attributes that want to make Doonside THS a better place for everyone. It was such a tough decision however I am extremely proud to announce below our student leaders for next year.

Captains



Cai Bruyn



Tavake Sime

Vice Captains



Thomas Hunt



Alyssa Arcilla

Prefects



Kayla Peltier



Phoebe Dumaog

RUOK Day

The aim of the day is to remind Australians to: Ask R U OK? No qualifications needed. Because a conversation could change a life.

Your effort can make a difference when someone in your world is struggling with life's ups and downs by helping them feel connected and supported, no matter what they might be facing.

It was wonderful for us to embrace this day as a school community and to check in on one another in a caring and compassionate manner!

A big thank you to Mr Gerard and the Wellbeing team for leading this initiative.

SASS Recognition Week – September 5 - 9

Every year the Public Service Association organises Recognition Week to acknowledge the work that School Administrative and Support (SAS) Staff do across NSW public schools.

Recognition Week is an opportunity for the school community to show our appreciation to these dedicated staff members who play such an important part in ensuring the smooth running of our schools. We are so fortunate to have such a hardworking and professional SASS team! A huge thank you to:

Ms Nat Foreshew, Ms Karen Lawrence, Ms Julie Baldin, Mr Steve Hollebon, Ms Julie Baldin, Ms Kim Sonter, Ms Marianne Surace, Ms Caitlin Williams, Ms Rebecca Guy, Ms Olivia Masic, Ms Mikaela Belcastro, Mr Shane Camilleri, Ms Chaula Doshi, Ms Kathryn Jones, Ms Freya Percuoco, Ms Teneka Kime, Ms Monika Madhok, Ms Helen Belcastro, Mr Robert Holmes, Ms Jackie Kirkpatrick, Ms Vickie Da Silva, Ms Bronwen Heap, Mr Ben Hubbard, Ms Rhonda Matheson, Ms Auriel Welsh, Ms Vicky Ross, Mr Meta Tusini, Ms Jonalyn Peralta, Ms Emma Mckinlay, Mr Colin Walden and Ms Brooke Spice.

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Best Wishes Year 12

I would like to wish our Year 12 students all the best for the HSC and their future endeavours. They have been an outstanding cohort and have demonstrated so much resilience through their final years of schooling with the challenges of COVID and experiencing lockdown etc.

The whole school community will sorely miss you however we are so proud of every one of you.

Finally, I would like to thank the students, staff, and whole school community on what has been a very busy but wonderful term for our school.

We have so many things to celebrate and it is a pleasure to lead our school!

I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday break and look forward to another great school term in Term 4.

Best wishes

Colin Campbell

Leua Elekana @CHSAC

Congratulations to Leua Elekana of Year 12, who placed 3rd overall in Long Jump at the Combined High Schools athletics competition. This is a huge sporting achievement, thank you to Leua for representing DTHS, Mt Druitt Zone and Sydney West region. We are so proud!



Science Week at DTHS

This term DTHS celebrated National Science Week, where this year's theme was Glass: More than meets the eye.

Students participated in lunchtime activities which had them building catapults to aim for a jellybean target, used detective skills to solve clues using fingerprinting forensics and cared for the animals on the school farm.

Students from Years 8, 9 and 10 also visited our local Primary Schools – Marayong South, Doonside, and Crawford Public School for the Science Week Roadshow. These students ran workshops with students in Years 3 and 4 to build kaleidoscopes and magnet mazes. They did an excellent job mentoring the students through these Science activities.



NAIDOC Week 2022

Get up, stand up, show up!

This year we were called to get up, stand up and show up for NAIDOC week. We were fortunate enough to collaborate with local feeder school Crawford Public in delivering their NAIDOC Day Activities. Our students demonstrated CORE strengths in delivering cultural games and presentations to Crawford students.

It also gave our students an opportunity to connect (and reconnect for some) with Aunty Daph local community member and AEO of Crawford Public

In order to honour our commitment to Crawford Public School we scheduled our NAIDOC celebration for Term 3 where we were fortunate enough to experience a cultural program from Walangari Katawarra. We thank the group for their time and care in sharing their traditions with the school. Students were highly engaged and participated in a number of song and dances under guidance from the group.

We were also able to invite the Stage 3 First Nation's students from Crawford Public to share in our celebration accompanied by Jas & Mr Ford. We are grateful for the opportunity to connect with our community and participate in shared celebration.



Jeans for Genes day

On August 5th we celebrated the annual Jeans for Genes Day fund-raiser for children with genetic disorders. All proceeds will be going to the Children's Hospital. Thanks to all staff/students who wore denim and supported the SRC!



National Pyjama Day

On Friday the 29th of July, Year 7 hosted National Pyjama Day. A big shoutout to all students and staff who got involved and wore their favourite pyjamas. Check out the photos of those who were best dressed on the day.



2022 Inclusion Shield – Indoor Soccer

Doonside Technology HS Support Unit students fielded two teams to participate in their third Inclusion Shield Indoor Soccer Tournament at St Marys Indoor Sports & Recreation Centre after a two-year layoff with COVID.

This year the tournament was supported by Mable and NSWsports4all. DTHS played against neighbouring Western Sydney schools and our students finished in 4th and 7th place, respectively. Throughout the day both teams showed; resilience, respect and a willingness to do their personal best. Our students are to be congratulated for their positive representation of the school community. A stand out performance for Brock Cole and Chelsea Cole saw them both nominated as 'Doonside's best and fairest' for their respective teams as they showed a willingness to include everyone in the game. A special mention to Izabelah Foreman and Allan Aquino for their leadership on the court also.

A big thank you to the following;

- Doonside THS Senior Support Unit SLR class and St Clair SVET Sports Coaching students who assisted in the organisation and officiating of the day.
- Mirella, Chere and Nigel from Mable for adding value to the event with medallions and certificates.
- St Marys Indoor Sports and Sports 4 all for their overall support with the venue and championship shield.
- Mr Marques, Mrs Kirkpatrick and Mr Brown for organising this opportunity for our students.
- A special thank you to Australian Socceroos goalkeeper Matt Ryan for his video and words of wisdom in the teams preparation for the tournament.



Jersey Day

Jersey Day was held on Friday the 2nd of September, 2022. It was initially inspired by the gift of life that Nathan Gremmo gave to six people when he became an organ donor at age 13. Jersey Day is all about raising awareness for the life saving effect being an organ donor can have and is always supported yearly by all staff and students at DTSH.



Support Unit – Police visit

On August 30th some of our Support students were lucky enough to visit Blacktown Police Station. The students received a tour of the station and got to check out some of the gear Police Officers get to use.



Support Unit – Bowling Rewards Day

On Tuesday the 13th of September, students from support classes 7X, 7/9C & 8M, went to AMF Bowling at Blacktown for their STEAM Rewards Day. The students had a great day and had heaps of fun versing each other at bowling, they even managed to score a few Strikes!



Year 7 Rewards Excursion

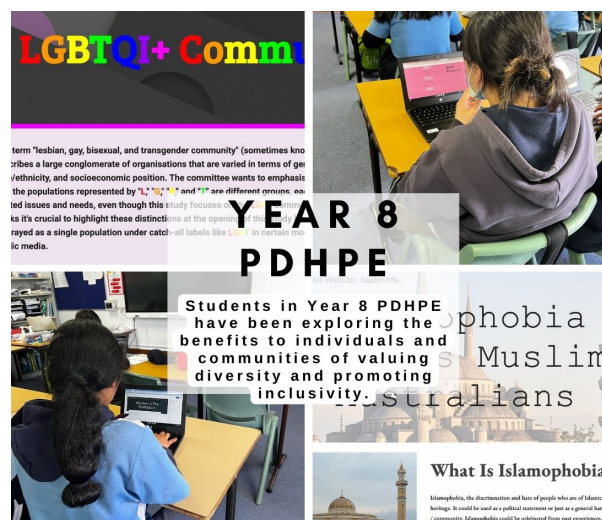
On Wednesday the 27th of July, select students from Year 7 who had demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the DTHS CORE Values, their learning and attendance, attended a rewards excursion to Flip Out. Check out the photos from their day!



Keeping up with PDHPE

Year 8

This term Year 8 have been learning about diversity and interacting respectfully with all of society. Students have demonstrated their learning through the creation of a website which educates teenagers about diversity and how to communicate respectfully.



Year 10

Year 10 have been exploring Youth Health Issues as an area of study this term. The Health Expo Assessment Task has seen the students work in groups to create a mock Health Expo where they use the resources they have designed in class and the information they have learned to educate their peers on Youth Health Issues such as Road Safety and Drug and Alcohol Abuse.



PASS & SLR

This term PASS and SLR students have investigated leisure and recreation activities. They have participated in a variety of leisure and recreation activities at school and were able to visit a local Ninja Warrior Gym with Miss Hudson and Mr Gerard. Our CORE strengths were on full display during the excursion where students were supporting each other through different obstacles and showing resilience when exercises were difficult.



Wear it Purple Day 2022

For this years WIP day the All Sorts group hosted a purple disco during period 4. It allowed allies to come and support our LGBTQI+ students. The students were filled with joy to see the support of peers, teachers, and senior executive staff.



Year 7 Life Education

This Term, Year 7 have been learning about Mindfulness. Students have been practicing mindfulness strategies to develop their toolkit to enable them to self-regulate and be present, centered, and grounded. Below are some pictures of Year 7 participating in mindfulness strategies throughout the term!



Year 7 Student of the Term

Congratulations to Mykhaiza Canja who is the Year 7 Student of the Term!

Mykhaiza is a friendly, inquisitive, diligent and a hard-working student who consistently demonstrates the DTHS CORE values of Community, Ownership and Empowerment.

In the classroom, she takes ownership of her learning by engaging in class discussion, upholding a high work ethic, and completing class work to a high standard. Mykhaiza is an exemplary role model for her peers, as evidenced in her achievement of above 90% attendance for Term 3.

Mykhaiza is to be commended on her outstanding commitment to community service. She was instrumental in facilitating 'National Pyjama Day', to raise funds and awareness for kids in Foster Care. She worked collaboratively with the Year 7 Leadership Team to design posters, make assembly announcements, and collect gold coin donations on the day, as well as, awarding students and staff awards for their support. As a result of her hard work, the Leadership Team were able to raise \$400 for the Pyjama Foundations 'Love of Learning' Program.



Well done, Mykhaiza, and keep up the inspiring work!

Miss Twaddle
Year 7 Advisor

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun



Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



= 3 days



30 mins
per day



= 18 days



Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.

Dates for your Calendar

Term 4, 2022

Monday October 10th, Week 1 - **Students return for start of period 4**

Wednesday 12th October, Week 1 - **HSC Written Exams Start**

Friday 4th November, Week 4 - **HSC Written Exams Finish**

Please note that dates are subject to change.

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