DOONSIDE TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

TERM 4 - 2022 NEWSLETTER









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TERM 4 - WHAT A GREAT YEAR!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE- Mr. Colin Campbell

Recent Events

The end of the year seems particularly busy and enjoyable with the many ceremonies and presentations that occur to recognise the hard work of many people in our school, both teachers and students.

2022 Achievements

There are many highlights for 2022 which as a school community we should be very proud of. Students, teachers, parents, and visitors have noted the improved physical environment with new LED lighting across the school. new roof on the library, inclusive space in the quad with synthetic turf laid, new bubblers with chilled water and of course our new Cola which is nearing completion and will be a fantastic space for our students to utilise. We will be working in 2022 to continue to improve other areas particularly those put forward by the student leadership team – seating and shade.

Other highlights involving our students and/or staff:

- Robotics Team competing at Macquarie University
- Executive Director's Award for our Wellbeing Team Award received by Ben Gerard on behalf of the team

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Principals Message Continued

- A collaborative art project with KPMG led by Ms Saywell. Both Shania Bovington and Indianah Byrt completed the project. This opportunity for our students was a powerful example of the richness of Aboriginal Culture and the importance of connection to Country.
- Our students attending the first ever Bunadon Art Camp led by Ms Saywell. This was an incredibly enriching experience for our students.
- Support Unit winning the National Touch Football tournament in Coffs Harbour
- · Wonderful results and achievements in both Science and Mathematics competitions
- Outstanding value-added growth again for our students in NAPLAN in the areas of both Literacy
 and Numeracy
- Students participating in Schools Spectacular
- Various wonderful sporting achievements.

Thank you to Staff

Never more than now am I thankful for the hardworking, dedicated team of staff here at Doonside and we should all be grateful that there are so many talented teachers and ancillary staff who, on a daily basis, enrich the lives of the students in our school.

My sincere thanks to you all for the outstanding commitment you demonstrate everyday at our great school.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following staff on their recent substantive appointments to our school.

- Yula Morris HT HSIE
- Chris Marques HT Special Education

I would also like to recognise a few of our staff that will be leaving us at the end of the year either permanently or for 2023.

I would like to thank Ms Parameswaren for her wonderful contribution to the Learning and Support faculty over the last few years. Vanji has been a pleasure to work with and will return to her substantive primary school teaching position.

Ms Sachdeva and Ms Tyler will be taking maternity leave in 2023 and we wish them all the very best on this exciting new chapter.

Ms Tislovich is taking leave for 2023 to pursue some new opportunities and we wish her all the very best.

Ms Werner has been successful through merit selection in being appointed to another school and we thank her for her commitment to our school community.

Principals Message Continued

Ms Tomagra has also been successful through merit selection in being appointed to another school and we thank her for her commitment to our school community.

Ms Paul is retiring after a long and distinguished career with the Department of Education spanning over nearly 40 years. Ms Paul has been a dedicated teacher and wonderful advocate for Public Education. We thank her enormously for the immense impact she has had on our school community.

Michelle Harrison is also retiring after a wonderful career in Public Education. Michelle has worked tirelessly in our Doonside school community for over 20 years and is deeply respected by all staff and students. Michelle's commitment and dedication to DTHS has been incredible and she has had an immeasurable impact on the lives of so many students.

I would like to wish all staff, students and families a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

I look forward to working with you all again in 2023 for what will be another great year for our school.

Colin Campbell

A Dam Good Time at Community Access

Students from Stage 4 Support Unit visited Warragamba Dam on Tuesday the 8th of November as part of their Community Access classes. The students received a tour of the dam and gained insights into the engineering and infrastructure used to manage our drinking water.

Thank you to Kelly Osterberg from Water NSW for your knowledge that our students were able to use in extension to what they have been learning throughout the Term.



Leadership Team 2023 Induction Ceremony

On the 16 November, our student leaders were formally inducted into the Leadership Team for 2023. Thank you to all the families who were able to attend the event and make this experience a memorable one for our new team. Congratulations!



Sports Presentation Assembly

On Tuesday, December 6, Doonside Technology High School (DTHS) hosted its first Inaugural Sports Presentation Assembly to recognise and celebrate students' sporting achievements in 2022. Check out some of the photos captured on the day!



DTHS @ The First Lego League Robotics Competition

On Saturday the 12th of November, Mr. Yu and Ms. Kugathas took students from DTHS' Lego Robotics club to compete in the First Lego League Robotics competition hosted by Bossley Park High School. It was the first competition to be run since the COVID restrictions started 2 years ago and was a fun learning experience for everyone involved.

Congratulations to all students and a special thank you to Ms. King and Ms. Sharma for letting the team use the library to practice!



Girls in STEM

On the 6th of December, stage 5 Girls in STEM had the opportunity to visit the Google Headquarters and were able to participate in several STEM activities. This included Technology and Medical aspects such as Artificial Intelligence and Biomedical Engineering. They were shown how STEM is involved and intertwined in all aspects of society and the benefits it has in bettering the country's future through STEM. It was truly a rewarding day and such a fantastic experience for our Girls in STEM group.



Sports Report

Inclusion Tenpin Bowling

Our Tenpin Bowling team came third at the 2022 Sydney West Tenpin Bowling Inclusion Carnival and qualified for the NSW State Finals! Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding accomplishments in Bowling this year.

The team included Zoe Bird, who was nominated for the DTHS Spirit Award, Brock Moss-Brady who was nominated as team MVP, Neha Koirala and Nate Davies.

Thank you also to coaches Ms. Lyon and Ms. Kirkpatrick for leading the team to victory!



Inclusion Indoor Soccer Shield

Students participated in the Inclusion Indoor Soccer Day where they represented DTHS with pride. Our teams finished 4th and 7th. Congratulations to Chelsea Cole and Brock Cole on being named the Most Valuable Players! Congratulations also to Izabelah Foreman and Allan Aquino for earning the Spirit awards.



Sports Report - Part 2

Inclusion Softball Team

Congratulations to our DTHS Inclusion Softball team who were crowned Champions at the 2022 Inclusion Softball Event. An outstanding performance from MVP Hezekaiah Takau-Terepo (year 9) who led the team to victory. An additional congratulations to Brianna Lawlis who earned the Spirit award on the day. All students are commended for their achievements and for representing our school with pride.



Inclusion Touch Football

Congratulations to the Sydney Rebels Touch Football team for becoming the 2022 National Champions! Several students from our school participated in this event. Their athleticism, resilience and can-do attitude earned them first place at the NTLs. This is a huge achievement and something we are all very proud of. The MVP of the team was named Dylan Harris and the Spirit certificate was awarded to Leua Elekana. Both of these boys have contributed significantly to the success of DTHS sports over the years and should both be commended for their sportsmanship.



Sports Report - Part 3

Mt Druitt Zone Sport

Term 4 has seen much success on the Sydney West pathway for sport. Congratulations to the following students representing DTHS, as well as Mt Druitt Zone, in their respective sports.

Mathew Ayoub (futsal), Majok Awan (futsal), Lilly Calder (Oztag), Aaliyah Tamaka (Oztag), Maddison Eaton (Oztag), Hailey Wheatley (Oztag), Taya Zammit (Oztag), Thomas Hunt (Oztag) and Zechariah Makatule-Fineanganofo (Oztag).



Mt Druitt Zone Sports Presentation

We are also proud to announce that 13 of our DTHS students were invited to the Mt Druitt Zone Sports Presentation Assembly to receive prestigious awards for their athletic efforts over the year. Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding sporting achievements:

Aina Gibbons (Zone Blues) Nellie-Ann Reid (12 Girls Swimming Champion) Aidan Wheatley (12 Boys Cross Country) Mercy Polu (13 Girls Athletics) Conner Hewitt (13 Boys Swimming) Riley Sleaman (13 Boys Swimming) Krish Lakdawala (14 Boys Swimming) Nikhil Jowaheer (14 Boys Athletics) Adhot Deng (15 Girls Cross Country) Lilly Calder (15 Girls Swimming & Athletics) Gwennahvive Vasquez (15 Girls Athletics) Timothy Sondaar (16 Boys Swimming) Joni-K Pickering (17 Boys Cross Country)



Sports Report - Part 4

House Captains 2023

Congratulations to the following students on being elected as House Captains for 2023:

BRUCE: Lilly Calder and Bianca Allen **CRAWFORD:** Tamara Harris and Riley Geddes **STUART:** Andrew Patrick and Jeremiah Sovala WALLACE: Gwennahvive Vasquez and Joseph Walker

These students participated in a training and induction session, where they learnt how best to fulfill the duties of their new leadership roles. We are so proud to have these students on board and we look forward to seeing what they bring to their respective house groups next year.



School Spectacular

Selected students from Years 7-12 performed at School Spectacular. School Spectacular is a statewide performance with over 4,700 participants from NSW Public Schools. A huge congratulations to Adam Vassallo for his tireless work with the entertainment crew. Also, to Emily Perkins, Hannah Norman and Ainsley Doolan for their amazing work with the dance ensemble performing 'Fight Song' and 'Let's Go Crazy'. Finally, congratulations to Jessica Buda, Jaasiah-Lee Craigie, Zoie Ferrer, Junel Bagus, Neha Koirala, Kupa Mitiau, Emilia-Julianna Reyes, Jose Santa-Ana, Mia Scott, Eliza Toledano, Justin Wilkes and Nyakir Mabil for their beautiful harmonies in the choir and for their efforts in memorising 22 songs in total! The event will be televised on the 17th of December on Channel 7 at 7:00pm, we hope you can tune in to support the students.



Year 7 Gala Day

On Wednesday, November 2nd, Year 7 attended their Gala Day and participated in their Sport House groups in either a Touch Football or Netball round-robin tournament. Students were supported by the Year 9 PASS and Year 12 Sports Coaching students who assisted with coaching, refereeing, and scoring on the day!

Congratulations to House Stuart who won both the Touch Football and Netball tournaments. A special shoutout to our MVPs, Jason Gregoraci and Faith Lauina and our Spirit Award winners, Sydnie Rikiriki and Nathan Lopez. Thank you to all students for an outstanding day!



HPGE Soccer Clinic

On Tuesday, November 8, our two PDHPE Student Teachers, Miss Takache and Mr Nalbandian held a Soccer Clinic for our HPGE Soccer players. Students participated in various workshops to practice and learn new skills. Students then participated in a friendly round-robin tournament to demonstrate their Soccer skills and capabilities.



Visual Arts Program and Doonside's First Art Camp

This year selected students from Years 8, 9, and 10 were chosen to be a part of a High Potential Art Program that targeted students who had demonstrated a particular love, passion, and potential in the Visual Arts. This program was funded and supported by the Minister's Art Grant which Miss Saywell applied for and the school received at the beginning of the year. Students in the program have engaged in fortnightly 2-hour lessons where they were taught a range of skills and techniques using a wide array of materials and media. The targeted program has seen students create works across a variety of themes and styles, while also having the opportunity to be supported on a 1 on 1 basis by the program coordinator. The work coming out of this program is incredibly exciting, and we cannot wait to show you more of it in 2023.

In Term 4, the students were provided with an opportunity to attend the school's first Art Camp, held at Bundanon Gallery, Illaroo, located on land once owned by the late Australian artist, Arthur Boyd. The camp was funded by the Art Grant and would not have ever been possible without it. Of the 10 students who attended the camp, 9 had never been on a Highschool camp, their elation, motivation, and engagement during camp expressed their gratitude for the opportunity that the grant provided them. While on camp students created works inspired by the beautiful landscape of the Wodi-Wodi tribe of the Yuin nation, they developed skills in charcoal drawing, painting and watercolor mark making. They also came across native wildlife including 2 red-belly black snakes, a wombat, a goanna and some cheeky mosquitoes! The feedback from students reflects the unprecedented impact of the camp on the student's skills, confidence, and sense of connection.

The work that has been produced over the course of the year, and at camp will be displayed next year in an exhibition at the school. The works will also form a basis for fundraising initiatives such as calendars and gift cards, in the hopes of elevating Visual Arts opportunities for other students. In very exciting news, due to the success of the HPGE Art Program and the first Visual Arts camp, the philanthropy team at the Bundanon Gallery has committed to donating funds that will see 20 students attend the camp in 2023, 2024 and 2025, with the camp fees fully covered along with transportation to and from Illaroo. This generosity and commitment to our students will ensure that the transformative power of art continues to impact students at our school for years to come.

Miss Saywell would like to thank the following students for making the first year of the HPGE Art Program such a tremendous success, and for their hard work and dedication to exploring and making incredible art; Desmond Gywn, Maria Dumaog, Hannah Franco, Emilia-Julianna Reyes, Brayden Bell, Phoebe Snow, Zainab Abbas, Rhiannon Gordon, Shania Bovington, Kupa Mitiau, Justin Sia and honorary mention to Caleb Johnson who joined us on camp and saved us from the red-bellies. Miss Saywell would like to also thank Mr. Gerard for assisting in supervising the camp and demonstrating his inner Picasso prowess.

Visual Arts Program and Doonside's First Art Camp - Part 2





















Year 7 PDHPE

This term in PDHPE, Year 7 have been learning about Water Safety. As part of their unit of work, students learned about applying First Aid to water-based scenarios. Check out some of the photos of Year 7 practising and applying DRSABCD.



Year 7 Water Safety Awareness Program

To finish their unit of work for this term, Year 7 completed two days of water safety awareness training at Blacktown Aquatic Centre. All students participated in a series of sessions that focused on personal safety, survival swimming, stroke development and rescue skills. Our CORE Strengths were on full display during the two days where students were supporting each other through challenges showcasing courage, resilience and determination in the water. Congratulations Year 7 on completing your water safety awareness training!



Doonside vs Dunheved Rugby League Shield

On Friday, December 2, our Schools' Rugby League Teams competed in the annual 'Doonside vs Dunheved Rugby League Shield'. The school fielded three teams – U16s Girls, Junior Boys (Year 7-8) and Senior Boys (Year 9-10). Our teams displayed grit, leadership, and excellent teamwork throughout the day, resulting in all teams being undefeated – each taking out three-of-three wins. As a result, Doonside were able to retain the shield, previously won in 2020.

Congratulations to each of the players' players of the tournament – Tyra Pritchard and Ekala Gordon (U16s Girls), Warrigal Gordon and Kordell Pritchard (Junior boys); and Zechariah Makatule-Fineanganofo and Thomas Hunt (Senior Boys). Coaches, Miss Twaddle, Miss Harrison, and Meta would like to commend all students on their performance displayed throughout the day.



Agriculture @ DTHS

This Agriculture Term, Year 9 participated in horticulture а workshop. This workshop gave students the opportunity to learn about plant health, different soil types, and growing mediums. They were also given an insight into career futures in the industry. The workshop gave them the opportunity for some hands-on experience with preparing and planting in a garden bed.



Whats been happening in CAPA

CAPA had a fantastic term with huge successes across all KLA's. In particular the CAPA staff would like to congratulate the HSC students, and students from Year 12 and Year 11 Music who were selected to perform at the recent Artbeats Showcase. Well done to Megan Aguilina, Samar Hamdy, Lleyten Skeen, Aina Gibbons, Phoebe Dumaog, Alyssa Arcilla, and Mae-Anne Prado for their stunning performances.

Year 12 VA

CAPA would like to congratulate our Year 12 Visual Arts students who finalised and finished their Body of Work last term and sat their HSC exams in November. The students have worked tirelessly to develop their skills, techniques and concepts over the past 12 months. We would like to congratulate the Year 12 Visual Arts students on their achievements and in particular Micah Franco who received a Band 6! Year 10 VA



Year 10 Visual Arts students developed skills in painting, composing and designing artworks based on a series of images they took of lollies. They CAPA showcased their work at the ArtBeats Showcase in Week 6, and received very well deserved accolades and congratulations.



Keira-Leigh Davis - Year 12 "Flight, Fight, Freeze"

Year 8 VA

Students in Year 8 have been learning about Picasso and have developed skills in using symbols to communicate meaning in artworks. They are currently in the process of creating 3D portraits out of recycled cardboard that reflect a

Sample image from Micah Franco chosen emotion through the use of colour and symbols Year 12



Yr 12 Music

Students sat their HSC performance exams on 7/9/22. Many hours of work have gone into their performances and we wish all our students the very best

Yr 11 Music

Final days of being Yr 11. Students have worked very hard to complete all tasks. Viva Voce presentations on Film Music were excellent and performances were above and beyond.



Yr10 Justin Sia "Snakes and Lollies"

"All about the Candy" Year 9 Music

Students have been studying the topic of "Australian Music". They have made suggestions on which Australian artists they would like to study and have also been composing their own music.

Year 8 Music

This Term Year 8 students have been studying the fundamental genre of "The Blues". It has been great witnessing students become more confident with playing both guitar and keyboard!

Year 7 CAPA

In Year 7 Music, students have been creating their own beats on Soundtrap. Some students have come up with some very creative music! In Year 7 Visual Arts, students have been using air dry clay to create food sculptures. Keep up the good work Year 7!

Whats been happening in CAPA

VET Entertainment

Year 12 have finished all their cluster tasks and are now revising for exams. They should be very pleased with their efforts in getting to this stage. Year 11 are about to submit their second cluster task on lighting. They have worked hard this term learning how to operate the lighting desk. Year 11 students Chloe Tottrup and Marla Tapu outdid themselves through their seamless operation of the audio and backstage requirements for the Artbeats Showcase. A huge congratulations to Year 11 student Adam Vassallo who has been selected for the Student Production Team at this year's Schools Spectacular. We wish him all the best!

Visual Design

Year 11 Visual Design students were tasked with redesigning a classroom space for their 'Structures and Environments' unit. Students worked tirelessly to design and paint colourful murals to brighten up the learning environment in C20. They should be congratulated on the hard work and seamless teamwork that went into transforming C20 into such a fun and vibrant space!



Year 11 Visual Design students repainting C20



Shelf redesign by Sardonyx Pakoti



Mushroom Mural by Shaelyn Wiapo



Wall mural by Phoebe Dumaog

Year 9 PDM

In photography Year 9 students have been developing their photoshop skills. They have had a lot of fun transforming their favourite teachers into different fruits, animals, and objects!

NSW Art Gallery

The Art Gallery of NSW has expanded and before the official opening on 3rd December DTHS and 50 selected schools were invited to have a sneak preview. Selected students from Years 8-12 were greeted at the expansive new undercover meeting area. Before we entered the glass entry we passed through a 'smoking' ceremony by elders of the Indigenous community, to the new Sydney Modern gallery. On the first level is the new Yiribana space highlighting the Ingidegenous artworks of Australia. Students enjoyed exploring this space with large installation works as well more traditional pieces. The new building is over four levels with an outside courtyard overlooking Woolamaloo. We then explored the new learning area on level two that had a giant table set up in which each of us took a small handful of clay that we rolled in our hands while meditating. Lunch was provided for us by the Art Gallery of NSW and was held in the outside courtyard up on the rooftop. Then to the 'Tank' an exhibition space which originally was an oil tank for the Naval base at Garden Island, amazing. Then back up to level three to see the 'Dream House' exhibition that is exhibiting the house sculptures that Yr7 made, that are now part of the Alfredo and Isabel Aquilizan installation. Ms Saywell and Ms Tislovich enjoyed sharing this special preview day with our Doonside students.





Miss Outridge by Jaime-Lee Gollan

Mr James by Chelsey DeGuzman





Farewell Michelle Harrison

Michelle Harrison has been a pillar of our community for over 28 years, and will remain so, though not in the same capacity as previous years. With deep gratitude and well wishes for her we celebrate her retirement and thank her for the time, care and love she has given our school and the wider community. As our Aboriginal Education Officer she has been dedicated to the transition, settling, education and wellbeing care of not only our Aboriginal students but also anyone who crossed her path. Her service to Western Sydney Education and Doonside Technology is one to be praised and she leaves behind a legacy of care and compassion.



I sat down with Michelle recently to reflect on her time here and seek insight about how she was feeling. With overwhelming emotion she expressed just how much love she has for our kids and staff.

"When I am at school- they are my family, and when I come home I still think about them"

"I want to say to the staff, students and off of the community- I will miss you. I'll miss my kids and their families. I've been here for over 28 years. I knew their parents and even some of their grandparents. I wish them the best for the future. I just want them to enjoy life and always respect people. Tell them- to be true to yourself- lying only hurts you."

To the staff she added a thank you "they always made me feel like I have had a place to belong."

Thank you to you Michelle- here is a poem that summarizes your strength and service to our community

'her' – 'she', is all our women who have been before us, they are the past that remains within us, their lives and spirits are why we are here. 'She' – our founding mothers, the first women who have walked this land for millennia, and have birthed and nurtured centuries of our people into existence. 'She', who has carried our stories and knowledge, so we hold in our hands today our societal values of intergenerational learning, care and responsibility for our land, our families and communities 'She', has always known that our children, whether they are hers or someone else's are our future, the carriers of these lessons which enable our society to thrive from one generation to the next.

(From Ms June Oscar AO, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner 'BECAUSE OF HER, WE CAN' National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Conference)

Year 7 Life Education

This Term, Year 7 have been learning about Gratitude. Students have been working cooperatively to create a "what are we grateful for?" video to be viewed at their Term 4 CORE Strength Assembly. Check out some of the quotes, from the Year 7 Gratitude Video, below!



Year 7 Student of the Term

Congratulations to Maricos Cruz who is the Year 7 Student of the Term!

Maricos is a conscientious and respectful 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. Maricos is an exemplary role model for her peers, as evidenced in her achievement of above 95% attendance for Term 4.

Maricos is to be commended on her outstanding commitment to the wider school community. She was a part of the Schools Primary to High School Transition program where she helped facilitate and lead Creative and



Performing Arts lessons to Year 6 students. Maricos has also been instrumental in organising Year 7's Term 4 CORE Assembly, playing a key role as the Master of Ceremony (MC) and creating student-awarded certificates for her peers.

Well done, Maricos. Keep up the inspiring work!

Miss Twaddle Year 7 Advisor



Doonside Technology High School Uniform Shop Hours

The last open day for Term 4 is Wednesday 14th December 2022.

Open Hours Term 1 2023

Jan 25th 2023 - Wednesday (School Holidays) - 9:00am - 12:00pm

Jan 27th 2023 - Friday (Pupil Free Day) - 9:00am - 12:00pm

Jan 30th 2023 - Monday (Pupil Free Day) - 9:00am - 12:00pm

Jan 31st 2023 - Tuesday - 8:30am - 10:00am

Feb 1st 2023 - Wednesday - 8:30am - 1:00pm

Feb 2nd 2023 - Thursday - 8:30am - 10:00am

Feb 3rd 2023 - Friday - CLOSED

Then open 8:30am - 1:00pm Every Wednesday

Any enquires can be made direct to Excel Uniforms Phone: 0405 506 383 or Email: dths@exceluniforms.com.au

Dates for your Calendar

Term 1, 2023

Friday 16th December 2022, Week 10 - Last Day of School for Students Monday 19th December 2022, Week 11 - Staff Development Day Friday 27th January, Week 1 - **Staff Development Day** Monday 30th January, Week 2 - Staff Development Day Tuesday 31st January, Week 2 - Years 7, 11 and 12 return for Term 1 Wednesday 1st February, Week 2 - Years 8, 9 and 10 return for Term 1



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Please note that dates are subject to change.