

DOONSIDE TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

TERM 1 2019 NEWSLETTER



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TERM 1- WHAT A SUCCESS!

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE- MRS. JANET HARDING

Western Sydney University –

Congratulations to our fabulous Year 9 students who join an elite group of “Fast Forward” students in Years 10, 11 & 12 who are destined for university studies post school. First introduction to university life was Tuesday night 2.4.19 and I was very proud to see each of them in the university environment. Thanks to parents and Ms Foord and Ms Sharma for being there to celebrate. Our Newly Formed SRC-

We have big plans for these students to develop their team work and collaboration skills through work with KPMG. These students included are listed in the image on the side.

School Plan 2019 – 2020

We have plans to focus on the following as a school over the next two years:

- Creating student and class profiles
- Writing
- Creating a dedicated numeracy team
- Life Education curriculum
- New ways of engaging students in learning
- Technology across the curriculum
- Leadership of staff and students

Farewell

This last week of Term also marks the retirement of our wonderful Business Manager, Kathy Trew. She has been the backbone of so much that happens here and after 17 years of service to our school, we wish her only the very best.

BUSH	Jayden	7
COLLINS	Isaac	7
TOMPKIN	Lily	7
YANEZA	Emily	7
BEAVER	Briana	8
BRUYN	Cai	8
HEATH	Charlotte	8
PELTIER	Kayla	8
AQUILINA	Megan	9
BOJIC	Nikolina	9
BUSH	Tahlya	9
HAMDY	Samar	9
JAVIER	Kelly	9
FALETOLU	Emma	10
SHILLINGSWORTH	Tjanarlee	10
SORIANO	David	10
TRY	Harrison	10
AQUILINA	Tara	11
GLINA	Maximillian	11
MACKANDER	Jessica	11
NARAYAN	Hana	11
SAN DIEGO	Robinne	11
AUNG	Yadana	12
AWAN	Nyandiing	12
BASA	Victor	12
MCLEISH	Abbi	12
TABONE	Jessica	12
TE ATUA	Chance Rangi	12


One of the new ways of teaching and learning is Project Based Learning – preparing students for tomorrow, engaging them today.

You will hear more and more about this as teachers and students work together to develop this as an integral part of our teaching and learning programs. Schools are using the teaching method of project based learning and are making this choice for two reasons:

- When school is more exciting, students learn better
- When school teaches students more than basic information skills, they are better prepared for their future.

Congratulations must go to two Year 11 students who saw a need for our school and decided to do something about it. For a while now we have needed a new BBQ and Ayesha Lata and Robinne San Diego took the initiative to write to Bunnings requesting support. Last week Bunnings delivered free of charge a wonderful new BBQ and a gazebo. Thanks to these two students for their efforts so that we may all enjoy this upgrade. Great leadership in our community!

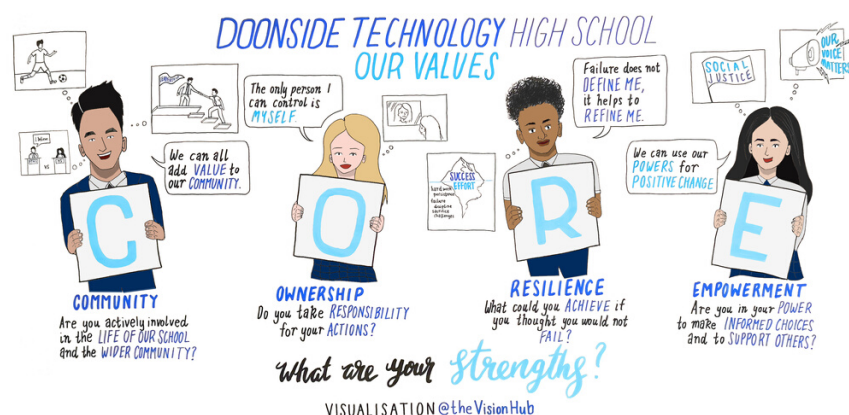
Janet Harding

 OUR VALUES	
At DTHS, our values are reflected through our C.O.R.E Strengths	
C	COMMUNITY We are proud and valued members of the Doonside community. We all seek opportunities to engage in initiatives and create relationships that support, foster and encourage positive change. <i>Are you actively involved in the life of our school and the wider community?</i>
O	OWNERSHIP We take ownership of our actions. We use self-regulation and reflection strategies as methods to ensure continual self-improvement and growth. <i>Do you take responsibility for your actions?</i>
R	RESILIENCE We effectively create a culture that promotes a growth mindset. We actively embrace taking risks, perceiving failure as an opportunity for development and readily embracing feedback. Students recognise the relationship between effort and success. <i>What could you achieve if you thought you would not fail?</i>
E	EMPOWERMENT We are empowered to make positive choices. We recognise the need for autonomy and provide opportunities for student voice and collaboration. <i>Are you in your power?</i>
STRENGTHS We take a strengths based approach that concentrates on the inherent strengths of the individual. We recognise that everyone has strengths and abilities and that success stems from the development of these strengths and abilities. <i>What are your strengths?</i>	

DTHS C.O.R.E Strengths

In 2018, DTHS launched our new school values.

The values were established after consultation between staff and students to reflect what we as a school and community believe are important to us. Known as our CORE Strengths, the aim is for students and staff to understand the importance of belonging to and caring for our COMMUNITY, understanding that we must take OWNERSHIP of our behaviour, the importance of demonstrating RESILIENCE in times of adversity and the value of EMPOWERMENT through helping others and creating positive change. Our core values are underpinned by the notion that we must focus on our individual STRENGTHS in order to flourish.



Year 11 Girls Focus Program

During Term 1 DTTHS had eight year 11 girls participate in the FOCUS program initiated by ABCN. Focus involves students working in small groups with female executives who act as role models and mentors. It aims to support young women to develop their leadership skills and aspire to senior roles in business and the community – to improve achievement and foster a sense of self-belief that will encourage students to aim high and have confidence in their leadership abilities. Sessions include an introduction to leadership styles, realising strengths and creating a leadership picture.



Mathematics Faculty Message



Scientific Calculators

**All students are required to bring a scientific calculator to every mathematics lesson.
Calculators can be bought from the school office for \$20.**

Mathematics Homework Help

**Ms Spoulos is available to help students with their homework during lunchtime in A20 on
Tuesday Week A's and Thursday Week B's.**

Mathspace

The school has purchased the online mathematics program Mathspace. This program gives students personalised mathematics help with interactive practice questions, step-by-step feedback, and video lessons. Students have been given a class code from their teacher to join this program. The teacher sets tasks that align with what students are doing in class to be completed at home.

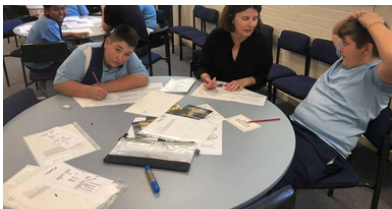
Year 8

Story Factory

Ghouls, goblins, and giggles, oh my! This term Year 8 have been working with Story Factory to create bone-chilling ghost stories sure to surprise and cause shrieks of laughter. Story Factory delivers creative writing story telling workshops across Sydney designed to build literacy, confidence, and creativity: essential skills young people need to shape their future. With guidance from a team of tutors, Year 8 built on their classroom studies of the horror genre and learnt how to craft stories incorporating suspense, ghosts and a dash of humour all into the one tale. We have had an amazing term and are looking forward to more adventures at Doonside!



Story
FACTORY



"I enjoyed everything because of the people the way they helped out, they are awesome!"

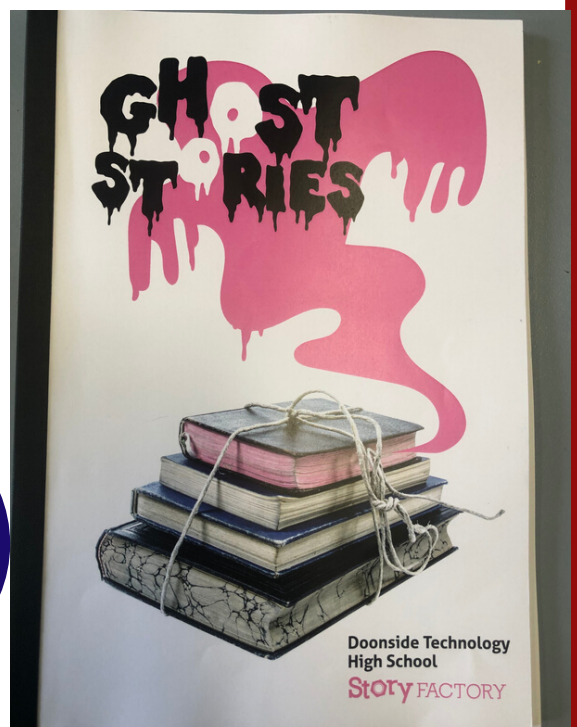
Chelsea Nicholson

"Story factory was fun and I got to write a story about what I wanted to write about."

Marla Tapu

"I enjoyed Story Factory because you get to write your own story."

Jeffrey Pihema-Stewart



DTHS Cross Country Carnival

On Friday the 5th of April, DTHS hosted its annual Cross Country Carnival! While the rain didn't hold off for long, the students powered through and gave the 3km run their best. On the day the Year 8 GROW students and Mr. Saxon also hosted a BBQ Fundraiser in support of the Westmead Children's Hospital. Thank you to all students and teachers who helped out with the BBQ and a big congratulations to all the students who competed on the day in the Cross Country, we wish the best of luck to you as you progress through to the next level Zone!



Beastman Mural

Dreams really do come true. The graduating class of 2018 are proof of that.

For over 2 years the students of the 2018 graduating class have worked tirelessly to raise funds for a mural for the school hall. This idea stemmed from an excursion we attended in the city, walking through Barangaroo. Students loved the murals and bright colours they saw and it sparked the idea that perhaps for their Year 12 gift to the school they could fundraise for a mural to beautify our learning environment. They were in Year 10 at the time and were so excited by the idea that they asked if I would try and contact the artist whose work they had seen in Barangaroo. Being an art teacher, I was sceptical as I knew that the artist was Beastman, an internationally renowned street artist and that it would be a long shot. However, they were determined it was Beastman they wanted and so the dream grew. I contacted Beastman and he agreed and said he would love to complete a work at DTHS.

We used Kickstarter (an online fundraising platform) to raise \$12,000 to have Australian Street Artist Brad Eastman, who goes by Beastman come to our school and create a legacy as a gift to the school from the graduating year group. Being that no public school had ever used Kickstarter, there was no department policy that provided clear guidelines. We fought hard for 9 months to gain approval to use Kickstarter as a platform with support of our Principal Janet Harding and amazing Business Manager Kathy Trew. From here the students wrote a script, directed and produced a short video to accompany our Kickstarter campaign and we launched in August 2018 after two years of trying to get it off the ground. With 1 day left to spare on our 30 day all or nothing campaign, we reached our goal the day the students had their Year 12 Graduation Ceremony.

To say that we were elated would be an understatement. These students have made history. We will have a famous artist come and complete a unique work that will stand forever overlooking the school quad. I am beyond proud of the achievement of these students, who have had to overcome many obstacles and hurdles to make this dream come true, including painting an undercoat on the wall in the crazy dust storm and rain we had late last year. We are so close to completion and on the last day of term 1 2019, Beastman will arrive from Bali where he is currently living. He will present a short talk to DTHS Visual Arts students and other local high school Visual Arts students before beginning the mural on the school hall. The mural will be completed in time for the start of term 2 and the artist will be back in July for the formal unveiling of the mural to the community and all those who donated and backed the project through Kickstarter. We are so lucky to be a part of a community who rallies around each other and helps put the foundations under the dreams that our students conjure up!

Lori Saywell

Watch This
Space!



Year 12 Business Studies at Channel 9

On March 22nd, our Year 12 Business Studies class had the opportunity to visit the Channel 9 studios in Sydney, where they obtained a greater understanding of the media business and the news industry.

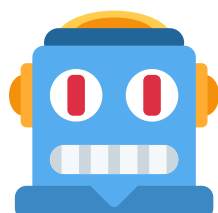
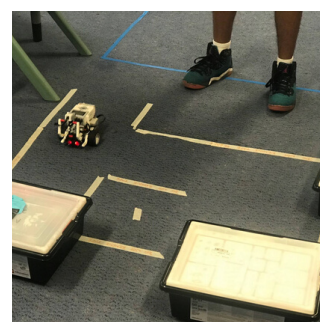
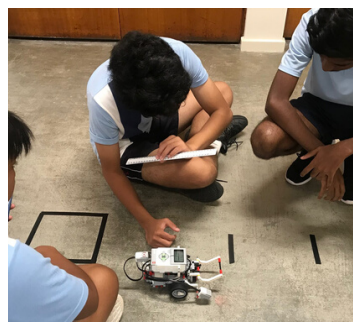
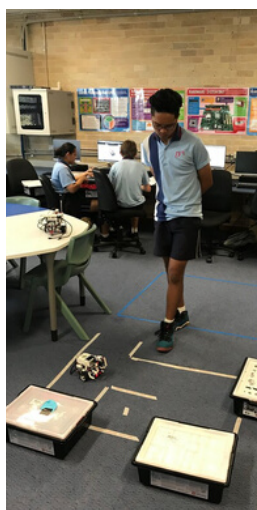
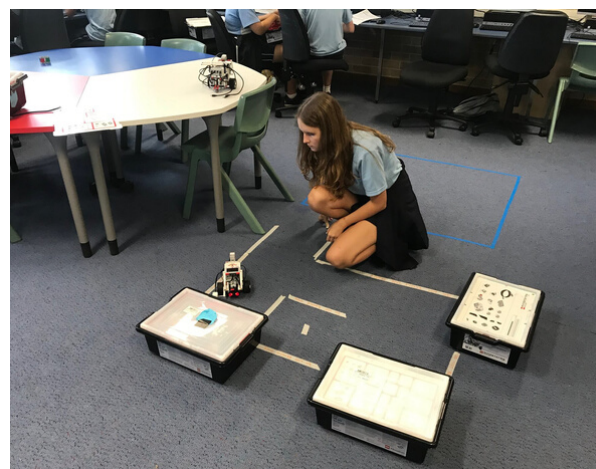
Thank you to Jason Echo, Head of Video and Microsoft Sales at Channel 9 for affording this opportunity for our students and to Ms. Gonzalez for sharing this with our school community.



Year 10 IST - Robotics & Automated Systems

Year 10 Information & Software Technology (IST) have been learning about Robotics & Automated Systems this term. They have been using Canvas (our Online Learning Environment) to learn about the purpose, types and functions of robots. They have also been improving their practical programming and robotics skills through a series of learning challenges with Lego Mindstorms EV3 robots.

Thank you to Mr. Hayes and Ms. Bateup for sharing this with our school community.



DTHS Star Students



CHANCE TE ATUA

SELECTED TO PLAY IN THE
REPRESENTATIVE OPEN BOYS
SYDNEY WEST BLUE TEAM!



Term 1



CHRISTINA TABONE

THE 2018 NRL YOUTH
ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR,
CHRISTINA TABONE OF YEAR
11, WILL FEATURE IN THE
UPCOMING MEDIA PIECE
ABOUT HER LEADERSHIP AND
CONTRIBUTION TO THE WIDER
COMMUNITY.





Get to Know our staff!

Principal

Ms. Janet Harding

Deputy Principals

Mr. Owen Hayes

Mr. Paul Karbon (Rel)

Mr. Colin Campbell (Rel)

School Captains

Abbi McLeish

Victor Basa

Vice Captains

Jessica Tabone

Nyandiing Awan

Prefects

Chance Te Atua
Yadana Aung

Year

7

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Year Adviser

Dianne Bateup

Elizabeth Sharp

Michelle Foord

Ethan Halavaka

Chris Marques

Jessica Hartland

Head Teachers

Administration

Creative Arts

English

HSIE

Learning Support

Library

Mathematics

PDHPE

Science

Support

TAS

Welfare

School office

Business Manager

Mr. Owen Hayes

Ms. Jennifer Tislovich

Ms. Tahnee Rolfe- Tue, Wed, Thurs

Mr. Jamie Campbell- Mon, Fri

Mr. Manny Singh

Ms. Natasha Garrety

Ms. Carolyn King

Ms. Stacy Spoulos

Mr. Nathan Brown- (REL)

Ms. Keerti Shukla

Ms. Roslyn Paul

Ms. Tricia Saunders

Mr. Ben Gerard (REL)

Ms. Jessica Quinn

Ms. Karen Lawrence

Careers Adviser

Ms. Shweta Sharma

School Counsellors

Ms. Catherine Lange- M, W, Th,
and wk A, F

Ms. Ally Robinson- Tue,
and wk B, F



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Autumn School Holiday Activities



Check out our school holiday activities for primary school students

Get an interactive presentation on the new \$50 banknote and discover banknote security features.

Explore the Museum with a treasure map and learn about the history of Australia.

Autumn Session Times

Sessions for Kindergarten – Year 2
Monday, 15 April, 10.00 am – 11.30 am
Wednesday, 17 April, 10.00 am – 11.30 am
Sessions for Year 3 – Year 6
Monday, 15 April, 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm
Wednesday, 17 April, 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm



Cost: FREE (bookings essential)
Bookings can be made online
via the Museum Website
www.museum.rba.gov.au/events

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Dates for your Calendar

Term 2, 2019

3rd May - ANZAC Assembly

13th May - Mt Druitt Zone Cross Country Carnival

14th - 16th May - NAPLAN

21st May - 2019 Athletics Carnival

27th - 31st May - Reconciliation Week

5th June - Panthers Female Gala Day

5th June - NSW History Competition

12th June - SW Region Cross Country Carnival

21st June - Mt Druitt Zone Athletics Carnival

1st - 5th July - National NAIDOC Week



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