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Principal’s Report

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Deloraine High School,

It’s been a great start!

Congratulations to students for the high levels of engagement in learning that I have observed over the past few weeks. A few examples of the learning include: activities to demonstrate an understanding of the DHS 3B’s, Science experiments with the purpose of identifying precipitates, role playing in Drama, poetry studies, problem solving in Maths, performances in Music, a note-taking activity in History about WW II. It is very pleasing to see students valuing their learning and giving their best.

Staffing

On Friday 12th February we farewelled Ms Mel Petterwood who finished at Deloraine High to work in Launceston schools. Mel made a fantastic contribution to Deloraine High School and is appreciated by students, staff and parents. On behalf of the Deloraine High School community I would like to wish her well. Welcome to Ms Karen Pennington-Smith who is our new Social Worker. Karen will be working at our school each Thursday and Friday.

Uniform

It has been pleasing to see students wearing the uniform correctly. The office stock a large range of clothing items at reasonable prices. I would like to clarify the requirements of footwear. The colour of socks for girls and boys is white (plain white without markings, additional colours or logos) and the requirement of shoes for girls and boys is black (plain black, without markings, additional colours or logos).

Communication

Students have been provided with a Deloraine High School diary. The diary has been provided to assist students with planning and communication. The diary should be used to record homework, significant dates and requirements as well as communication to and from home. Parents are encouraged to check the diary regularly.

Communication between home and school is an important factor in establishing a partnership to ensure your child’s success at school. By now parents would have received a phone call from your child’s Core teacher informing you of your child’s start to the year. If you have concerns at any stage of the year and need to speak to teachers please either phone, email or make an appointment to speak with them at school.

Post Grade 10

The Trade Training Centre based at Deloraine High School offer some valuable courses and programs to members of the community who wish to gain skills for the workforce. Some
courses include: Community Services, Aged Care, Hospitality and Horticulture.

I was fortunate to be invited recently to a graduation ceremony for students who completed a Community Service Course. Students who graduated expressed a sense of achievement and pride and many are continuing their studies.

I am pleased to advise that a small number of Grade 11 students will complete their education at the Trade Training Centre this year. Students are aiming to achieve their TCE as well as gain skills to enhance their employability.

School visit
On Friday students were treated to a display of Shimjang Taekwondo at lunch time. The visitors showed students a number of board breaking techniques as well as self-defence moves. Thanks to our chaplain Jen for organising this presentation.

Swimming Carnival
The Deloraine High School Swimming Carnival will be held next Thursday 10th March at the Deloraine Primary School swimming pool from 9.00 am-10.40 am and parents/carers are welcome to attend. Finalists in these events will represent Deloraine High School at the Inter-High School swimming carnival later in the term.

The Splash Carnival for Grade 7/8 will be held from 11.00 am-12.40 pm and for Grade 9/10 from 1.20 pm-3.00 pm.

School Association
A reminder that the first School Association meeting will be held on Monday March 7th from 3.15 pm in the meeting room. New members are welcome.

Student Free Day Friday 8th April 2016
The first Student Free Day for 2016 will be on Friday 8th April 2016. Term 1, for students, will end on Thursday 7th April.

Deloraine High School Weights Room
We would like to say a big ‘thank you’ to Launceston College for their kind donation of some weight plates to our weights room. They will be put to good use by the Sport Studies classes and during some PE lessons.

Important information for parents/carers

Student Medication
Where possible it is best if students needing medication are able to receive this from their parent/carer. (This includes antihistamines etc).

However, we know that there are circumstances where this is not possible. If this is necessary at school, parents/carers need to complete a request form themselves and also get a form completed by the general practitioner who is prescribing the medication. Forms are available from the school office. For further information please contact the office on 6362 8900.

Students Leaving School Through the Day
Students who need to leave school during the day, ie for dental/medical appointments etc are required to have a note from a parent/carer in their communication book. They show this note to the teacher and then they are able to come to the office to sign out. Please note that we do NOT make PA announcements.

Messages to Students
As all students have signed an ICT Agreement including the appropriate use of mobile phones etc, in particular not using mobile phones during class time, it would be appreciated if messages from parents to students be sent during break times which are recess from 10:35 am - 10:55 am and lunch from 12:40 pm - 1:15 pm.

Other important messages that need to be given to students through the day can be left with the school office and we will pass these on. Our office number is 6362 8900.

Student Absences
At DHS we request that parents/carers inform us of a student’s absence by phone call, email or note by 10:00 am on the first day of absence. If we are not informed the student will be marked as an "unexplained absence".

We are now sending out an SMS message informing parents/carers of students’ absences.

Facebook information

Relay for Life 2016
Deloraine High School SEC are participating in Relay for Life again this year! If you’d like to donate and sponsor us, please follow the link below. All donations are greatly appreciated and go towards an amazing cause. Thank you.
http://ccau.convio.net/site/TR?team_id=45014&pg=team&fr_id=3180

Poem
Her pen was a gateway from her mind to the page, Without it her fantasies were stuck in a cage, Which fragment was best? her mind would wrestle, To send to the paper through the ink holding vessel. When one was chosen and ready to depart, It was sent down her spine, past her lungs and her heart,
Up to the shoulder, down the arm of the girl,
Where it was sent through the pen and began to unfurl.

Onto the paper it all gushed and flowed,
The newly born fragment was finally sowed,
Growing, building and bursting at every seam,
Reality is brought to the girl’s silent dream.

By Lucie Matthews, 10B.

Swimming Carnival 2016

The school swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 10th March at the Deloraine Primary School pool.

Races will be held in Block 1 for Grades 7-10 students who are interested in trying out for the inter-high team and parents/carers are invited to attend this session. Other students who are not participating in races will have a normal Block 1.

In Block 2, all Grade 7/8 students will have the opportunity to participate in a splash carnival while Grade 9/10 students will have this chance in Block 3. The splash carnival will involve fun activities in the water.

If you have any questions, please speak with a member of the HPE team.

Facebook

Deloraine High School now has a Facebook page! For all the latest information and news please find us on Facebook!

Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)

The Rotary Club of Deloraine hosts the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) each year for Grade 10 students. It involves teams of 2 students, representing a chosen nation in a conference modelled on the United Nations General Assembly.

The event covers 2 days, held over a weekend. It encourages students to participate in debate, to think quickly and to speak in an impromptu manner, having researched the policy and culture of the country they represent. Students are provided with a list of resolutions in advance. They are encouraged to dress in national costume and there is an informal get-together on the Saturday night to meet and interact with other students.

In order to participate, you must be willing to spend some of your own time researching the country that you are assigned. You will probably need to be a strong ‘C’ or ‘B’ in English and History (if you aren’t, but are really keen to participate, we will see what we can do).

Please see Mrs Galvin over the next week for more information or to register your interest. If you can organise yourself a partner, that would be handy too!

Regular school attendance

Information for parents and carers

Did you know? Research shows that higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future.

Why must I send my child to school?

You must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness, doing work experience or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school. Principals decide if the reason given for your child’s absence is acceptable.

Avoid keeping your child away from school for:

- Birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check ups or care such as hair cuts.
- Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

What should I do if our family is going on a holiday in school time?

You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child. Depending on the circumstances the school may be able to provide tasks for your child to complete while they are absent or assist you to organise an exemption from schooling.

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school?

Yes, you must let the school know the reason why your child has been absent from school within two school days of their return. If possible, advise the school beforehand.

Are you having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?

- won’t get out of bed in the morning
- won’t go to bed at night
- can’t find their uniform, books, school bag …
- slow to eat breakfast
- haven’t done their homework
- watching TV
What should I do if my child won’t go to school?

You should contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support.

BYOT

A Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) policy has now been implemented at Deloraine High School across Grades 7-10. BYOT is simply a policy which allows students to bring their own mobile technology devices to school (for example smart phones, tablets and laptops) and connect to the school’s wireless internet. This allows these devices to become another tool that can assist and enrich students’ learning.

As part of our BYOT policy, all students will participate in an education program as part of their work in Core that will cover issues such as Cybersafety, Cyberbullying, Digital Citizenship and appropriate use of technology at school. Participation in this program is a requirement for all students wishing to use technology at our school. Once students have participated in this education program and read and returned a BYOT agreement, they will be allowed access to our school’s wireless internet.

If you have any concerns, questions or suggestions, please contact your child’s Core teacher, or Angela Gatti during school hours.

Meanwhile, we have included some answers to ‘frequently asked questions’ for your information;

BYOT FAQ’s: Is my child required to bring a mobile ICT device to school?

From 2014, students have been allowed and encouraged to bring ICT devices to school for learning. It is not a requirement that students have a mobile ICT device to use at school.

What sort of technology is suitable?

We believe that students should use the device with which they are most comfortable and with which learning will be most effective.

What about the physical safety of the devices at school?

As with other equipment, individual students retain responsibility for their own property at school. Common sense would suggest that students would do well to ensure that devices have protective cases or coverings. Parents are advised to make their own arrangements regarding insurance and cover for accidental damage. The School will not take responsibility for accidental damage to student property, nor do our insurance policies cover it. Students may store their devices in the school office when they are not in use, or negotiate with their Core teacher to have them stored securely in a staff room.

Do you have answers to all the issues that will arise?

No! We anticipate needing to refine, review and reformulate many of our practices and policies as we move into this next chapter of learning and as we reflect on our experience. We appreciate your understanding, support and patience as we do so.

Shim Jam Taekwondo

Shim Jam Taekwondo starts at the Deloraine High School Hall this Tuesday, and every Tuesday, from 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm. Fun and fitness for the whole family!

For more information please contact – Master Instructor Darren Hyland on 0418 924 168 or visit the website – http://www.shimjang.com

• have a test or presentation to do, have an assignment to hand in
• it’s their birthday.

If so, a set routine can help

• have a set time to go to bed
• have a set time to get out of bed
• have uniform and school bag ready the night before
• have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
• set a time for daily homework activities
• speak about school positively
• be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!