

THE Davidson Dispatch

A community school, Davidson High School is committed to providing an inclusive educational environment that is supportive, innovative and engaging. We believe that by working strategically and collaboratively we will inspire and develop future focused students who are active and connected learners and critical and creative thinkers.



Jessica Thompson Year 10

August 2018

The Secretary of the Department of Education Visits Davidson

Mrs Jann Pattinson, Principal

Recently Mark Scott, the highest ranking person in education, visited our school.

Mark Scott has had an interesting career beginning as a classroom teacher and then moving on to working in the print media as a journalist including Education Editor of The Sydney Morning Herald and Editor-in-Chief of metropolitan, regional and community newspapers.

From 2006 to 2016, Mark was Managing Director of the ABC and led the organisation's transformation to be a public broadcaster in the digital era. Over that time, the ABC created new services like iview, News 24, ABC3 and digital radio; and expanded online and mobile services, such as podcasting and ABC News online. Mark was appointed as the Secretary of Education in 2016 and has proceeded to make significant changes in how the Department of Education operates. The NSW department is the largest education system in Australia, operating 2,200 public schools for almost 800,000 students. Mark has a core belief in providing the best education possible for students in NSW and that students are known, valued and cared for in our schools.

His visit provided students with the opportunity to quiz him about the future of education and testing in our schools. The students peppered him with interesting questions about the future of NAPLAN, the possibility of moving the HSC online, jobs in the future, how education might change in their generation, the

challenges of his job and the inevitable question about school uniform.

After the Q and A with students he met with our early career teachers and our Instructional Leaders. He showed a great interest in the program that has been developed at Davidson to support new teachers and had many questions for them about their Davidson experience.

After that conversation he visited a literacy session with Ms Coletta and Yr 8 and then met with the leaders of the Literacy Initiative to discuss the progress of the project. Finally he met with the School Captains and Vice Captains to discuss their future plans and their interest in the different university courses on offer.

It was a privilege to have Mark Scott here at Davidson. It gave him an opportunity to unpack his vision for education and for us to showcase for him some of the great things that go on at Davidson.

"So everyone's going to need strong literacy and numeracy standards to be able to keep learning during their life. They're going to need deep knowledge, they're going to need general capabilities like creative thinking and collaboration, and they're going to need a growth mindset." Mark Scott

All of these things are part of what we are currently delivering at Davidson through the Davidson Circle of Practice. We're on track and on target.

Diary Dates

AUGUST

Monday 13 - Friday 17

Science week

Tuesday 14

Y7 Gala day

Y9 Adobe day

Thursday 16 - Friday 17

HSC Dance

Monday 20 - Friday 24

Book Week

Wednesday 22

Grade sport semi finals

Thursday 23

Write a book in a day competition

Friday 24

Y11 Vaccinations

Book Week BBQ lunch

Mufti day

Tuesday 28

P&C meeting

Wednesday 29

Grade sport finals

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 4

BYOD parent information evening

Wednesday 5 - Friday 7

CHS Athletics

Thursday 13

Green day

Friday 14

Y8 Luna Park excursion

Monday 17 - Friday 28

Y11 Exams

Wednesday 19 - Friday 21

ICET to Cowra

Tuesday 25

P&C meeting

Wednesday 26

Y12 Farewell assembly

Thursday 27

Y12 Fun day

Friday 28

Y12 Luncheon

Last day of Term 3

Deputy Principal's report

Mr David Rule Deputy Principal

We have a new leadership group for 2019. Congratulations to our new school captains; Elise McInnes and Jarrod Skene. The vice captains for 2019 will be Victoria Gillespie, Georgie Jaques, Matthew Beard and Conor Young. Along with a fabulous group of prefects, I am very excited about this team as they already bring with them many new ideas.

As Year 10 students, they worked in project groups to raise awareness across the school in areas such as mental health, environmental issues and inclusivity in a multicultural environment. They have also worked hard to break down barriers across year groups by organising a Dodgeball competition and designing murals to be painted around the school.

Many of these students now form part of the incoming leadership groups and will be looking to sustain these projects and respond to other needs identified in the school, working closely with the Principal and Head Teacher Welfare.

Congratulations to all the students that have received certificates at the recognition assemblies. It is great to see so many students from all year groups working hard and making great strides in their learning.

Year 11 have safely returned from their week in the snow. Thank you to Mr Roderick for his organisation of this highly anticipated event, and to the teachers that accompanied them for the week including Ms Sears, Mr Zouain, Mr Martin, Ms Hughes and Ms Wood.

They were fortunate with the snow fall, although I hear that it did get rather windy towards the end.

Now that Year 12 have completed their HSC Trials and received their results and feedback from teachers, they can focus on completing their courses and acting on the feedback to ensure the most effective preparation for October.

Good luck to all the Year 12 students that have their HSC practical performances over the next few weeks or their projects due to be submitted.

A group of Year 9 students have been working with Year 5 students at Belrose Primary School on a STEM project. Year 5 have used *Mechanica* as their inspiration to describe, design and build their own unusual animals. Using Google classroom, Year 9 have been communicating with their Year 5 group, providing them with feedback on descriptions and suggestions for their models. Unfortunately, we were unable to attend the Belrose PS Museum of Unnatural History where all the final products were displayed. However, we look forward to building on this relationship over the year.

BYOD

There will be a **parent information evening regarding the introduction of BYOD next year** in the MPC on **Tuesday 4 September from 6.00pm -7.00pm.**

Although the parent information evening is aimed at parents from our current Years 9-11, all parents are welcome to attend and ask questions. We will have copies of the policy, agreement and device specifications.

As we have organised for a parent portal to be available through HP, there will also be a representative from HP in the MPC to show you the range of devices that can be purchased through the portal.

If you already own a device, or are planning to buy a device from an alternative vendor, our computer technician will also be present to answer questions about the suitability of devices.

Any additional questions that you have at a later date can be directed to me at school on 9451 0022 or by email to davidson-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.



Recognising Achievements

Jessica Thompson - Year 10

Sydney North Public School Dance Festival Art exhibition

Congratulations to Jessica Thompson who received the first Prize of The Sydney North Public School Dance Festival Art Exhibition.

Well done to Jaslyn Brown, Darcy Kane, Baily Earle, Isabella Ewens, Anita Singh, Kaidi Hanich, Jasmine Wyse, Emma Wineberg and Joel Solomon for participating in this exhibition.



Young Archies 2018

Not only did Jess win the above award but she also won the **Young Archie** prize for the second year in a row.

You are amazing !!!!



Brooke Wilson - Year 9

Brooke has just returned from spending two and a half weeks in Gdynia, Poland, competing in the Laser 4.7 Worlds Championships. Over 430 sailors from around Europe competed in this year's event.

Official racing was conducted over 6 days in extremely shifty weather conditions. Out of the female fleet of 155 sailors, Brooke came 11th overall and 4th in the Under 16's.

Brooke is back home enjoying a break before she commences another 5 months of hard training for the upcoming regattas which are to be held in and around NSW, and then she heads down to Tasmania in the new year for the Australian Nationals and Youth Championships. All of these events will help her prepare for next year's international events.



Eco Club

Mrs Susan Duke, Eco Club Co-ordinator

Look what is new in the Eco Garden

The Eco Garden has a new green 5000 L **water tank** to keep the garden nicely supplied with fresh rain water. This is the garden's second tank, as the first one often runs empty in our drier months, so it is a welcome addition. Thank you to the P & C for helping with funds, as well as Martin from 'Handy Manner' for installing the tank and fence. Now we just need more rain!

On another note, the Eco Club is busy preparing for our **14th Green Day**. Our theme this year is **"Reef Relief – Sea the difference?"** to focus on the plight of the Great Barrier Reef and link in with the Science Week – "Change makers".

We hope that the Davidson community will support us and help spread awareness of this devastating problem in the reef.



Mark Scott Visit

Secretary, Department of Education NSW

On Wednesday 1 August Davidson High School was fortunate enough to have a visit from Mark Scott, the Secretary of the NSW Department of Education.

Mark visited classes and spent time with many of the staff and students.



Science

Mrs M Ferguson, Head Teacher Science

Science Week

National Science Week is upon us, 13th – 17th of August, with the theme 'Game changers and change makers'.

Science staff have organised events for the week for students to participate in such as: Scienema, Trivia and a poster competition for Eco Club's Green Day – Reef Relief. We hope to see many students partaking in and enjoying the events.

ICAS Science Competition

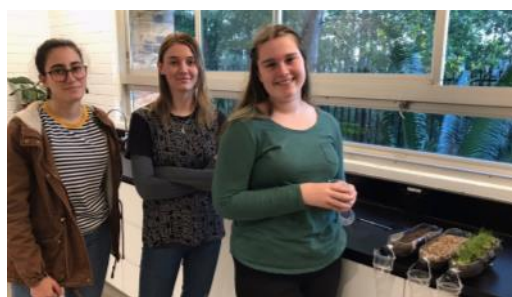
Competition results are in for the **2018 ICAS Science competition**. Congratulations to the 72 students who participated and were awarded 2 High Distinctions, 5 Distinctions, 21 Credit, 10 Merit and 34 Participation Certificates. Congratulations to Kai Pierce of year 10 and Nathan Crossweller of year 9 who achieved the two High Distinction awards placing them in the top 1% of all participants.

Outstanding Textbooks

There are still a few students who have not returned their Science **textbooks** from 2017 to the faculty. We would like to encourage students to have a look about at home and if any books are found to please return them to the Science staffroom.

Science Classes

The photos from Year 11 Earth and Environment and Year 10 Science classes show an aspect of the course students regularly engage with, **modelling in Science**. Constructing and analysing models is an important skill students undertake, to help them understand various concepts. Earth students modelled the process of erosion and runoff in different environments. Year 10 students modelled the structure of DNA.



Finally, take a look at the report and fabulous photos from the year 7 reptile show. Many thanks to Dr Sarswat for organising this event for the students.

Science

Reptile show

The Australian Reptile Park keepers came to show us reptiles and their adaptations, and it kept the whole hall entertained. They were making us exclaim in delight, and shriek in terror! It really was an experience to remember, they brought some amazing reptiles that had our jaws dropping to the floor! First the keeper introduced us to the shy turtles and told us some crazy facts. Then we were introduced to the incredible frogs that made the whole room wanting more information. Then there was an enormous python with the most threatening name you could think of, Fluffy. Year 7 student Jacie Tran was chosen to cuddle with the creature, which was surprisingly tame.

Shortly after the crowd was introduced to the cuddly spiked lizards that melted our hearts, Drae Topatan was the next volunteer who was chosen to hold the bearded dragon that couldn't seem to leave him alone! After this, Saffron Bustin was required to grip onto the wrigley-baby crocodile, and we were taught how to protect ourselves against a larger croc! That is when we were introduced to Rosie, and that is when the shrieks came in. She was the biggest croc where she came from! Last but not least, there was the children's python, Riley Nolan was the last volunteer of the session, we were taught many facts about their behavioural adaptations, and this one was cheeky! Riley could barely keep a grip on that serpent!

We then got to take photos with the animals and witness them using their adaptations with our own eyes! Everyone had the best experience and I could tell most of the room wanted more by the end of the show. It was a day to remember!



Visual Arts

Ms Loretta Mangassarian

Year 7 Pop Art self portraits canvas painting

Year 7 Illuminated scratch board art work.



Visual Arts

Ms Loretta Mangassarian

Year 10 Modern Sculptures



Year 8 Impressionist style canvas painting



Visual Arts

Ms Loretta Mangassarian

Year 9 Celebrity charcoal drawings

Year 9 Celebrity portrait canvas paintings



International Students

New International Students at Davidson

Welcome to our new Year 10 and 11 international study abroad students and our Year 11 exchange students who all arrived in Term 3 to study at Davidson. The students have travelled from Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Norway and Brazil. Their length of stay ranges from 6 months to a year.

The students have already had the opportunity to explore the Blue Mountains on an excursion arranged



in the first few weeks of term. The students were surprised that Australia could get so cold. The wind chill was freezing and according to the BOM the 2^{°C} temperature of the day felt like -5^{°C}!

Despite the cold the students had fun visiting the Three Sisters and Scenic World. They finished the day with an Aussie meat pie at Leura.

We hope all the students have a wonderful time in Australia, learn all about our culture and enjoy meeting lots of new Davidson friends during their stay.

Ludo - Year 10
Joanna - Year 10
Julie - Year 10
Fernando - Year 11
Aina - Year 11
Nadyne - Year 11
Alessia - Year 11
Matteo - Year 11
Joao - Year 11
Zelda - Year 11

Rotary Corner

Kos Psaltis, Youth Service Director, Rotary Club of Belrose



By the time you read this, Julie may already be a familiar face to many of you at Davidson.

Julie Brettnacher is our recently arrived exchange student from Germany. She is being placed in Year 10.

We trust that Julie will enjoy her time at Davidson and I'm confident that she will prove to be an interested and interesting student.



We have enjoyed a surge in membership at Belrose Rotary but we are keen to continue the trend. With our membership numbers going up and our average age going down, we know that we are on the right path.

I urge you to come to one of our meetings and sample what we do. We do many projects with Davidson High School and it would be a great vote of confidence in us if you were to join us.

Give me a call (0402 205628). Our meetings are on Tuesday evenings at the Belrose Bowling Club at 6.30pm for 7.00pm except for the 1st meeting of each month which is at the New Civic Café at 7.00am.

Kos Psaltis
Belrose Rotary
Youth Service Director

ICET

Mr B Manning, ICET Head Teacher

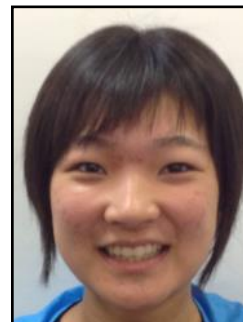
Hello!! I'm Hibari and I'm an ICET student. Time has flown and I can't believe that six months passed. The ICET students recently performed in SOPA. We practiced every day. After school we stayed at school to practice. On the rehearsal day we gathered at 7am. That's too early for me because I am not good at getting up early. Then we put on makeup and styled our hair. After that we performed at Glenrose Theater. I was very nervous. However, I felt so satisfied when I was done. I want to do it one more time. On the day we performed perfect dancing. I felt so good!! I hope that the audience felt good too. SOPA become a really good memory.



Hibari Takechi

After SOPA I had a holiday. During the holiday I went to Chatswood to play bowling with my friends. It was the first time for my friend so she enjoyed it. Then we went shopping and we bought new clothes. We had a great time. I have only four months left. I want to make many more beautiful memories until before I go back to Japan.

I heard SOPA is the biggest event at Davidson High School, so I was quite excited. The ICET students danced on the first day of SOPA. We performed mix of a Japanese traditional and modern dance. Traditional dance is called "Soranbushi". In Japan, almost Japanese children learned this when we were younger, it's very popular. It is a fisherman song to bring good luck to the fishermen. The modern dance was self made. We practiced a lot after school for SOPA. At first, the quality was terrible and I was worried about it, but we practiced hard and encouraged each other. I think we have done well. I was so happy that I could be part of SOPA and I had a good time. I was surprised at the other performances such as dance, singing and drama. When I saw them on the last day, I was impressed and I wanted see it one more time. All of them were a high quality and it was very interesting. I like watching dancing especially, so I really enjoyed it. I'm so sad that it was first and last SOPA for me. I am grateful that we had a chance to participate in SOPA.



Minami Iga

Now in Japan, heavy rain started at the beginning of July. Floods and landslides occurred frequently in parts of Okayama and Hiroshima. Okayama is our hometown, so it was very worrying. People suffered from the damage and lost their homes due to heavy rain. Houses were immersed in water and many people died. High school students and a lot of people worked together to help the affected areas, for example searching for unidentified people and cleaning up the houses that suffered damage. The ICET students wondered what we could do. The answer was fund raising! In the holidays we went to Glenrose and Chatswood to raise funds. The fundraising activities were the first time I could proactively work with the community. At Chatswood I could do better than Glenrose as I was less nervous. With the cooperation of many people we were able to collect about \$1,300.



Mau Hanada

Thank you so much to help us. In Australia there were many people who liked Japan. I remember having talked with them during the fundraising activities. There was also a person who shed tears at the current state of Japan and it warmed my heart very much.

The money was donated to help rebuild a school that assisted students who have learning difficulties.

ICET

Mr B Manning, ICET Head Teacher

I went to Sydney International Airport with Saki, Hiromu, Hinako and my host brother during the school holiday. We saw a lot of airplanes. The only thing I was not happy about was that the transportation fare was very expensive. It cost around \$15 to get to the airport one way! However, we had fun in the airport seeing the planes and eating delicious food. My host brother is an expert regarding airplanes, so we were talking about that. I saw a plane from Japan it was, ANA (All Nippon Airways). ANA has 2 flights from Japan a day. It brought back my memories of January this year. And I am sad that we have only 130 days left in Sydney. I am happy to stay in an English speaking country to learn English!



Haruki Miyake

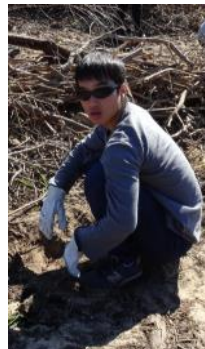
Last Sunday, the ICET students travelled to Curl Curl to plant trees along the foreshore. The students participate in this event every year. Interestingly, the students have found Curl Curl to be one of the most challenging places to pronounce. That and Woolworths.

This year, they planted shrubs on top of a small hill that overlooks the beach. After a few years, the hill where they planted their shrubs will turn into a beautiful windbreak. The ICET students have something to return to in the future and show the shrubs that they planted to friends and family.

Volunteering in Australia is becoming more and more challenging. Over the past 10 years, insurance has risen dramatically making many places unwilling to accept our help.

However, this will not prevent us from continuing to volunteer within the community at every given opportunity.

Mr B Manning
ICET Head
Teacher



Canteen

Canteen News

We now offer a range of Gluten Free products in the canteen.

Gluten Free Dotty Cookies can be purchased over the counter for \$2.50

Gluten Free nuggets (5 for \$2)

Gluten Free Chicken Caesar Wraps (using Cardinis caesar dressing) - Fridays (\$4)

Gluten Free wraps (BFree brand)

CANTEEN MENU



A variety of fillings are available for the wraps including Gluten Free chicken tenders.

NB. All wraps are by order only.

Please see our menu <http://www.davidson-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/canteen1> for other filling options and come and see us in the canteen if you have any specific queries about our products.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open every Wednesday 8.00am - 9.00am.

We have the following items on special this month:

Girls black stockings now \$3

Knitted poly cotton & woollen jumpers with Davidson logo now \$20

(Note this does not include sloppy joes)

A variety of second hand uniforms at very reasonable prices.

Now is the time to start thinking about your summer uniform requirements for next term.

Please don't leave it to the last week of this term as we may run out.



Community Information

TUNING IN TO TEENS

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PARENTING



5 SESSION PARENTING COURSE FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

Would you like to learn how to:

- Communicate effectively with your teenager?
- Understand your teenager?
- Help your teenager with emotional intelligence and managing emotions?
- Prevent some teenager behaviour problems?
- Teach your teenager to deal with conflict?

Chatswood

VENUE: Chatswood Community Health Centre
57 Hercules St, Chatswood
DATES: Mondays 13th August - 10th September 2018 (5 sessions)
TIME: 6.30pm - 9.00pm
COST: \$150 (subsidised rates available re: financial difficulty)
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: <https://tntchat3.eventbrite.com.au>
Contact 02 8877 5376

Brookvale

VENUE: headspace Brookvale
Level 2 Brookvale House, 1A Cross Street, Brookvale
DATES: Wednesdays 22nd August - 19th September 2018 (5 sessions)
TIME: 6.30pm - 9.00pm
COST: \$150 (subsidised rates available re: financial difficulty)
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: <https://tntbrook3.eventbrite.com.au>
Contact 02 8877 5376

The 5 session course will be facilitated by a qualified Parent Educator from Child and Adolescent Parenting, Northern Sydney Local Health District
www.nslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/Services/CAP



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NORTHERN BEACHES
COUNCIL

Monday 20 August, 7.30 - 9pm

Building positive connections

A GUIDE TO BULLYING

What are you supposed to do if your child is a victim of bullying? Or if they're actually the ones 'doing' the bullying?
Join our online webinar where Dr Justin Coulson from Happy Families will help you develop strategies in guiding your child to build positive connections.

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Suitable for parents of
10 - 18 year olds

Enquiries: 9970 1151 or
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Special road rules for cyclists on Footpaths

Children under 16 years of age can ride on a footpath. An adult rider who is supervising a bicycle rider under 16 may also ride with the young rider on the footpath. Bicycle riders are allowed to ride on footpaths where indicated by signs. When riding on a footpath or shared path, riders must keep left and give way to pedestrians.



For more information visit the following link to the Centre for Road Safety on this rule <http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/bicycle-riders/laws.html>.

ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

WE INVITE YOU TO TAKE A SEAT AT OUR AUCTION AND LEND A HAND



AUCTION: WED 22ND AUGUST 2018

RNSH school will be showcasing seats designed by students in our hospital, our community of schools and youth centres as well as local artists.

This is a 'pay it forward' initiative in which all donations and proceeds from the auction will be donated to Seven Women Charity in Nepal and Northern Beaches Women's Shelter.

We would love you to join us at this very special event.

Guest speaker is Stephanie Woollard who founded the Seven Women Charity that supports and empowers the underprivileged people of Nepal.

RSVP: Vanessa Murphy, Principal Ph 94632280 or Email vanessa.murphy@det.nsw.edu.au

Date: Wed 22nd August 2018
Time: 9.30 - 11.00am (including morning tea)
Venue: Auditorium, Kolling Building (next to RNSH)
cnr Reserve Rd and Westbourne St (off Herbert St) St. Leonards

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