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Acting Principal's Report - October 2009

School Events

Week 1 Term 4

Year 11 Camp
HSC commences
Stage One Waterwise Presentation

Week 2

HSC Examinations

Week 3

HSC Examinations
Year 10 Drama production
Peer Support
Kinder Orientation afternoons

Week 4

SC Examinations
HSC Examinations
Year 7 Orientation
Kinder Orientation afternoons

Week 5

HSC Examinations
Year 12 Partnership evening
Year 7 2010 shadowing starts

Week 6

Year 7 (2010) Shadowing
Year 10 Farewell
Yr 6 Surf Lifesaving

Week 7

BDC Carols evening
Year 6 Graduation
Meet Your New Teacher Day

Week 8

Primary Presentation Night
Secondary Presentation Night
House Activity afternoon



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Staffing News- Secondary

We are extremely proud to have had Ms Teena Goodman selected by the Board of Studies to travel to Sydney as a Senior Marker for HSC Visual Arts. Ms Goodman will be absent for four weeks and during that time the Acting Head of Faculty for Art will be Mrs Rebecca Brown.

We are also very happy to welcome back Madame Ferrari. Madame Ferrari has been on Long Service Leave for Term 3 and during this time travelled extensively throughout Europe. Her students are enjoying catching up with her adventures and sharing with her what they have learned while she has been away. Our thanks go to Ms Katherine Bishop who replaced Madame Ferrari so expertly.

Our other Language staff, Ms Kim Connolly and Ms Bernadette Divola, have had a wonderful time over the holidays taking a student group to France. The students were excellent ambassadors for the College and also their country whilst they were in France. Our thanks go to Ms Connolly for organising not only this trip but also the excellent Languages Day at the end of Term 3, a real *Cirque de Soleil* experience!

Mr Phillip and Mrs Melissa Atkinson.

It saddens me to inform the College of the resignation of Mrs Melissa Atkinson from the staff and Mr Phil Atkinson has also resigned as Head of the Mathematics Faculty, effective from the end of this year. Melissa and Phil will be heading to Sydney next year where Phil will take up a Boarding Master and Mathematics position at the Scots College (where their son Dane has been for the last two years). Phil and Melissa have made a magnificent contribution to the College in the time that they have been here and I know they will be sadly missed by all in the BDC community.

Mrs Emma Smith

Emma and Bryn Smith are expecting their first child within months and Emma is due to finish her maternity leave position at the end of the year. Emma has considered what will be best for her and the baby and will finish her much appreciated work earlier than originally scheduled.

2010 Appointments:

Mr Mike Hastings has accepted the offer to become the Head of the Mathematics Faculty in 2010. Mike is an exceptional Mathematics teacher and a great leader and I have no doubt he will carry on the excellent work that Phil Atkinson has led.

Mr Aaron Dewhurst has accepted the position of Head of English commencing 2010. Aaron has a strong English degree and a Master of Education degree specialising in the role of traditional pedagogical approaches in relation to e-learning research and is currently teaching at Central Coast Grammar. He is experienced in pastoral care, debating and public speaking and will be an asset for the English Faculty as well as the College as a whole.

Mr Jeff Scott be joining the Mathematics and Science Faculties as a teacher of Mathematics and Physics and will commence in 2010. Mr Scott is currently employed at Trinity College in Queensland, where he has taught senior Mathematics and Physics for the last 13 years. He has filled a range of leadership positions at Trinity, including Head of Sport. He is currently Year 9 Co-ordinator. Mr Scott graduated with a Bachelor of Education (Science and Mathematics Methods) from Griffith University and has a Certificate IV in Assessment and Workplace Training and a Certificate III in Recreation (Dive Instructor).

Mr Holt Hardy will join the College in the Science faculty. Holt holds an Honours Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Sydney and is currently completing his Graduate Diploma in Teaching at



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UNE in Armidale. Prior to commencing his teaching qualifications, Holt was a Finance and Equities Analyst at Bankers Trust, Macquarie Bank, JP Morgan Chase and Standard Bank. In his younger years Holt was a highly regarded athlete, with some of his notable achievements being: National 1500 metre Champion, NSW State record holder for that distance and a sub four minute miler. Most recently Holt completed his practicum experience here at BDC under the wise tutelage of Mr Gibbings, who speaks exceptionally well of his commitment and teaching ability.

Graham Anderson
Acting Principal