Choir Sings for a Good Cause

Over the past weekend 27 brilliant and talented singers from the school choir plus Mr Grafton, Rachel Horton and Mrs Pearson joined hundreds of singers to perform in the annual Celebration Concert at the Sydney Town Hall, raising money for the Therapy Unit at Westmead Children’s Hospital.

Our students were a credit to the school throughout the excursion. The conductor, Mal Hewitt, stated that this year’s choir was one of the best ever. The Celebration Choir sang excerpts from Handel’s Messiah, Berlioz’s Te Deum, Jerusalem, Les Miserables medley and O Come All Ye Faithful.

Our Year 11 Singers - Kate Bizo, Continued on page 2

DATES FOR THE DIARY

♦ 9-13 November> Year 10 Exams
♦ 16-20 November> Year 9 Tea Gardens Excursion
♦ 1-4 December> Year 10 Sydney Excursion
♦ 8 December> 7.00pm Presentation Evening
♦ 9-16 December> Term V Activities
♦ 16 December> Last day of school for students
FROM THE DP DESK

By the time you read this, Year 10 will be sitting their final junior exams and teachers will be writing reports. Year 9 students will be packing for their end of year excursion. Everything is starting to wind up for the end of another school year. However it's not all over till just a few days before Christmas, and in this last month or so of school, students need to remember that they are required to attend all classes, be on time and prepared for the lesson, doing their best to focus on their learning (which doesn't stop after final assessments for the year). They should also be mindful of being the best citizens and friends they can be.

I'm very impressed by the kindness and concern that many students show toward each other in times when a bit of support and care is needed. It is lovely to see kids looking after each other and it certainly is part of the Duval High School culture to "look after your mates". This certainly reflects very clearly the CREST principles of our school.

This is my last newsletter contribution for the year as I'm taking some long service leave from week 8, so I'll take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you the best of times for the Christmas break. I look forward to working with you all again in 2016. Mr Spencer will be Relieving Deputy Principal from week 8 to the end of the year.

Sandra Rosner

Celebration Choir (continued from page 1)

Kyle Donnan, Emily McDonnell and Ellen Vince-Moin - entertained the 2000 strong audience with their outstanding arrangement of Blackbird/It Don't Mean a Thing with Tashi Gyeltshen providing a beautiful accompaniment on the acoustic guitar. Mr Grafton also performed a solo in the Les Miserables medley.

Other highlights of the trip were seeing the musical Matilda and Sculptures By The Sea at Bondi.

A big thank you also goes to Mr Ryan and Mrs Vaughan for assisting with the excursion.

Hilary Pearson
ABORIGINAL DANCERS

Our wonderful and talented Aboriginal Dancers have been very busy rehearsing for Schools Spectacular. They were able to rehearse the finale with all the Sydney students via a video link-up.

After a brilliant performance at Day in the Dale at the end of last term they were invited to perform at the State Rural Health Conference last week.

Congratulations on all their fine efforts and performances!

Hilary Pearson

RIFLE TEAM NEWS

On Monday, 2 November some members of the Duval rifle team travelled to Coffs Harbour to engage in a competition with Bishop Druitt College. It was a great day's shooting with Duval having to adapt to the different discipline of prone shooting to which the BDC students are accustomed. After a short practice our students competed extremely well, only narrowly having to hand the trophy back to BDC at the end of the day. Congratulations to Karl Simpson for winning the highest score in the field rifle event and Lachlan Williamson for the highest score in the IRB event. Both Tiffany Tarrant and Alex Rogers also shot very well. A big thank you to Mr Lacey, Suellen Simpson, Tom Keys and John Lambert (BDC) for organising and accompanying our fantastic Duval Rifle Team. Looking forward to reclaiming the trophy early next year!

SPORT AT PCYC

Performing at the State Rural Health Conference

Rehearsing for Schools Spectacular
The dust has barely settled from the Duval Garage Sale and the Interact Club is ready to launch the opening of the Multicultural Room in the Library on Tuesday, 17 November at recess. This date was chosen to celebrate the International Day of Cultural Tolerance.

UNESCO was created exactly 70 years ago on 16 November 1945, the International Day of Tolerance, on the basis that wars could be avoided if people learned to get to know each other better and understood that, in the fertile diversity of their cultures, that which unites them is stronger than that which divides them.

Message by Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO:

Tolerance is a new idea, one which we need now more than ever.

It leads us to respect cultural diversity, ways of life and expressions of our own humanity. It is a necessary condition for peace and progress for all people in a diversified and ever-more connected world.

Tolerance is not passive or silent acceptance of differences; it is inseparable from respect for fundamental human rights. It is constant commitment to facilitating exchanges and dialogue, despite difficulties and a lack of understanding which can lead to inward-looking attitudes. It is a call to question prejudice and commonly-held beliefs.

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### Cultural Food Fest

**24 November**

Your passport to a Morning Tea of Asian, European and Western foods

Money raised will be donated to **Tear Australia** to support people in Nepal with disabilities

Sign up and pay to The Interact Club or Mrs Rajaratnam

$5.00 Donation