



Dunhurst *Friday Report*

02/12/12

Friday 2nd Dec	JAW: Fran Box—'The Christian Story of Christmas'	4.30—5.30pm
Saturday 3rd Dec	Groups children to arrive HOPiT Fair Train departs Petersfield Train arrives Waterloo	10.30am 11.00—1.00pm 1.48pm 2.57pm
Sunday 4th Dec	Train departs Waterloo Train arrives Petersfield	6.30pm
Monday 5th Dec	NO BLOCKS ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Rehearsals for concert Block 2 tutor parties	All day
Tuesday 6th Dec	NO GROUP ACTIVITIES TODAY Rehearsals for concert Groups children in concert return Concert in the Quad	All day 6.30pm 7.00pm
Wednesday 7th Dec	Associated Board Music Practical Exams Block 1 bowling party U13 B XI v King Edward's School Wisley (A) U13 A XI v More House (H) Boarders Christmas party Day pupils to take all PE kit home	1.30—4.00pm 2.15—5.30pm 2.30—4.30pm
Thursday 8th Dec	Associated Board Practical Exams OPRO mouth guard fittings	11.45—2.00pm
Friday 9th Dec	Christmas Lunch End of term	1.00pm 4.00pm
Saturday 10th Dec		



Letter from Jane...

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that the last week of the Autumn Term is approaching and we will soon be waving the pupils off for their well earned holidays. There will be a short Friday Report next week and we will be sending out the end of term package complete with the pupils' reports and a wealth of other information for the start of next term.

Rachel Hearnshaw will be leaving us at the end of the Spring Term to become Director of Sport at Godstowe School in High Wycombe. She will be an incredibly hard act to follow and I will write a full tribute to her later in the year. This is an exciting new challenge for her and she will also be moving nearer to her family, who live in the area, which is very important to her. Rachel has included a short missive on page 8.

Sadly, Charlie Callander, our wonderful Gap Student will be leaving us a week early. One of his best friends, who was also in England doing a Gap year, was tragically killed in a car accident last weekend. He has made the decision to fly home to Australia on Sunday, making this his final week here at Dunhurst. I have included his wonderful speech that he read to the whole school yesterday in the report (see page 5).

Please take careful note of Kathy's information regarding our Concert in the Quad on Tuesday 6th December. Please, please do not park at Bedales as there is a performance of 'Cabaret' taking place and their car park will be very full. There is ample parking at Dunhurst and a refreshing walk is always welcome of an evening! All Groups pupils go home at 3.50 pm and return for the concert at 6.30 pm.

The legendary and much awaited 'HOPiT Fair' will take place tomorrow between 11.00 am and 1.00 pm. I have to say that I have heard all the myths and I can't wait to see the whole event in action. Do come and join us. It should be another really enjoyable community event and we have raised huge sums of money in the past for a range of great causes.

Next week we have the Associated Board Music exams and I do wish all those taking part, all the very best. We have enjoyed really impressive solo performances this year in assemblies and concerts and I hope we will achieve some superb results.

Term ends at 4.00 pm next Friday (9th December) and as ever a punctual pick up is always warmly welcomed by pupils and staff alike.

Excitement and emotions will be running high during this last week and any opportunities for rest and a few early nights always helps things to run smoothly as we approach the end of a very long and exciting term.

I look forward to seeing you at the HOPiT Fair and have a restful weekend.

*Warm Regards
Jane*



What's going on ...

Train Arrangements

Saturday 3rd December

Depart Petersfield 1:48pm Arrive Waterloo 2:57pm

Sunday 4th December

Depart Waterloo 6:30pm Arrive Petersfield 7:37pm

Train to Hove departs Saturday at 1:32pm and arrives at 3:15pm

Gaps Duty Mobile Number 07827478489

Block 1 Bowling Tutor Party 1.30 - 4pm Wed 7th Dec

The Block 1 end of term party will take place on Wednesday afternoon 7th Dec.

All Block 1 pupils are expected to attend this exciting annual event, for which there is no charge.

Money is not required.

Children will be accompanied by Block 1 tutors & taken by coach to AMF Bowling at Bedhampton. As well as bowling, a drink and a small amount of food will be provided. All pupils will be back in school by **4pm**, when day pupils will be available for collection. On that afternoon, there will be no community service or trips to Petersfield for Block 1s. Parents - we do hope that you will feel able to allow your children to come - from the Block 1 tutors.

Spring Term Activities

The activity choices for the first half of the Spring term have been emailed to all parents, both Groups and Blocks—hard copies are available on reception—returns by next Thursday 8th December please. Many thanks Alan

Activities next week

A reminder that there are no activities for Blocks during the last week of term but activities for Groups are as normal apart from Tuesday when all Groups Activities, apart from horse riding will be suspended due to the School concert. Apart from horse riders, all children will need to go home at 3.50pm on Tuesday returning at 6.30pm for the concert

EXTRA ART GROUP

Over the last year Dunhurst's Extra Art group has been keenly attended. It is open to all pupils in Group 3, Block 1 and Block 2. It is for anyone who enjoys art and we have issued them all with sketchbooks, and given topics to pursue. Some of the Block 2 pupils have been given a recent challenge of working on a two week project, following a chosen theme, researching artists and exploring materials and techniques. Amongst these pupils there are some who have voiced an interest in entering for the Bedales Art Scholarship. In a recent meeting they have been shown the portfolio of one of last year's successful candidates, which has given them an idea of the quantity and quality of work required for this scholarship. This week Louise and I gathered in the Block 2 work and were impressed by the enthusiasm and excellent observational drawing skills on display. We have a talented group of artists in our midst. Later this week we will be choosing 2 or 3 pupils to start working towards scholarship entry. The pupils selected will be those whose work will amount to a strong portfolio of material. Their enthusiasm and passion to paint and draw at every available opportunity will be evident in their work, as will a desire to explore, and work in, a wide range of materials. More events will be running for the Extra Art group throughout the year.—Elaine and Louise



What's going on ...



Netball!! - Friday 6th January

In the Sports Hall.

Groups from 1.00m until 2.30pm.

Blocks from 2.30pm - 4pm.

We hope to have some fun activities and games to begin the new year.

Please wear your games kit and bring a drink.

If you would like to come, please ask your parents to email me asap.

dpayne@bedales.org.uk

It would be fabulous to see you all there.

Have a great holiday.

Debbie

Christmas Concert

We warmly invite you to join us at the Bedales Quad on Tuesday 6th December for our end of term concert. We would ask you to park at Dunhurst and walk to Bedales due to events also taking place in the Bedales Theatre that evening.

Timings:

(Groups day pupils go home at 3.50pm)

5.30pm – Supper

6.20pm – Bell and Registration in the Well

(Groups day pupils to be back for this please)

6.40pm – begin to walk up to the Quad with staff

7.00pm – Concert starts

8.00pm – Concert finishing time (approx.)

All pupils will need to have black trousers / skirt / leggings and clean shoes (any colour) for the concert and will be given a performance t-shirt on the day if they are new to Dunhurst or if they have requested a new one.

Pupils involved:

All Groups (encompassing Choir, Wind Band, Hilary's Singers)

Chamber Choir

Jazz Band

Blocks Strings (plus Sophia and Hanna)

Stuart's band

Kristian's Drummers

Song writing group (tbc)

Percussion Jam plus Josh and Ben



Blocks Choir

Luca & Peter

Jamie's Band

Ken's Ukuleles

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, - Kathy



What's going on ...

Farewell and Thank You Dunhurst

As some of you may have heard, one of my best friends, who was also in England doing a GAP year was tragically killed in a car accident last weekend. As a result of this devastating event it is with great sadness that I have made the decision to fly home to Australia on Sunday, making this my final week here at Dunhurst.

Although it is a very sombre way to end what has been such a great year, I look back on the last eleven months with the fondest of memories having shared so many incredible experiences and having had the privilege to meet so many amazing people. I feel very fortunate to have been given the opportunity to work here at Dunhurst this year and I feel it has been the perfect way to spend this year before I embark on the next chapter of my life.

Before I leave I would like to share with you some of the unforgettable times that I have had this year and the things that I have grown to love about Dunhurst. After learning of the uniqueness of the school I was unsure what to expect coming from a very different school in Sydney. I soon became familiar with the customs of the school and have since developed a strong admiration for the culture and school environment that Dunhurst provides. I strongly believe in the schools emphasis on providing a well rounded education for its students, that not only ensures a strong academic course but one that includes a wide range of extra curricular activities. I have been fortunate to be involved in many aspects of school life here at Dunhurst and have thoroughly enjoyed being able to experience all that the school has to offer.

When the girls and I first arrived in January we were recruited by Simon to help with the Blocks play "The Wind in the Willows". I had to quickly learn how to use a soundboard and really enjoyed being part of the production. More recently I was able to be involved with "The Isle of Wonders" production seeing it evolve from the audition stage right through to the final performances, with the standard far above any school production I have seen. I was also very impressed when I came to see the groups plays a few weeks ago. To see you all work so hard and put it together in one week was very impressive. (I must say Midge's Jackie Chan hit on Nicko was pretty good as well.)

I have really enjoyed doing MRS supervision, going between the different rooms to listen to all of you practise. For some, it was trying to keep you in the room, which proved to be the challenge. I would often walk past the rooms to see someone who looked as if they were talking to themselves. I would then look closer and see one of their friends crouched next to the piano hoping that I would not see them.

The extraordinary musical talent possessed by the students at this school constantly blows me away and I love the passion for music that so many of you have. I was very lucky that the school gave me the opportunity to learn another instrument this year and so I have been learning to play the guitar. As Ken rightly said to me yesterday whilst I practised in one of the music rooms "the world would be a better place if everyone played the guitar". The rock show last term was another highlight for me this year as the music talent was put on stage for everyone to hear. I hope that you all persevere and continue learning your instruments as it is through my own experience that I know how great it feels to be able to play music and how fun it is to play with friends too.

Sport has been another big area of my work here at the school and I was very keen to get involved from the moment I arrived. It has been great to help out with PE lessons and



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to travel to matches on Wednesday's with the various boys teams. Although you don't have real football over here I have enjoyed helping out with all the different sports even learning about hockey and rounders, which were two sports I had no idea about before this year. I have been to some great matches throughout the year with my final match last week being one of the best. Coaching the under 10 B team at St Johns, the boy's determination right through to the end saw us score in the final second to draw the match in a very exciting display of football.

I have been lucky enough to go on many school trips that have given me the opportunity to do lots of things I would otherwise not have had the chance to do. From bird watching with Alan Suart to watching a West End show I think I can say I have covered it all. The Block 2 French camp to Normandy organised by Liv and Ellie was definitely one of the best experiences I have had this year. It was the first time I had been to France and it was a very enjoyable week packed with exciting activities. Although my French is terrible I thought it was great that we were able to spend a day in a French school and for the Block 2's to be able to converse with French kids their own age. I really enjoyed watching them all sit quietly throughout the Cathedral sketching different aspects of the architecture. My first French experience was topped off with escargot and frogs legs for dinner on our last night.

I have really enjoyed helping with boys boarding this year, and not having been a boarder myself I can see how much fun it is. I have had a great time hanging out with the boarders on wing during the week and being involved with Friday night activities. Chasing Yoji through the corridors or giving Max and his dorm before bed coaching on how to play the perfect cover drive like a true Australian batsman are just a couple of the weekly occurrences which make me feel that I have somehow enhanced their experience as a Dunhurst boarder. I have also enjoyed accompanying the boarders in and out of London on the train on the weekend. The sudden frenzy when the food trolley came into sight down the carriage or trying to carry Esme and Anais' suitcases down the aisle of a packed Sunday evening train are things I will always remember from my time here as a gappy.

Now that I have come to the end of my year here I would like to thank you all for making it such a memorable experience for me. To the students, I really hope you appreciate how lucky you are to go to such an amazing school and I urge you to take advantage of every opportunity that the school has to offer.

I would like to quickly thank all the staff for your continual support and guidance throughout the year. In particular I would like to thank Alex and Jo who work tirelessly and have taken incredible care of the girls and me throughout the year, always being there when we needed help or just when we wanted someone to talk to. I would also like to thank Alan and Susan Simmons who have worked closely with us from day one ensuring that we are happy and allowing us time off to travel with our parents when they came over to visit. To Simon I thank you for being such a great friend to me and in particular for your support during this very tough time. I really appreciate how kind and accommodating your family have been for the girls and me. Finally I would like to thank all the students here at Dunhurst as you are ultimately the ones that have made this year so enjoyable. It has been a great pleasure getting to know every one of you and I am going to miss all your friendly faces when I return home. I wish you all the best for the rest of the year and I hope you have a nice Christmas and a safe new year.

Charlie



What's going on ...

Thank You For Donating 74 Shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child.



Well done Dunhurst what a FANTASTIC effort – there are 74 children who, thanks to you will have a wonderful surprise this Christmas.

If you would like to hear more about what will now happen to your shoe-box then click on the link below.

<http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/article/storyID/63>

Dunhurst Christmas Concert

Dunhurst parents should park at **Dunhurst** for the Dunhurst Christmas Concert on Tuesday December 6th. Bedales have a sell out show on in the theatre and their car park will be extremely busy.



Sport ...

SPORTS ROUND UP

We had our last netball matches of the term this week. The U9 and U11 teams played Meoncross at home. The matches were fairly close with end to end play and it was great to see the progress that the girls have made over the last 12 weeks. All their hard work from pre-season training, team trials, before school and after school practices paying off. Our U9 team lost 0-3 but showed a much greater understanding of the game and their positions - Issy L was awarded the Bees Knees. The U11 team played particularly well winning 9-5, Orla and Tomasina were voted Bees Knees. This was Giovanna's last match for Dunhurst as she is sadly leaving us at Christmas. We wish her all the best -she has been a strong member of the teams and will be missed.

Our U13 and U12 netball teams played Portsmouth High and were a joy to watch both winning easily. Breanne and Cressie voted as the Bees Knees.

This was Breanne's last match for Dunhurst - she has been a fantastic team player and will be sorely missed. All the best Breanne.

TOP NETBALL COACH TO TRAIN OUR TEAMS

Next week Tallisa Hayes will be coaching our U13A&B squads. This is a fantastic opportunity and the girls are very excited and can't wait for next Wednesday. Tallisa is playing netball at a very high level for Superleague champions 'Maverick'. She is also a high level coach and we shall be able to learn much from her.

MY NEWS

I would like to announce that I will be leaving Dunhurst at Easter to take on a new post of Director of Sport at Godstowe Prep. in High Wycombe. This was a very difficult decision as I have been extremely happy here and shall miss everyone very much. The deciding factor was the opportunity to move closer to my family who are very important to me. Dunhurst is a phenomenal school and I shall treasure every minute of my last term here. - Rachel

U13 Match

On Wednesday the U13 A team played Portsmouth High and we were a bit nervous. We started off with first centre and at the end of the first quarter we were winning. Polly and Chili did some amazing shooting and moving around the D. In the second quarter the other team switched their players around a little bit and they slipped in a goal. They didn't have a very good chance of getting a goal because Tara and Anastasia did some brilliant defending. At half time we were winning 13-2 and we scored even more because Ellie was awesome in centre. Also in the second half Gabi did some really good shots and nearly got all of them in! At the end the score was 18-5 and Breanne got the Beez-neeze. That was a good ending to the last match of the term. Thank you Rachel and Debbie for coaching us to be as good as we are.



*Parents' **action** page ...*

1. Come and enjoy the concert on Tuesday evening in the Quad.
2. HOPiT Fair this Saturday 11 am—1 pm.