Engaging with English

The year has started in a very settled fashion and it is pleasing to see all students attempting their work in a studious manner.

Staffing in the English faculty has changed a bit this year. The staff for 2012 consists of Mrs Patsy Hill (Head Teacher), Mrs Glenda Morgan, Mrs Lucinda Macdonald, Mrs Elly McRae, Ms Shelly Klein, Mr Brett Pinkstone, Ms Julia Rowntree, Mr Duanne Rhall, Mr Joe Spicer, Mrs Renee Summerhayes, Mrs Jodie Anderson, Mrs Annette Holman and Mrs Esther Job. If you have any concerns please feel free to contact either the class teacher of your child or the Head Teacher.

Years 7, 8 & 9 have completed their first assessment tests. These were skills based tests and the results will be back to the students shortly.

Year 12 students have begun their first module of work, for 2012. For Standard English they are studying selected Henry Lawson short stories and the advanced class have begun their comparative study on Frankenstein and Blade Runner. I would like to remind students that both the Area of Study (Belonging) and the modules will be examined at the end of the term, so students should be continuing to revise their Area of Study as well as preparing their response for the modules. Students can access past exam papers on the Board of Studies website to use for practise.

English Studies continues to work through their advertising campaign and one of our students has had his work published on the PHS website. Nathan Schulze wrote the ad that currently appears on the website for Peter Pan.

Congratulations to Lachlan Hoyle (Year 8) who is a finalist in the Land Learn NSW Speech Spectacular. We wish him all the best in his upcoming finals on the 15th March in Dubbo.

Hannah H from Year 9 has entered one of her written pieces in the “Write 4 Now” competition. Hannah is one of our regular writers who, in the past has displayed her talents in the form of writing for blogs, writing prose fiction and short stories. Well done Hannah we look forward to hearing of your successes.

Don’t forget if you are interested in writing competitions, giving speeches or debating, please ask your English teacher for more information. Any new information is also published on the English noticeboard.

Debating is another activity offered by the English faculty. We are once again participating in the Premiers Challenge Debating Competition. We have already formed a 9/10 team comprising of David S, Nathan L, Ben J, Tyson B and Carlson J. Any Year 7 or 8 student who would like to participate, please contact Ms Rowntree before Feb 24th. Our school will also be participating at the NAIDOC Catchment Authority celebrations later in the year.

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