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*Wishing all teachers a very happy Teacher's Day!*



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## Beyond the Bubble

*Nalini Malaviya writes about her experience on Exchange.*

This July, I got the opportunity to be a part of the exchange program and visit a school in Australia. Being the first ever girl to go on exchange from The Doon School, the memories and experiences I gathered are those which will remain forever etched in my heart. When I was initially approached with the idea of writing this report, I'll admit that had no idea what to write about, or even how to write it. But then when I did finally sit down to start writing, all those memories and wonderful moments did not just come back to me; I also relived them. Upon finishing, I was left with a wide smile on my face.

I will begin by describing the tiny things that left an impression on me. For instance, stealing salt from the dining hall at dinner or setting off the fire alarm in my house. These were the first set of memories that made their way to me with a gust of the toasty autumn air through some window left open carelessly in the vicinity of my mind.

The idea of exchange had never really appealed to me in my junior forms. Initially, I had never even thought of filling out the exchange form! However, with time my understanding of the program matured. I realized

that though I would have to deal with nuances such as homesickness and adaptability; it seemed like a promising opportunity nevertheless. Thus, even when I learned that the New England Girls School, Armidale had accepted me as an exchange student, my acceptance of the offer was a skeptical one. I really didn't think that I would be able to live in a foreign land, thousands of miles away from people I know, for an entire month (a time period which in hindsight seems far too short).

I have lived on the School campus all my life, and there had always existed this lingering feeling that the world outside was completely alien to me. This 70 acre campus has given me a family beyond my own, endless opportunities and security, but it has always been like a bubble, protecting me from what the world is like outside of this bubble. As soon as I realized this, I knew that I couldn't let this opportunity of going for exchange slip away from me. Australia has truly been my first exposure to the real world and I'm so glad that I decided to go.

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So there I was, at a pretty little campus with nobody I had ever seen before. The awfully cold weather, the new timetable, all the new buildings, the extremely bland food and all those new intimidating, albeit interesting, faces. The first few days I was terribly homesick and resented every bit of that school. I felt like a less glamorous and rather toned down version of Emma Roberts from 'Wild Child'. But that was only until I started making friends. I realized that it was just about making friends and exchanging my experiences with theirs. Gradually, I started loving the cold weather, I started enjoying the new timetable and studying in the new buildings, the food wasn't as bland anymore because of the spicy gossip one would get at the dining tables, those new, unfamiliar faces became people I will

never forget because of the memories they've helped me create.

All in all, it was the best experience of my life. One that has taught me a lot about myself and about human nature in general. It has made me a more confident person, more than I would've ever imagined myself to be. The very fact that from resenting the place, to not wanting to leave it bears testimony to how brilliant this exchange programme was for me.

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## Regulars

### Shooting

At the recently conducted **Uttarakhand State Shooting Championship**, Rishab Badhwar participated in the **50m Rifle Prone Event** and shot a score of **271 out of 300**, winning a **Silver** medal.

Congratulations!

### Quiz

The Doon School competed at a quiz organized by the **Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage** held on the **August 17** at the **Jaswant Modern Senior Secondary School** in Dehradun.

Five team of two boys represented school. Advait Ganapathy and Jashan Kalra were placed **third**.

Well done!

### Chess

The **2nd Doon School Chess Tournament** was held from the **28th of August** to the **30th of August**. **13 schools** participated in the event. **The Doon School B Team** comprising of Shresth Mehra, Akshat Jha, Aryan Kasera and Amritansh Saraf emerged as the **runners up** with **13** out of **20** points. **The Doon School A team** comprising: Parth Khanna, Anuman Goel, Raghav Bagri and Atharva Shukla were placed **4th**.

Congratulations!

### Mathematics

The **Gauss Mathematics Contest, 2015** was organized by the **Center for Education in Mathematics and Computing, University of Waterloo, Canada** was conducted for C and D Form. Aditya Reddy Mannur came first in C form while Sriman Goel came first in D Form.

Kudos!

*“Political language is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectful.”*

**George Orwell**

### Soccer

The **School Senior B Team** participated in the **Colonel Shashi Memorial Inter-School Soccer Tournament 2015** held at **Cambrian Hall**. The team played their first match against **Maa Anandmayee Memorial Public School** and lost **2-0**. In their next match the team played against **Carman School, Premnagar** and lost **2-1**.

The **School Sub-junior team** played four league matches in the **Invitational Sub-Junior Football Tournament**. They lost their first match to **Scindia School** by **3-1**. They won their next match against **Grace Academy** by **3-0**. They then lost their last two matches by **2-1** and **4-0** to **St. Joseph’s Academy** and **Wynberg Allen School** respectively.

Well tried!

### UNQUOTABLE QUOTES

*I have a got a little hurt in my leg.*

**Anurag Reddy**, maybe in your English too.

*Give it in your all.*

**Chaitanya Agarwal**, trying to josh up the team.

*It’s pouring in like buckets.*

**Arjun Singh**, so are your words.

### News

**Aftab Seth (ex 189-J)** has published a book, **‘Half a Century’**. It has been named **Number One** on the **Northern Book Center** list.

Kudos!

### Debating

The *Weekly* welcomes all debaters and guests to the **59th annual Chuckerbutty Memorial Debates, 2015**.

Good Luck!

### Dosco Doodle

### ‘No-Punishment’ Week

*Dhruv Pais*



# Diplomatic Deliberation

The Weekly interviewed Ms. Sujata Singh, who was the Chief Guest for DSMUN'15

**Shashwat Arya (SAY):** Could you please tell us a bit about your journey through the foreign services.

**Sujata Singh (SSH):** It has been a fascinating journey. It started in '76, when I joined the service, and it has been an incredible opportunity to work in countries around the world in every single area you can think of. Starting from economic diplomacy to promoting India's exports to getting technology to political interactions which, of course, are very important in analysing the political landscape which you deal with. Cultural diplomacy, media, the press, students, everything you can think of. No two countries are alike. In each country I might be doing something different like multilateral diplomacy or bilateral diplomacy. It has been a very exciting and a very fulfilling career.

**SAY:** Could you please tell us about your views on reservation in the UPSC.

**SSH:** I can understand that people who have been economically and socially disadvantaged for so many centuries need to be given a leg up. I think that one cannot even begin to imagine the kind of discrimination and disadvantage that someone belonging to scheduled castes has received over the years. This has to be seen against the need to give them the opportunities to learn and to compete and to keep a certain degree of excellence. One has to balance these factors and give them the opportunities to compete with the best. That is easier said than done. So often, the barrier of disadvantage is present from the day you are born till the day you compete with others for employment. There are no easy answers to this but I think that we have to work towards giving them a better chance and towards preserving a certain degree of standards and excellence in whatever public service one talks about.

**SAY:** Being a woman of substance yourself, how do you think globalisation and women empowerment has changed the perception of women in services?

**SSH:** I can talk about the Indian Foreign Service because that is my service. The kind of environments that we operate in all over the world, I think that we probably have it easier than women in services who have to work here in India in terms of having to deal with mind-sets. I might be wrong. I think that the Indian male has evolved considerably over the years. There is still a long way that you have to go, but women are coming into their own and more importantly, they know what they want and they are not going to wait for men to give it to them. They will take it, whether you like it or not. That is the most important thing. What we ourselves want and what we ourselves are willing to fight for. It is also becoming more complicated now. There are so many things, so many choices, and so many options. For women themselves it can be really quite difficult to manage all the conflicting claims. Of course it is a good thing that they have the choice and the important thing is that they make the choice.

| Poetry |

## Coming Soon

Shikhar Trivedi

I stand at the door,  
The very door  
You left me at.  
Oblivious,  
You walked out  
Of my life,  
With my life.

Do you know  
Where was it?  
In your heart,  
The heart in which  
I saw dreams,  
Our dreams.  
We could have lived,  
Happy and loving.

But no,  
You had to leave me,  
Alone with my shattered heart.  
Betrayal,  
That's the word for it.  
I still want to know,  
Know the reason  
For you to leave,  
For you to die.

Don't worry,  
I won't love you,  
Not this time.

I knock again,  
Harder this time.  
Nobody answers.  
Not a soul to hear.  
I think it's not  
My time yet,  
It seems as if you  
Can still be happy.  
I, the broken,  
Have to suffer,  
For some more time.

But I'm coming,  
Coming soon.

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## Panglossian

Aayush Chowdhry

Panglossian about the halt of the rain,  
I think God is playing a rather rebarbative game.  
Inept to understand this unprecedented  
phenomenon,  
Grousing, are my expecting mother and her doula.  
My plans for my game have gone awry,  
I'd rather, now, sit home and cry,  
And then be pragmatic about this rain,  
Write a poem and realize I seldom put to such use,  
my brain.  
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# The Week Gone By

Aryan Chhabra and Nehansh Saxena

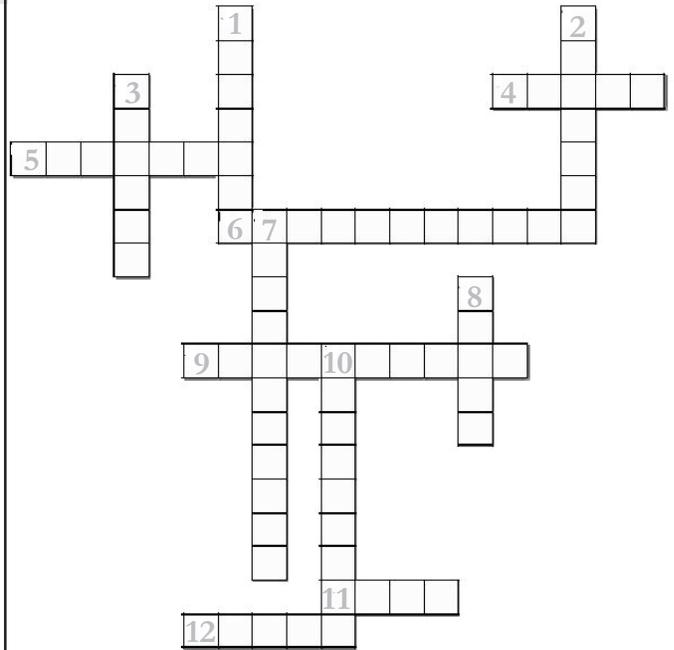
This week was characterized by rainy nights which added to our dreams of a 'PT-less' morning. However, the gods seem to be against us. For those of us attending early morning practices, an alarm clock remains the sole savior. The rest however are a different breed altogether, who do not rise at all. It isn't an uncommon sight to witness Doscocs jumping straight out of the beds and onto the Main Field, reaching just in time for PT.

It is astonishing to see how School has caught up with its original tempo, especially after the last strains of DSMUN'15 are not heard anywhere anymore. Each weekend has found itself filled with a plethora of activities and competitions. The Doon School Chess Tournament seemed to have ended as a stalemate; with the School B-team, bagging the runners up position. Most would agree that this weekend promises to be even more exciting. Chuckerbutty Debates are always greatly contested, with witty remarks and eloquent speeches being delivered at every corner.

However, this does not mean that the weekdays have gone by uneventfully. Inter-House Swimming, which began at the start of this week, ended on a historical note. The number of records broken this season is a record in itself. We would also like to acknowledge the Careers Department for their efforts in providing us with valuable information about various colleges. Never before have we seen so many colleges visiting Chandbagh, and Doscocs were seen keenly meeting with the admission officers, and some more 'guests' that were present. The School Dance troupe left for the IPSC Dance Competition. On the other side of school, the Main Field was occupied by various House teams which ensured that every kick was perfect, every tackle powerful and every run impeccable to prepare for the upcoming Inter-House Football Competition.

While we rejoice and take refuge in the fact that our school has finally given us the luxury of hot water during the rainy and clammy evenings, a demon lurks beneath every dusty textbook. If one even hopes to survive, one better start burning that midnight lamp. Notebooks will be stolen copied; workbooks will be misplaced, as Doscocs face Test Week. On a happier note, café has become an everyday phenomenon and our regular dose of juice and delicious snacks will surely help us pass the impossible.

# Crossword



### Across

4. The city where the World Economic Forum, India, 2013 was held.
5. This country is the 28th member of the European Union.
6. The technique of communicating by signs made with fingers.
9. A person who murders his own sibling.
11. The President of the 68th UN General Assembly
12. He built the Red Fort.

### Down

1. The winner of the ICC Champions Trophy 2013.
2. The ancient name of chemistry.
3. He was the inventor of suicide proof ceiling fans.
7. Study of the ancient societies.
8. This country will host the ICC T20 Cricket World Cup 2016.
10. The hill forts of this Indian state were recently added to UNESCO's World Heritage Site list.

Note: All answers related to persons in this crossword refer to their surnames.

Answers to This Week's Crossword:	
Across	4. Kochi
5. Croatia	6. Dactylogy
9. Fratricide	11. Ashe
12. Jahan	10. Rajasthan
Down	1. England
2. Alchemy	3. Sharma
7. Archaeology	8. India

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