Principal.

Classes settling in to the new year
Many of the staff have commented on a good start to this year – classes are starting well and all students seem settled into school routines. This is a credit to everyone and helps to create the good spirit that is part of our school.

There are a number of dates to remember coming up soon, so I will cover a number of them for you below.

Gallipoli Expression of Interest
A reminder that EOI’s for the 2015 Gallipoli tour must be handed in at the school office by Friday February 22nd. Some students have spoken to me about this and I will repeat what I said to them:

➢ The EOI should be no more than a page in length
➢ You must give your name and birth date to show your eligibility: you must be at least turning 16 in 2015 (at any point in the year, even after the tour in April)
➢ Write why you would like to take part in the tour
➢ Outline your response to the TASK:
  ○ name the person you have selected,
  ○ your relationship to this person (if any – it does not need to be a relation of yours, it can be someone whose story interests you),
  ○ some of the information you will use to tell this person’s story – dot points are acceptable.

Remember that the EOI will not be part of the final selection criteria. I need to know that you have started to get your ideas organized and see what help we can give you. Students who have submitted an EOI and their parents will be invited to a special meeting later this term to outline the tour and what is expected in the TASK.

P&C Meeting
The P&C will hold its first meeting of the year on Thursday February 21st, at 7.30 pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome to attend. The main topic for this first meeting is to analyse a list of requests from faculties and welfare programs to determine the level of funding assistance they will receive from the P&C.

This is the first time for a number of years that we have funded specific school programs through the P&C. Your input into this process will be appreciated and it will give you an insight into areas that are helping our students.

Year 9 Student and Parent Meeting: laptops and Melbourne excursion - March 6th
Mr Troy Smith, our Technical Support Officer (TSO) has informed me that he expects the 2013 version of the Commonwealth government funded DER laptops to be in the school late February /early March. He will need some time to commission them and get them ready for use by year 9 students, but we expect them to be distributed from mid-March onward.

We will hold an information meeting for year 9 students and parents on Wednesday March 6th at 5.00pm in the school library. We expect the meeting to take about 1 and ¼ hours. You will get an opportunity at this meeting to get background information on the program, see the new laptops and ask any questions about the program.

Before any laptop can be issued, each student must return a Laptop Loan Charter signed by parents. This Charter sets out the terms of use of the laptop and the conditions of the loan of the device to each student.

Mr Tony Wilson, the year 9 advisor, will also be at the meeting to discuss the year 9 excursion to Melbourne that will be held later this year.

Special Transition Meeting: Year 5 and 6 parents and students
The Transition to High School Team is preparing a special information afternoon for year 5 and 6 parents and students from local primary schools. This will take place on Wednesday February 27th, from 5.30 to 7.00pm. The aim of this evening is to let parents and students see what DHS has to offer as their local high school and encourage them to select this school to continue their education.

Head Teachers from different subject areas will be present to discuss what we do in classes and visitors will be shown around the school and its facilities. We offer an invitation to all interested parents and students and members of the community to come and talk to us about the excellent education available at Dungog High School.

Anti-Bullying Policy and Procedures
I have included a copy (or link) of the schools anti-bullying policy to this newsletter. The full policy is available on the school’s website. http://www.dungog-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/rules-policies

Bullying is an issue that all schools are facing; it is vitally important that all of us respond to any reports of bullying and support our young people through what could be a traumatic experience for them.

The schools policy is very clear on what we will do with any allegations of bullying behaviour. Please read carefully the sections referring to parents and students – we all must respond in an appropriate and timely way to allegations.

Maureen Jarvis

Gallipoli Tour 2015
A timeline for students and parents interested in taking part in the Gallipoli Tour of 2015 is printed in this newsletter and is also available on the school website. All eligible students have been given the information on this trip and should have spent time over the past few months to get their project started.
The first thing I will need is an Expression of Interest from all interested students; this EOI should be no longer than one page and outline their response to the Task. I will hold a meeting this term to discuss the application and the tour itself to all the students and their parents who complete the EOI.

Centenary of the ANZAC Landings at Gallipoli Timeline for Tour Applications

1. **Friday 22nd February: Expression of interest:**
   All students who wish to be considered for this tour will submit a written Expression Of Interest to the school office, addressed to the Principal, by this date. This EOI should be no more than 1 page in length and outline the student’s response to the Task, ie a brief summary of their presentation, with, if possible, the name of the soldier who is the focus of the investigation.

2. **Wednesday 20th March: Meeting of students and parents:** All interested students who have submitted an EOI are invited to attend this meeting, with their parents. The meeting will cover
   - Details of the trip
   - Expectations of the Task
   - Any questions / concerns about the trip, the selection process, developing a response to the Task

3. **During term 2:** staff will be available to assist students in preparing their submissions.

4. **Term 3: School selection process**
   - weeks 6 and 7: presentations to the school committee
   - week 8: decision - 2 students selected to represent the school

5. **Term 3 week 10:**
   Submission of the names of the successful 2 Students to the central selection committee

6. **October:** Final student interviews – dates and times will be advised to applicants and Principals

7. **December 11th:** Announcement dinner for successful students – 6.30pm Hospitality Centre, Kurri Kurri TAFE.

**SPORTS REPORT**

Welcome to week 3 and the weather is starting to warm up again!! So far we have been lucky and managed to dodge the storms and our swimming carnival went ahead on two sunny afternoons. Well done to all DHS students for their excellent behaviour last Thursday, but I must say that the participation level in the races was still very low. Congratulations to the following students for their personal best efforts and becoming age swimming champions: Drew Grant, Ella Kennedy, Michael Peacock, Ellie Wallace, Ian Parsons, Emma Rumbel, Jordan Long, Aimee Robinson, Corey Smith and Joshua Long. The Port Stephens Zone swimming carnival will be held next Monday 18th February at Tomaree Aquatic Centre with races starting at 9:30.

Term 1 sports begin this Thursday so please remember to bring all your money and equipment. We welcome back the sport of Radio

Dungog and now Turner Cup pre-season soccer training is also offered. As always please make sure students are in sports uniform on Thursdays and try to wear a hat particularly in summer.

F Fardell (Sports Organiser)

**CAREERS NEWS**

**YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE**

This year, Year 10 will be able to undertake two weeks of Work Experience between 3 and 14 June. Students have been given information to take home about the procedures required to participate in Work Experience. Please contact me if you have any enquiries.

**CONSTRUCTION INDUCTION COURSE**

Year 10 students wishing to actively participate in Work Experience in the Building and Construction Industry must complete a Construction Induction Training Course (“White Card”). This is a legal requirement. Students in Year 11 who are enrolled in Construction (VET) must also have completed this course.

A course will be run at the School by an approved WorkCover trainer on Friday 1 March. The cost is $120. A maximum of 20 students can attend. A second course will run in Term 2 only if there is sufficient demand.

Permission notes are not required. Students are to pay at the Office.

**School Health and Welfare**

The beginning of each year is the time when we review all health and welfare records and update them as necessary. Many staff members have updated their CPR qualifications to ensure that their First Aid Certificates are current and they remain informed of recent changes. Parents who have a student who is diagnosed as being at risk of an emergency or those who require administration of specific health care procedures, including those with severe asthma, type 1 diabetes, epilepsy and anaphylaxis, should have an individual health care plan.

Please contact the school if there are any changes or additions to your child’s medical condition. Year 7 parents are asked to ensure that the blue, red and pink medical forms from the Year 7 Information Booklet are returned as soon as possible.

**Anaphylaxis**

This year there has been an added emphasis on Anaphylaxis training and all members of staff have completed the new online mandatory training course. We are aware of how life threatening an allergic reaction can be, even without prior warning, and would therefore like all parents with children who have allergies to ensure that our current information is correct. We will be sending requests, to all parents of students with allergies, updated forms to complete in order to prevent or control an attack at school.

Parents who have students who are in danger of an anaphylactic attack are asked to ensure that their medical practitioner complete an Emergency response plan and contact Ms McLarty to arrange a meeting to complete an updated Health Care Plan.

**Head Lice Alert**

We have had a case of head lice at school. I ask that all students please have their heads checked and washed if necessary at home this week to eradicate this problem. Visit your local pharmacy for advice or use a fine toothed nit comb with conditioner over this weekend. If we all check our children we will eradicate this straight away. Thank you for your support in this matter.
Welfare Issues
I would also like to remind parents that if we are informed of concerns at home or school we are more able to provide support for all students, including their learning, their uniform and equipment needs and their welfare. Please feel free to contact teachers, year advisors, myself or our Executive if you would like to discuss any concerns.
Fiona McLarty
Relieving HT Welfare

SCHOOL TAX FILE NUMBER PROGRAM
Schools and the Tax Office work together to help students obtain their Tax File Number (TFN). Students going to full-time work, tertiary study or an after school job all need a TFN from the Tax Office to make sure that they are not taxed more than they should be.
You also need a TFN to receive certain benefits such as youth allowance, Newstart or Abstudy and to defer university fees. If you are over 16 and earn more than $120 a year in interest, the bank (or other financial institutions) will deduct close to half your interest in tax if you don’t supply a TFN.

Application forms to apply for a TFN are available from Ms Smith (Careers). Return the completed form to Ms Smith and the School sends the form to the Tax Office, confirming the details. The Tax Office will post your TFN to you within 28 days of receiving the application.

Your TFN does not come to the School. Keep it in a safe place to avoid identity fraud. If you lose your TFN you must contact the Tax Office personally. The School cannot do this on your behalf.

PBL News
Dungog high school’s PBL team has had a significant rollover of members that met for the first time at a professional development day held at the end of last year.

Ms Dafy, Ms McLarty and Mrs Kun will be the members of the previous committee to continue and be joined by many new members, ensuring that each of the faculties of the school were represented.

The new members are:
Mrs Danvers from Music, Ms Rowley from Drama, Mrs Kavanagh and Mrs Shumack from English, Mrs Wilson from PDHPE, Mrs Trappel from TAS, Ms Sykes from HSC, and Miss Joy from the Unit.
We all decided on our new roles and responsibilities for ensuring the successful continuation of PBL at Dungog High School, so look forward to some new initiatives occurring in the near future.
From Mrs Kun (Publicity Team Member)

DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN
Roster
Week 3 : 11th to 15th February

Mon  J Chant,
Tues  D Dykjy, C Bridges, K Nairn
Wed  C Wheeler, M Dew, L Lovegrove
Thurs  K Eyb, J Saunders, K Falconer
Fri  N Pearce, R Nicholson, V Sanderson

Week 4 : 18th to 22nd February
Mon  K McDonald, N Turner, R Taylor
Tues  R Arkinstall, T Cushway, M Pritchard
Wed  A Howton
Thurs  L Tull, P Argent
Fri  J Wilkinson, R Hancock, A Endersby, S Biesler

POSITIVE VACANT
High School Canteen Supervisor
Temporary casual position to cover Long Service Leave.

During School term from April to beginning of August. $23.87 per hour for a 35 hour week.
Require 1st Aid certificate etc also Working with Children clearance.
Prefer experience in hospitality with responsibilities including ordering, cleaning, staff supervision etc

Applications close Friday 1st March to
78 Mary Street, Dungog 2420
Enquiries to 49921839 or 0427921839

Coming Events
Feb
12  Uniform Shop open
14  Y12 PDHPE Beach Fitness
18-22  Yr12 Construction Work Placement
18  Zone Swimming Carnival, Tomaree
      Y9’10 History Play in MPC
19  Uniform Shop open
      Dux Assembly – 2012 HSC
21  P & C Meeting 7.30pm School Library
26  Y9-12 Vis Art to Sydney
      Uniform Shop open
27  Y8 Powerhouse Museum excursion
      Rural Uni Road Show

FAMILY LAW NETWORK AUSTRALIA
We have recently launched the website Family Law Network Australia. The website is a free information resource and referral service for family law matters. The information provided on our website could be very useful and of great benefit to families.

We invite you to visit Family Law Network Australia at www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au

Dungog Junior Rugby League
We are holding our first joint training session in Wednesday 13th February @ 4.00pm.
This will take place at Bennett Park and all players, coaches and parents are more than welcome to come along.
This is also a time that registration will be available for players not yet registered.

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We invite you to visit Family Law Network Australia at www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au
The Australian Air Force Cadets is one of the Premier Youth Organisations of Australia. We are currently recruiting for 2013.

Do you want to:
- Learn to fly
- Develop your leadership and communication skills
- Participate in adventure training and craft activities
- Meet new people and make lifelong friends
- And heaps more

If you:
- Are an Australian resident
- Have good general health
- Are between 13 and 18 years old
- Can attend weekly activities
- Have permission from your parent or guardian

Become a Cadet in the Australian Air Force Cadets

EDUCATES ❖ CHALLENGES ❖ EXCITES

For more information, find your nearest Australian Air Force Cadet Squadron by visiting our website at: www.aafc.org.au

The Australian Air Force Cadets, are holding two information nights on 13th and 20th February 2013 from 7pm to 9.30pm at Scobie Depot, Rutherford.

SEAHAM NETBALL CLUB

REGISTRATION DAYS
Saturday 23rd February 2013
Seaham Public School 10am – 12noon
Uniforms available on the day.
For further inquiries contact either Tracey Marks, Registrar on 49886979
Or Clinton Bridge, President on 4988 6921.
New players to SNC will need to bring along their birth certificate.

Dungog Soccer Club

REGISTRATION DAY
Saturday, February 16, Dungog RSL Club 12-3pm
Under 6yrs to All Age Men & Women. New players must bring a copy of their birth certificate. Players 12yrs and over must be present when registering to sign the sheet.

Up to 7 years $60 (includes FREE Soccerball and Shin Pads)
8yrs - 11yrs $75
12yrs - 18yrs $90
Seniors $180
Membership $1.00 per a family.
*$ Payment is required on day of registration
For enquiries phone Michael Atkins 0428 779 320 or Mark Stewart 0427 753 565 or e-mail president@dungogsoccerclub.com.

Dungog Soccer Club plays in a range of competitions that span the Hunter Valley. Dungog Soccer Club is proud of its many achievements. Soccer offers a safe and enjoyable sport which can be played by both male and female players. For any further details on playing soccer this year please contact Michael Atkins or Mark Stewart and remember new players are asked to bring a copy of their Birth Certificate when signing on. Expressions of interest are requested from any prospective coaches or managers

SOCER REGISTRATION DAYS 2013 SEASON

Under 6’s to All Age Men’s & Women’s
(Children turning 5 in 2013 can now play as Under 6’s)
New players and beginners are most welcome!
Interested players (male and female) are invited to register on the following days:

PATERSON Monday, 11th Feb, 2013
St Paul’s Church Hall 3:15 – 6:00 p.m.
GRESFORD Wednesday, 13th Feb, 2013
Gresford Sporting Complex 3:15 – 8:00 pm.
VACY Friday, 15th Feb, 2013
Vacy School of Arts Hall 3:15 – 6:00 p.m.

PLAY WITH GRESFORD VACY FC

"On-line" Registration is now possible.
Information and instructions will be found on the Gresford/Vacy website.
www.gresfordvacyfc.sportingpulse.net
(yes, the address is fc dot sporting pulse not @ sporting pulse)

New players must provide a copy of their Birth Certificate
Registration fees 8-11y $80; 12-18y $95; All-Age $185
All fees must be paid in-full by April 20th, 2013

*~SPECIAL LIMITED OFFER~*
Under 6’s & Under 7’s pay no registration fee- save over $65.00
Includes free training ball and shin pads
Sign up early as numbers are limited

More information: Contact our Player Registrar, Karen Sanders, on 0429-022449 a.h.

Gloucester Community Drug Action Team

Presents

Celia Lashlie

"The Power of Mothers" &
"Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men"

Date: Thursday, 14 March 2013
Time: 10.30am – 3.00pm
Venue: Senior Citizens Hall Hume Street Gloucester
Cost: $27.50 CDAT Members (active*) $37.50 NONCDAT Members. Cost includes morning tea & lunch
Or $16.50per session (no Lunch)
RSVP: Friday, 8 March 2013
Registrations are essential as places are limited!
This completed form is a TAX INVOICE. ABN 80152696399
Please return your registration from to neigh.centre@bwng.org.au or fax 0265582820
Payments to be made to Sticky Tickets Event Link: http://www.stickytickets.com.au/9951

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Name: _____________________
CDAT: _____________________
Service: _____________________
Address: _____________________
______________________________
Phone: _____________________
Mobile: _____________________
Email: _____________________

Do you have any dietary requirement? _____________________

Your registration information may be shared with the relevant Community Drug Action Team
* to be classed as an active CDAT member you must have attended/participated in CDAT meetings/activities within the last 6 months.

Gresford Show has a short film competition …
… and would like YOU to enter. If you have a great idea to shoot or even a complete short film that was made in the last year, you can enter (two ages - Under 16 and Under 12). There are prizes for Animation, for Best Live Drama Comedy or Dance film, and for Best Documentary or Home Movie, in both ages, and a great prize for overall champion.

To enter, visit the Gresford Show website and go to Video Exhibition. Entries close Friday 1st March.

Get that camera out and make that short. www.gresfordshow.com

Want to learn to belly dance?
This exotic, healthy, fun activity is on at the Anglican Hall in Dungog on Wednesday evenings over seven weeks, starting 27 February. Cost is $120 or $105 concessions. Suits any age but it is females only, thanks. For more information, go to the website: www.dungogcommunitycollege.org.au or email us at education@dins.org.au.

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!
As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”.

Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaustr@sccce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.