Dungog High School News

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Term 1 Week 4  We focus on respect, responsibility and personal best  18th February 2013

Principal.

Valentine’s Day

The school was awash with roses and red balloons last Thursday – Valentine’s Day. The SRC has held a fund raiser on this day for many years, providing the roses and singing telegrams to share the love around students and staff.

There were many happy faces and lots of smiles throughout the day. Well done SRC and Ms Daffy

Dux Assembly

The special assembly to congratulate the highest achieving students from the year 12 of 2012 will be held on Wednesday this week at 9.40 in the MPC. We will be very pleased to see our recent ex-students who have achieved at a high level and hear about their plans for the future. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations and best wishes to the students who will be representing DHS at the zone carnival this week. These students were selected at the school’s swimming carnival which was held recently over two sports afternoons.

This change to the organization of our carnival was a trial of a different structure. It was a success in many ways - particularly keeping students and staff out of the very hot sun for a full day. It also offered some challenges to our ideas of what a sports carnival should achieve so we are evaluating it currently. The upcoming athletics carnival will be run along traditional lines; once again, any assistance or support parents and community members can offer is gratefully received.

Reminders for this week:

1. Gallipoli Tour EOI: due this Friday
2. P&C Meeting: will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 21st in the school library. I hope many of you can attend. We will be looking at requests from faculties and programs for financial assistance from the P&C.

HT advertisements

The ad for the HT HSIE closes this week and the short listing and interviews will be concluded within a fortnight. The HT English ad will be published this week; hopefully, that position will be filled within a month.

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

Dungog High School Vision: Dungog High School educates individuals to be contributing members of a modern global society. It provides a positive working and learning environment where people feel valued and are responsible, knowledgeable citizens.
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.

**SPORES REPORT**
What a mixed bag of weather we’re having lately! Raining one moment then steaming hot 5 minutes later. Term 1 sports started last Thursday without any hitches and it was good to see Golf was a popular choice again this term. Everyone tried to do their personal best but particular congratulations go to: Brooke Muddle, Lara Hayden, Lucy Neilson, Chelsea Gallagher, William Taylor, Bryce Saunders, Jenna-Lee Turner, Hayley Boon, Gabi Griffith, Eloise Hitchens, Hayley McFadyen, Jack Thompson, Amy Connell, Nathan Keen, Dylan Holloway and Benjamin Jessop.

Congratulations also to Murray house who won the recent swimming carnival followed closely by the always enthusiastic Robinson, then Nicholson and Fitzgerald. Good luck to all our DHS swimmers at the Port Stephens Zone Swimming Carnival and I look forward to reporting on their results next week.
F Fardell (Sports Organiser)

**CAREERS NEWS**

**SKILLS ON SHOW**
The NSW Minerals Council, under the banner “NSW Mining”, is the Sponsor of **Skills on Show 2013.** The show is held as part of the Newcastle Regional Show from 1 - 3 March 2013. Skills on Show is a large, interactive visual display showcasing companies’ and industries’ skills, careers, technology and trades needed for future growth, including job opportunities and pathways for young people to consider when looking for a career.

There will be sessions called *In Conversation with...* on the hour from 10am – 4pm on Friday March 1 and Saturday March 2. NSW Mining will also have a one-on-one area for interested students/parents/teachers to ask questions in a more intimate environment to company and industry representatives. Further information about Skills on Show can be found at [http://www.skillsonsohows.com.au/page18196/Home.aspx](http://www.skillsonsohows.com.au/page18196/Home.aspx)

**REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES ROADSHOW**
The Regional Universities Roadshow brings representatives from Southern Cross University, University of New England and Charles Sturt University to speak to Year 11 & 12 students about university applications, regional entry schemes, scholarships, costs and accommodation. This is valuable information for making decisions about future choices for 2013.

The Roadshow will visit Dungog High on Wednesday 27 February at 2pm. All Year 11 and 12 students have been invited and parents are also welcome to attend. Please contact Ms Smith (Careers) for more details.

**YEAR 7 NEWS**
Year 7 have settled in and it is pleasing to see them interacting so well with each other in the playground and the classroom. The Year 7 Camp is also designed to provide students with an opportunity to interact with their new peers and to help foster positive peer relationships. I am aware that some students have already been to The Great Aussie Bush Camp and seem a little unsure about whether they should attend our camp. The Year 7 Camp is an important transition tool and the program offered by the camp coordinators is specifically designed for Year 7, and this purpose. Students who attend for a second time will enjoy a completely different experience to their previous one. I know the camp is an extra cost on the family budget but it is a valuable and worthwhile experience for all involved. I strongly encourage all students to attend.

Please remember that all notes and payment are due by Monday 25 February.
Vanessa van de Scheur
Year 7 Advisor

**DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC STUDENTS LAUNCH STRAIGHT INTO A BUSY TERM!**

**STARSTRUCK 2013**
The year has begins with a ‘bang’ for the ‘Musos’ at Dungog High with auditions for Starstruck 2013 in both Dance and Choir. These are auditioned by video so all rehearsals are about to begin to get the DVDs completed and submitted by early March.

This Year one of our new teachers Mrs S Judd will be supervising the dance group with some help from Mrs K Neilson. The choir will be supervised by Mrs P Danvers and Mrs L Knight. It will be different this year for Mrs Danvers who has ‘retired’ from the massed choir conducting and will now be content to let someone else step in while she sits and sings with Dungog High in the choir stands.

One of our Year 11 students, Amber Tull, is about to audition in the third round for a spot as a featured artist after coming through the first and second rounds in great style. Amber is a lover of country music with plenty of enthusiasm and talent. The competition for a place in the 2013 show is very strong with hundreds of students from all over the Hunter Region singing their hearts out for a ‘spot’. Amber can be very proud of her achievements. Congratulations Amber and the best of luck to you!

Performers from Year 7 to 12 will take part in the DUX ceremony this week as well as working toward performances at the Year 5/6 transition evening this month.

With these events and the Dungog Film Festival and Tocal Field Days, the music students have certainly a lot to look forward to this term.

A reminder to all students that Choir takes place on Tuesday mornings, Senior Vocal Group on Monday lunch, Tuesday lunch is year 10/11 vocal workshop, Wednesday lunch Year 8 vocal group and Friday is Stage Band.

**All new group members are welcome!!**
We are looking forward to another great year of Creative Arts!

**HEALTH AND WELFARE ISSUES**
Parents of Year 7 and Year 9 students will be receiving information kits in the near future from Miss Karen Daffy regarding our School-Based Vaccination Program. The dates for these vaccinations are...
Tuesday 5th March and Tuesday 7th May. Miss Duffy is an excellent support for students having these vaccinations but she does need your help in getting forms back on time.

We have been informed that there may be some information missing from some of the packs and so ask you to be aware of the following information:

**2013 NSW School-Based Vaccination Program (missing information)**

The NSW Ministry of Health has been informed that a small number of Parent Information Kits which contain forms for parents to read and sign for school vaccination may be missing important information.

Please check that all information is included in the Parent Information Kits:

- parents of **Year 7 female students** should receive a pink **Year 7 Girls** envelope that includes a checklist, privacy statement and 4 Consent Forms and Information for you and your child's sheets for:
  1) Human Papillomavirus (HPV) (pink)
  2) Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (dTpa) (blue)
  3) Hepatitis B envelope (green)
  4) Varicella (chicken pox) (yellow)

- parents of **Year 7 male students** should receive two envelopes:
  - a blue **Year 7 Boys** envelope that includes a checklist, privacy statement and 3 Consent Forms and Information for you and your child's sheets for:
    1) Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (dTpa) (blue)
    2) Hepatitis B envelope (green)
    3) Varicella (chicken pox) (yellow)
  - an olive green **Boys Human Papillomavirus (HPV)** envelope that includes a Consent Form and Information for you and your child sheet

- parents of **Year 9 male students** should receive an olive green **Boys Human Papillomavirus (HPV)** envelope that includes a Consent Form and Information for you and your child sheet.

If all the information is included and you would like your child to be vaccinated, please read the Information for you and your child sheet, sign the Consent Form and return the signed Consent Form to your child’s school. If you do NOT wish your child to be vaccinated, do NOT complete or return the Consent Form.

**If any information is missing from your Parent Information Kit, please contact your child’s school immediately and a replacement Kit will be provided.**

**Medical Forms**

Thank you to all parents who are getting the Year 7 Medical information back to me. If there are any changes to your child’s medical condition, please inform me immediately. Please also keep me and/or your child’s Year Advisor informed if you have any concerns about their well-being at school.

Fiona McLarty
Relieving HT Welfare

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**DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN**

Roster

**Week 4 : 18th to 22nd February**

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**Week 5 : 25th February to 1st March**

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**POSITION 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**

- 18-22 Yr12 Construction Work Placement
- 18 Zone Swimming Carnival, Tomaree
- 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
- Boys Volleyball, Broadmeadow
- 27 Rural Uni Road Show
- 28 Girls Volleyball, Broadmeadow

**Mar**

- 1 Construction – “White Card”
- 4-8 Yr12 Primary Industries Work Placement
- 5 Vaccinations Y7, 8, 9
- Yr10 PASS Excursion
- 8 Gloucester Shakespeare, Y9-11
- 11-13 Yr 7 Camp
- 12 Yr 8 Technology Excursion Powerhouse Museum
- 15 Cattle Team, Malliland Showground
AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS

CADET RECRUITING

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 field craft activities
- Meet new people and make life long 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 an information night on 20th February 2013 from 7pm to 9.30pm at Scobie Depot, Rutherford.

World Education Program

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now accepting applications from students who wish to participate in 2013/14 exchange programs for a summer, semester or year. Students can choose to study and live life with a carefully selected host family in more than 25 countries.

I did it! 10 months in a foreign country, without knowing the language, culture and not even a single person at first. I have experienced unforgettable moments of highs and lows, but I can’t imagine not having done this now. Thinking about all the amazing people I’ve met, the lessons I have learnt and things I have seen, I feel truly lucky to have been here living a different life. I have no regrets, as I have grown to be more mature, open to life and aware of the world around me. Despite it being hands down the hardest, it has also been the best thing I have ever done for myself. I now feel ready to start life in Australia with a clearer idea of who I am, knowing my strengths, weaknesses and my future goals. Exchange has really helped me define myself and become a stronger and more confident person.

Alison (Moreton Bay College) year program to Italy

Exchange students return to Australia with maturity, confidence, and in many cases, proficiency in another language. If learning another language is not for your child, excellent programs to the USA, Canada, Ireland and the UK are also available.

Scholarships to Argentina and China and Early Bird Specials are now available for programs commencing in 2014!

Become a WEP Host Family!

Experience the joys of hosting an exchange student and gaining an international family member. Visit www.wep.org.au to find out more.

Find Out More!

Request a free information pack. Visit www.wep.org.au, email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733.

Upcoming Information Sessions

Sydney

BOWLERS CLUB OF NSW
Level 2, 95-99 York Street, Sydney
13 February 7:30–9:00pm
13 March 7:30–9:00pm

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