Every one of these contributions will help students and teachers to improve the education we can provide. Our thanks to the P&C for making these programs possible.

**Student Assistance Program**

The DEC allocates funding to each school to assist parents with their children’s needs at school. We have received these funds and I will allocate them on a needs basis. Parents must apply through a form that is available from the school office – this is a confidential application that is seen only by the Principal.

I go through all applications and try to share the funds as equitably as possible. The purpose of the funds is to allow students to access their education in the best way – this means that the first priorities are books and uniforms. I am prepared to look at other areas of need, but generally do not use these funds for non-compulsory items such as excursions.

Because of the number of requests already received, I have set a 50% guideline for all funds to be allocated.

Parents sometimes enquire about setting up a payment plan to cover extra costs. I am prepared to discuss this – however, it is critical that the plan is adhered to and the school is not left to cover unexpected costs.

**Elective Fees and Excursions**

Many subjects that students enrol in have subject fees; these fees are advertised well in advance of the time when the students make their choices of electives. The elective booklet always states the fees for any course, allowing parents to choose whether or not their child can enrol in a course.

The policy for non-payment of elective fees has been in place for the past few years and will continue this year:

- Non payment of fees for practical courses will mean that a student will not engage in the practical aspects of that course – eg cooking, making items in woodwork/metalwork or visual arts
- Non-payment in one year can make the student ineligible to continue that course into the next year
- Students who have outstanding fees will not be permitted to take part on non-mandatory excursions – this includes the Melbourne excursion (year 9) and the Jindabyne excursion (year 11)

**Maureen Jarvis**

**University Offers**

The following list of university offers was sent to the school by the University Admissions Centre. Some students have received more than one offer and will have to make a choice. 54% of Year 12 students gained entry to university this year. This is well above the state average.

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**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.

- We focus on respect, responsibility and personal best
- We encourage initiative, innovation and leadership
- We value individual differences
## SPORTS REPORT

Welcome to week 5. Weren’t we lucky with all of that wild weather last week! Well done to the following students for their personal best efforts at sport: Jordan Fallins-Neilson, Michael O’Hara-Smith, Jade Grant, Alexis Neilson, Jacob Edwards, Georgia Bannister, Ashleigh D’Arcy, Kirsty Wand, Sam Salt, Steven Bridges, Drew Gilmore. Port Stephens Zone Swimming was completed last Monday and Dungog HS swimmers again punched well above their weight and finished equal 2nd in the zone. This is a fantastic effort from our small but dedicated team of swimmers considering our school is only ½ the size of some of the bigger schools in our zone. Special congratulations to the following students who were age champions on the day: Aimee Robinson, Corey Smith and Joshua Long. Don’t forget the Hunter Regional Swimming Championships are next Tuesday 5th March at Maitland pool and all DHS swimmers need to return their permission notes ASAP.

Good luck to our Boys and Girls Open Volleyball teams as they play their Round 1 knockout gala days this week. Lots of other knockout teams are having trials so listen to the daily notices for that information. Any student who would like to try out for Hunter rep teams in the following sports should see Mr. Fardell ASAP: Open Netball, 15yrs Rugby League, Open Soccer, 16yrs Touch, Golf, Diving, Open Volleyball.

Finally congratulations to Courtney Wevers who competed at the NSW All Schools Triathlon Championships in Sydney last Thursday and came 27th in her age. Fantastic effort.

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 an more intimate environment to company and industry representatives. Further information about Skills on Show can be found at [http://www.skillsonsohn.com.au](http://www.skillsonsohn.com.au).

## 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 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.

### Term 1 Week 5

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Year 11 Student Study Organisers
In the first week of this school year, Mr Curran gave all students in Year 11 an organiser/planner to help students organise their time more effectively and monitor how much homework/study they are doing. Homework is a compulsory part of any course and is a way of reinforcing work covered in class and to help understand the work being presented. It is essential students complete all set homework tasks.

While completing the organiser/planner is not compulsory, Mr Curran will be using roll call time to catch up with students to check their progress and to check their organiser/planner. To help with the implementation of the organiser/planner, and to help students develop a consistent homework/study routine, it would be appreciated if parent/caregivers check the planner/organiser occasionally to check on their child’s progress as well. On the homework and study record there are places for parents to sign to indicate they have viewed the record.

As the number of study/homework hours students do will vary from week to week and from student to student, Mr Curran would recommend students are doing 2.5 hours of study/homework a day in year 11. This would include any homework or study done in School study periods or during sport. Students need to also try to divide their time equally between their subjects; not spending all their time on one subject.

If you have any questions regarding the planner/organiser please feel free to contact Mr Curran at the school. If your child has lost their organiser/planner, a copy of organiser/planner can be collected from Mr Curran or printed off from http://www.dungog-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/years/year-11/organiser-planner.

Dungog High School is now on Facebook!
Dungog High School now has an official Facebook page. By Dungog High School having a Facebook page it will allow parents and students to receive school news faster, stay informed about upcoming events, receive important announcements faster (for example, if a sports carnival is called off, parents will receive a notification as soon as the sports carnival is postponed) and allow an easier sharing of school photos and video.
If you would like to join the Dungog High School Facebook group, go to https://www.facebook.com/DungogHighSchool and simply like the page.

Personal Best – Respect – Responsibility
The Positive Behaviour for Learning Committee would like your input into areas, in which we, as a school could focus on in our PBL Program for 2013. So far we have covered issues in the areas of walkways, appropriate language and canteen – these are all ongoing.

We are gathering input from students in DEAR groups, staff and the wider school community. This input will be collated and discussed by a student PBL focus group and the PBL Committee, and the main issues placed on a timeline, with strategies being implemented in 2013.

There is an attachment to this email, it is also available on our website, http://www.dungog-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/forms (PBL Community Input Feb ’13) if you would like to please fill out the form and return to the school office either by mail, in person or by email by Friday this week. All details are on the form.

PBL is an integral part of our school’s functioning. It is important for all stakeholders involved to be a part of creating improvement for the benefit of everyone.

We are looking forward to our PBL Awards Assembly in Week 6!

ENGLISH/LOTE NEWS
Weeks 5 and 6 will be very busy for all students in English and LOTE.

Year 7 LOTE classes will be busy working on their French assignments. The assignments ask students to research a famous French person and how they made a contribution to France and the world.

Year 7 and 8 English students are now working on their understanding of poetry and will sit the test in week 6. Year 7 will need to know the structure of specific poetry forms. Year 8 will be tested on poetic techniques and how these shape meaning.

Year 9 students will be working on refining their exposition writing skills and will sit the test in week 6.

Year 10 students have been working on their understanding about how poets shape meaning. They will be required to write a critical response focusing on an unseen poem.

Just a reminder that all students are expected to revise their classwork and study for the assessment tasks.

The English faculty have been pleased with those students who are reading every night and encourage those who are not to do so.
Mrs McKinna
English/LOTE Faculty

Coming Events

Feb
26 Y9-12 Vis Art to Sydney
Uniform Shop open
Boys Volleyball, Broadmeadow
27 Rural Uni Road Show
Transition Information Evening, 5.30pm
28 Girls Volleyball, Broadmeadow

Mar
1 Construction – “White Card”
4-8 Yr12 Primary Industries Work Placement
4 Open Boys Cricket
5 Vaccinations Y7, 8, 9
Yr10 PASS Excursion
Regional Swimming carnival Maitland
7 Zone Netball Raymond Terrace
8 Gloucester Shakespeare, Y9-11
Cattle Team to Gresford Show
11-13 Yr 7 Camp
12 Yr 8 Technology Excursion Powerhouse Museum
Uniform Shop open 8am – 4pm
14 Baker Shield U14 Cricket vs Gloucester HS
15 Y11 Biology & Senior Science Field Study
18-22 Y12 Hospitality Work Placement
26 Uniform shop open, 8am – 4pm
28 Athletics Carnival
29 Good Friday
DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN

Roster

Week 5 : 25th February to 1st March
Mon  S Hallett, N Eyb, M Herbert
Tues G Edwards, C Everett, S Hooke
Wed  L Wand, S Hitchens
Thur M Muddle, R Wysall, M Hughes, K Boland
Fri  R Warland, S Crouch, C Easdown, R Kirkby

Week 6 : 4th to 8th March
Mon  T Schumacher, M Gibbs,
Tues J Kellner, B Reeves, R Wevers, K Signor
Wed  M Milburn, L Morris, K McDermott
Thurs S Kiddle, J Czapiewski
Fri  D Marquet, L Dries, L McInnes, M Townsend

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

DUNGOG JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE NEEDS YOU
We require more players for teams in 2013
If you are interested please ring
Lindy Hunt-0429825570
Barry Allen-0414577727
Shane Darr-0428044588-all players receive a Free football after registration and new Under 6years or 7 years are free rego!

Dungog & District Netball Association will be holding their final registration day this Wednesday 27th February from 3.30 to 5.30pm at netball courts.
All players wishing to play in winter competitions - Dungog( 7 to 10 years old) Port Stephens (11 years to ladies) and Net Set Go (4 to 6 years old) need to register.
For further information please contact Katrina Watson on 0427 923397 or Sam Rumbel on mobile 0407 953293

Maitland Saints Australian Football Club
For boys aged 4 to 17, girls aged 4 to 14 – Sunday games
Come and try a great new game in the Maitland area
All welcome.
Enquiries to www.maitlandsaints.org.au

EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE IN 2013 AND IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME
In June-July students from over 20 countries around the world will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 5 or 10 months.
Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.
Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia
Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331
or visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

Receiving Your Newsletter
The Newsletter is available on the school website and is also distributed by email. A paper copy can be obtained on request.

Year 7 students have received a paper copy of Dungog High School's Newsletters issued during February.

Please indicate on the form below how you would prefer to receive the Newsletter, if you have not already done so. There is also a form in the year 7 student handbook. This form is also available on our website – Our School / Forms. The form will need to be returned to the school office by 28th February 2013.

Preferred Method of Receiving the School Newsletter

1. Website: you need do nothing more. The newsletter is available each week and previous newsletters are available on this site
http://www.dungog-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

2. Email: if you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please complete the following:
   Parent/Carer's Name:
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   Student’s Name:
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   Email address:
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3. I would like to receive the newsletter by paper copy.
   Family name
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   Name of student collecting Newsletter
   ____________________________ Year: _____ Roll: ______