Term 1 Week 6

4th March 2013

Principal.

Year 9 Laptop and Melbourne Excursion Meeting
We will be holding a special meeting for year 9 students and parents on Wednesday this week in the school library. The meeting will start at 5.00pm and should be finished by 6.30pm.

There are two items for discussion at the meeting:

- The issue of laptops for all year 9 students. This is the last year of the Commonwealth Government DER program, so these students will be the last ones to be issued with laptops from this program. For the first time, students will have their laptop as a loan from the school. No laptop will be issued until the Laptop Charter has been signed by parents. This Charter will be available at the meeting.
- The Melbourne excursion. The year 9 Adviser, Mr Tony Wilson, will be at the meeting and will outline the program students will follow.

Year 4, 5, 6 Transition Expo
Last Wednesday we invited parents and students from our local primary schools to visit DHS, to see what our school has to offer and give them the opportunity to talk to staff. We expected to see around 140 and were delighted when the group topped 200.

This was such a successful evening that we hope to make it part of our standard transition to high school process. As many parents told me on the night, they do not often get an opportunity to see the facilities their children will spend a significant proportion of their lives in for six years.

We are very proud of our school and the chance to show off what we have was appreciated by everyone involved. Thanks to Mrs Denise McKinna, our transition co-ordinator and her team, and the many staff members and DHS students who gave up their time to be part of this.

A special thanks to all the primary students and parents who came to this evening and made it such a success.

School Flashing Lights Initiative
I have received a letter from the Roads and Maritime Services to say that the school zone on Hooke St has been included in their next roll-out of school zone flashing lights. This will alert motorists to the speed restrictions around schools and improve safety for all school children.

There is no definite timing for this yet, but it is expected to occur between March and June this year.

Upgrade to the Busbays
The DEC has agreed to upgrade the school’s busbays by improving drainage and the surface where students stand as they wait for their buses. I have been working with the DEC over the past year to have this improvement occur. I am very pleased to see that some movement is happening in an area that has been a concern for some time. The whole area is not included in this improvement – there will be a further allocation of funds to complete the project in the next financial year.

The work on this area will be done during school holidays.

Head Teacher Interviews
The selection panel for the HT HSIE has met and selected the applicants who will be interviewed for this position. I expect to be able to announce the new HT HSIE within a fortnight.

The HT English position will close for applications this week. The results of this process will be available within the month.

Maureen Jarvis

SPORTS REPORT
Looks like we dodged another bullet last Thursday with the rain coming just as sport finished (and didn’t it rain!). All of our sports were able to go ahead and all students once again did their best with Jesse Skavinski eventually winning this week’s Rebel Sports prize (please see Mr. Fardell to collect it).

Our Regional Swimming team is competing on Tuesday at the Hunter Carnival so we wish them all the best of luck. The team comprises of: Joshua Long, Jordan Long, Taylor Long, Aimee Robinson, Corey Smith, William McInnes and Jai Darr. More on their results next week.

Congratulations also to both our Boys and Girls Open Volleyball teams who competed in their knockout competitions last week and both started off well with wins but eventually went down to their next opponents. Super efforts also from Mr. Francey and Mr. Corcoran for training those teams every day.

Lots of other knockout games coming up this week and next as our Netball, Open Cricket and Baker Shield cricket teams play their round 1 matches. Good luck to all.

F Fardell (Sports Organiser)

CAREERS NEWS

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 second course will be run at the School by an approved WorkCover trainer on Monday 18 March. The cost is $120. A maximum of 20 students can attend. Permission notes are not required. Students are to pay at the Office.

NURSING WORK EXPERIENCE
Limited opportunities are available for Year 10-12 students to undertake Work Experience at John Hunter Hospital. Applications include:

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

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close on 20 March and forms and details are available from the Careers Office.

**YEAR 7 CAMP UPDATE**

Next week the majority of Year 7 and five members of staff are heading off for three fun filled days at camp. I am pleased that we have a large group of students attending the camp and I thank parents/carers for their support. Last Wednesday I handed out equipment list and a copy of the camp rules and guidelines. If your child did not receive this note, please tell them to come and see me.

The buses for camp will depart Dungog High School at approximately 9:30 next Monday morning so students can catch their regular bus to school. They do not have to wear school uniform next Monday and should come dressed ready in their camping clothes. The buses will arrive back at school on Wednesday afternoon just after lunch. Students will be able to catch their regular bus home as well. Allocation of cabin tents will occur this week and I will also send home a note outlining organisational details and contact numbers. Students are camping in an unpowered site so electronic devices need to be left at home.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact me at school. All we need now is beautiful weather!

Mrs van de Scheur

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**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 videos. If you would like to join the Dungog High School Facebook group join the Dungog High School Facebook group, go to [https://www.facebook.com/DungogHighSchool](https://www.facebook.com/DungogHighSchool) and simply like the page.

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**DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN**

**Roster**

**Week 6 : 4th to 8th March**

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**Week 7 : 11th to 15th March**

| Mon | J Chant, H Tarrant, P Garrett |
| Tues | D Dykyj, C Bridges, K Nairn |
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| Fri | N Pearce, R Nicholson |

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**Coming Events**

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Yr10 PASS Excursion to Nobbys Beach – **this has been postponed to a date to be advised**

Regional Swimming carnival Maitland

- 7 | Zone Netball Raymond Terrace
- 8 | Gloucester Shakespeare, Y9-11
- 11-13 | Yr 7 Camp
- 11 | Open Boys Cricket vs Maitland
- 12 | Yr 8 Technology Excursion Powerhouse Museum
- Uniform Shop open 8am – 4pm
- 14 | Baker Shield U14 Cricket vs Gloucester HS
- P & C Meeting, 7.30pm School Library
- 15 | Y11 Biology & Senior Science Field Study
- Y11 /12 Legal Studies excursion to Maitland Gaol
- 18-22 | Y12 Hospitality Work Placement
- 18 | Spec Ed students to IOTAS Swimming
- “Lemon Car” – Yr 10
- White Card Induction Course
- 21 | Music Excursion – Aust Institute of Music
- 23-24 | Relay for Life – Musos attending
- 26 | Uniform shop open, 8am – 4pm
- 28 | Athletics Carnival
- 29 | Good Friday

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**Gresford Vacy Football Club Inc**

ABN 96 487 855 081

Postal Address: PO Box 2 East Gresford 2311

**REMINDER**

**MEET & GREET**

Wednesday 6th March 2013

All age groups meet at Gresford Sporting Complex

*rain or shine*

**Staggered start**

- Under 6’s to Under 10’s 4:30 to 5:15pm
- Under 11’s to Under 16’s 5:15 to 6:00pm
- Under 17’s to All-Age 6:00 to 6:45pm

The session includes team placement, training balls, Coach and Manager appointments, clothes orders and training locations and times.

Last chance to join a team. Male or female. Beginners welcome.


Contact our Registrar (Karen) on 0429-022449 or President (Cyril) 49389262

Some teams are full but some still have vacancies, especially those in the teen years.

Registrations may still be accepted at the Meet & Greet. Payment/part payment of registration fees will be accepted at the Canteen.

All Registration Fees must now be paid in full by 13th April.

*Free sausage sizzle and cordial for the kids.*

Come along and be part of your team.