Students have been given a booking sheet, to make appointments with their teachers. If any parent has not received one, please contact the school so that year advisers can make the bookings for you.

Parents can speak to teachers without bookings, but they may have to wait until all parents with appointments have been cleared by the teachers.

Staff development Days term 2
At the start of next term, I have been authorized to use the first 2 days of term as Staff Development Days. The additional SDD is for this term only, and has been allowed so that staff can work on further development of teaching/learning programs for the new National Curriculum, which starts at the beginning of 2014.

The courses which have new syllabuses starting in 2014 are: English, Mathematics, Science and History. These new syllabuses will apply to years 7 and 9 in 2014, then to all years 7 to 10 in 2015. Other courses will commence their new syllabuses in the next few years; these staff will be working on the documents sent to us by the Board of Studies.

There will be no students or classes at school on the first 2 days of term 2.

Athletics Carnival and Cross Country
The next two Thursdays will see all students involved in athletics of some kind. This week is the Athletics Carnival, which will be run as a full day of events at school. All students will take part in a variety of events across the whole day.

On the following Thursday we will hold the Cross Country. Again, all students will be involved, some competing for first across the line, others to do their best time. This is an afternoon event and is held on the Dungog Common. Students can choose whether they run the course or walk. Staff are positioned along the course to ensure that all students are safe and taking part in the event appropriately.

IGA donation
I was invited last week by the management of Dungog IGA to a presentation of donations for many organizations in our local community. This is a wonderful way for all community members to support their local schools, churches, and voluntary organizations such as SES, Rural Fire Brigade, Men’s Shed and many others.

I thank the IGA and all of you who have put a small token from your grocery shopping into the DHS box. We received $600 which will go directly to student welfare programs.

Laptop Rollout Year 9
The first of the year 9 laptops have been given to students, ahead of our expected schedule. The rollout will continue over the next two weeks, as all students who have returned their Laptop Charter have their laptop configured to their own use.

PBL Assembly
Last week we held our termly PBL assembly, recognizing all the students who have, through the quality of their own work, behaviour and attitude, received awards from their teachers.

Congratulations to all students who were recognized at this assembly. Special congratulations to Bridget Wilson, Brandon McKillop, Shane Lewis and Ella McLarty who received Deputy Principal’s awards, and Ryan Maginnity who received a Principal’s Award.

Relay for Life
Last weekend was the third time that DHS has hosted the Relay for Life, organized by the Cancer Council. We are honoured to be associated with this event and special thanks and congratulations to all the staff and students who took part.

Easter Show Honours
First in Show is a special honour that few of us will ever achieve. When the show is the Sydney Royal Easter Show, it becomes something even more special.

Congratulations to our Show Team who have brought home a number of prizes and some wonderful memories. At the moment, I know that we have achieved a Champion Pair of Meat Birds – the chickens raised by Mr Young and his band of student helpers. I will wait to hear of other successes from their week in Sydney.

Thanks to Mr Lawrence, Mr Young and the parents who assisted so much in getting students to the events. The picture of Rebecca Hudson in Tuesday’s Daily Telegraph as she paraded one of our steers was a great advertisement for our school and our students. Well done everyone involved.

Maureen Jarvis
**SPORTS REPORT**

With term 1 rapidly coming to a close we have a lot of sport to squeeze into the last few weeks, starting with the DHS Athletics carnival this Thursday. Don’t forget to come dressed in your house colours for a fun day: Fitzgerald (A-E) are yellow, Murray (F-L) are red, Nicholson (M-R) are blue and Robinson (S-Z) are green. Remember it is the age that you are turning this year that you compete in all events. Next week is the Cross Country carnival and the same rule applies.

**SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW 2013**

**THEY’VE got their leather boots, Akubra hats and oversized belt buckles - yep, country folk have well and truly come to town.**

With only days left before the gates open to the Sydney Royal Easter Show, people from rural NSW and their prized animals have moved into the Big Smoke and will call the sheds at Sydney Showgrounds home for the next couple of weeks.

Show first-timer Rebecca Hudson, who will be showing off cattle raised at Dungog High School, said Sydney was like “another world” compared to her home in the state’s north.

“It’s awesome to have this new experience,” the 14-year-old said. “This way we are able to give city people the same experiences with the animals we have at home instead of them just reading it out of a book.”

*From Daily Telegraph 19/3/13*

### 2013 GENERAL CONTRIBUTION

**$70 per Yr 7 – Yr 10 student. $90 per Yr 11 & 12 student**

These fees have now been invoiced. This contribution is a fair & equitable charge calculated to cover general running costs and resource purchases for schools each year. Your support of our students’ education is greatly appreciated.

*Families who have paid for the entire year before the 1st June will go into the draw to win an iPad Mini!*

Congratulations to the following students for their personal best efforts on another steamy sports afternoon last Thursday: Jasmine Bates, Dylan Holloway, Jade Redhouse, Aaron Cummings, Trydon Lawson, Caitlyn Lawrence, Learney Blandford, Emily Grey, Jordan Papworth, Brooke Muddle, David Taylor, Drew Gilmore, Ronnie Piper, Alice Mortimer, Emily Irwin, Claire Ince, Olivia McLoughlin, Aleesha Foley, Jorja Lambert, Bryson Braham, Tyler Messenger and Tahlia Darnley.

Term 2 sports choices have already begun this week and we welcome back all of our traditional winter sports plus a few new ones thrown in: Aerobics, AFL, Athletics, Basketball, Bushwalking, “Boot Camp” fitness ($5), Cattle Judging, European handball, Frisbee, Futsal, Golf, Indoor sports, Mountain biking, Lawn Bowls (Clarence Town), Multi-Sports, Netball, Rec Activities, Rugby League (yrs7,8,9), Star Struck (Music), Star Struck (Dance), Soccer, Skatepark, Street Hockey, 10 Pin Bowling ($10), Tennis, Table Tennis, Touch, Walking, Weight training (Yr10,11) and Yoga.

Finally we congratulate our knockout table tennis team who defeated Bulahdelah HS last Friday and this week we wish luck to our Open Boys soccer team and Baker Shield cricket teams who have knockout matches. Hunter Rugby League trials are also on this Wednesday for those boys who have nominated at Raymond Terrace.

F Fardell (Sports Organiser)

**2013 Athletics Carnival**

Thursday is the big day for our 2013 Athletics Carnival. After some great performances in the pool earlier this year it is now time for the track and field. There will be events for everyone with participation and supporting your house the main emphasis. All students will receive participation points for participating and doing their Personal Best with additional points for place getters, team spirit and sportsmanship.

Please remember to bring hats, sunglasses, sunscreen, plenty of water to drink and lunch/recess. The canteen will be open throughout the day.

Students will be moving around the events in year groups before the lunch break while after lunch there will be age relays, Champion of Champions and an event from the past - The Teacher’s Relay, which is making a return with staff training hard this week in preparation!

House captains will be out and about this week, organising relay teams and mustering up support. We look forward to seeing a sea of red, yellow, green and blue on Thursday with all students joining in the fun and doing their Personal Best.

PDHPE Faculty

**CAREERS NEWS**

**MEET A KEEPER**

Meet-A-Keeper is a Taronga Zoo and Western Plains Zoo one-day program for students who have a keen interest in pursuing a career at the Zoo.

Each Zoo has a slightly different program. At Sydney, the program is for Year 10, 11 & 12 students; at Dubbo the program is for Year 9, 10 & 11 students.

In 2013, the dates are August 21, September 11 and October 23 for Sydney. The day starts at 10.30am and finishes between 2.30 and
3.30pm depending on tour allocated. The cost is $22 per student payable on the day to the Zoo. (Max 10 students per date)

In 2013, the dates are July 23, August 20, October 15 and November 19 for Dubbo. The day starts at 9.30am and finishes at 3.30pm. The cost is $20.

This unique program includes a seminar presented by a talented panel of Zookeepers, Zoo Educators and other Zoo staff members. Students have the opportunity to explore all aspects of zoo-keeping including; qualifications required; career opportunities; core responsibilities; career structures and wages; and a Mystery Behind-The-Scenes animal exhibit tour.

Registration is through the School. Students with a poor behaviour or attendance record will not be allowed to attend.

This is not a school excursion but is being organised through the School. There will not be a teacher from Dungog High at the Zoo to supervise students. Parents/caregivers of students need to arrange transport and supervision. Students who travel with parents/caregivers of other students will need to complete additional appropriate permission forms available from the School. Students must collect a Permission/Registration Note from the Careers Office.

Learning Assistance Support Team News
Ms Rowley has been working with Year 7 this week to help focus students on ways to get a handle on some of the issues that teachers have highlighted for Year 7. Students have to get used to having many different teachers and need to learn to manage the demands of Year 7. They have to be able to get themselves organised and give themselves a hand to do so.

Ms Rowley has taken the students through a workshop which strongly emphasised the need to stay on track and follow instructions given by teachers to be able to maximise their learning in the classroom. They have been encouraged to be pro-active in managing their tasks and resources for each day.

Students have also been clearly shown that they have to be able to focus in class even if they have distractions around them. Completing a number of tasks without showing off in class or distracting others, keeping to the tasks and being in control of oneself were also covered.

Some of the pointers covered in the lesson included:
- Students packing their own bags after carefully reading their timetables
- Students taking responsibility for packing the material needed for each lesson including pens and pencils
- Students using a diary to write down teacher’s instruction about homework- no-one can remember instructions from at least 10 different teachers!!
- Students getting their homework done immediately it is set so that work does not pile up
- Students revising and re-reading work each night

Parents are encouraged to support the students in giving themselves a hand to succeed in Year 7. As the students grow up and become more mature they need to take responsibility for keeping themselves on track.

Ms Rowley

2013 ELECTIVE FEES
Different for each student
Awaiting student course changes in the first few weeks, these fees have now been invoiced.
Amounts will differ depending on elective choice & cover costs for individual elective consumables. Payment is required as soon as possible.

DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN
Roster
Week 9 : 25th to 29th March
Mon  S Hallett, N Eyb, M Herbert
Tues  G Edwards, C Everett, S Hooke, L Kearney
Wed  L Wand, S Hitchens, H Williams, P Williams
Thurs  M Muddle, K Boland
Fri  GOOD FRIDAY

Week 10 : 1st to 5th April
Mon  EASTER MONDAY
Tues  J Kellner, B Reeves, P Tolhurst
Wed  M Milburn, L Morris, K McDermott
Thurs  S Kiddle, J Czapiewski
Fri  R Warland, S Crouch, E Easdown, R Kirkby

Coming Events
Mar
25  Girls Touch Football vs Tomaree HS
Canteen Committee AGM, 3.45pm school canteen.
26  Uniform shop open, 8am – 4pm
27  Parent-Teacher Night 5-7pm
28  Athletics Carnival
29  Good Friday

APR
1  Easter Monday
2-8  Yr12 Half Yearly Exams
3  Bill Turner Trophy Soccer v Mt View HS
Special Ed students to Sydney Easter Show
4  School Cross Country
5  Buckley Shield R/League
Peer Tutor Program Yr 10, 11 to Maitland TAFE
9  Uniform Shop open, 8am – 4pm
9-10  NAPLAN Trials
10  School Social 7-10pm – Welcome to Year 7
11  Zone Cross Country Carnival
P & C Meeting, School Library, 7.30pm
12  ANZAC Day Assembly
Last Day of Term 1
29-30  Term 2 – Staff only

May
1  Term 2 – students return
2  HSC Music Day, Y11-12 Conservatorium of Music
3  Science 60 minute challenge
5  Musos Tocal Field Day
**Dungog Tennis Centre**
April 2013 SCHOOL HOLIDAY
TEENNIS COACHING CLINIC
Tim’s Mobile: 0431188367
Post: P.O. Box 2411 Greenhills, 2323.
When: 18TH & 19TH April 2013
(Thursday and Friday)

- Where: Dungog Tennis Centre
- Cnr Mackay and Lord St Dungog
- Time: 9.00am to 10.30am per day
- Price: $40.00 per child (total for 2 days)
- Ages: 4 years to 16 years
- Standard: Beginner to intermediate

**Singles Tournament Day**
Friday 19TH April 2013
Time: 10.30am to 3pm
Age: all welcome
Trophies for winners

**BOOK NOW! PHONE OR SMS: 0431188367**
DON’T MISS OUT

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A Day In The Roses
care - show - cook - sketch
Enjoy a wonderful day learning about and celebrating this beloved flower.
Book one workshop or more. Tuck into a Devonshire tea or have a scrumptious ploughman’s lunch.
Ramble through a pretty garden in Mount Rivers (north of Gresford).

**our workshops:**

“Cultivating Roses” presented by rose grower and landscaper Leon Groves. Learn about creating & improving soil, planting, timing, shaping, pruning, threats, and the secret to abundance. Ask your burning questions. 75 minutes.

There is some hands-on participation in this course – you may bring your own gloves and (clean) secateurs.

“The Secrets Of Showing” presented by Andrew Williams. What are the judges looking for? How can you best prepare those blooms to peak at just the right time? How do you choose and cut your blooms? How do I choose my class? Andy, a Hunter Valley Rose Society member and judge, will get you preparing flowers, answer your questions and open up some new possibilities. 75 minutes.

There is some hands-on participation in this course – bring your own gloves and (clean) secateurs please.

“Sketching Roses”. Spend some time setting up and sketching roses. Think about Composition, Light, Alchemy, Emotion, Studies, Style, Tone, Expression and more. This workshop is suitable for rank beginners or experienced practitioners. 90 minutes. Bring your own materials – or contact us for a pack (for a reasonable charge) to be supplied on the day. (Teacher and medium for this course still being finalised. Stay tuned for more details.)

“Cooking With Roses” presented by Marisa Groves. Something sweet, something simple, something savoury, everything rosariffic.

Part cooking demonstration, part participation, and part scoffing. Discover the flavour that can be subtle, sensual or surprising. We’re still deciding which dishes but petals, rosewater and tisanes will feature, with delicious results. 90 minutes. With all the day’s recipes and a couple more to try at home. *You might want to bring your own apron to this one.*

**When:** Sunday 21 April from 10am (last class finishes about 3.30pm).

**Where:** “Sardinia”, in the little village of Mount Rivers, 11km north of Gresford.

**Cost:** Each workshop is $22. Workshops are repeated through the day so you shouldn’t miss out. To find out more, see the timetable, or book for yourself or a group, [click here].

also coming up: bush dancing (a Planet Dungog event!). re-vision Dungog photographic workshop. responsible service of alcohol. ceramics. first aid in Paterson (3-4 April). seasonal pizza autumn. termites trees and your home. computer courses.

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Bob Corbett & The Roo Grass Band
LUCKY COUNTRY HALL TOUR
Upper Hunter

3 Time Golden Guitar nominees and 2012 Toyota Star Maker winner Bob Corbett & The Roo Grass Band will be bringing their national ‘Lucky Country Hall Tour’ to the Upper Hunter from the 11th - 14th April with shows in Paterson, Scone, Murrurundi and Gresford.

People of all ages from infants to seniors are welcome to join in this multi-award winning group’s celebration of music and community. The show is fun, diverse and will bring a smile to you face. A multi-award winning band that is not to be missed.

Tickets: $25 Adult. $15 Under 16. ($5 From every ticket sold will be donated to Melanoma Institute Australia.)

**Thursday 11th April** Paterson School of Arts Hall - 8pm
(door at 7.30pm)
Tix available from Paterson Post Office or at door.

**Friday 12th April** Scone Arts & Crafts Hall - 7.30pm
(door at 7pm)
Tix available at Serendipity Collections Shop, 163 Kelly St,

**Saturday 13th April** Murrurundi RSL Hall - 8pm (doors at 7.30pm)
Tix available at Murrurundi Visitor Centre or at door

**Sunday 14th April** Gresford School of Arts Hall - 2.30pm
(door at 2pm)
Tix available at Twin Rivers Cafe, 54 Park St, East Gresford or at door
Bricks @ the Bay

The 3rd Annual Tomaree Brick Display

It’s on again!!

Saturday, 13th April & Sunday 14th April * 10am - 4pm
Special Evening session Saturday 13th * 7pm - 8pm
Visitors & Locals All Welcome * $10 per family
At Tomaree Education Centre MPC
Salamander Way, Salamander Bay
All profits go to Hunter Koala Preservation Society

Lots of displays for boys & girls  Matchbox Collection
Free Play Area  Lego for Sale
Lions Club BBQ  Action Club Refreshment

www.baybrick.com.au for more info

Drive 2 Survive

A three week driver education program
that will raise the awareness of road safety
for new drivers and their families

Dates: 8th, 15th & 22nd May 2013
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Place: Dungog SES, Clarence Town Road, Dungog

Presentation topics will include:
Consequences of car crashes, drugs and alcohol, head and spinal injuries and strategies for safer driving.
The cost of the program is $20 a family. This includes a FREE driving lesson and First Aid Certificate (conditions apply).

BOOK NOW! please contact -
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