Principal.

**Athletics Carnival**

It was a hot and humid day last Thursday for the athletics carnival but many students took part and had a great day. The whole day was taken up by events that involved all students in track and field – including 100 and 200 metre running, javelin, shot-put, discus and long jump. The relays were held in the afternoon – always a highlight.

It was good to see so many students and staff supporting their houses- lots of red, green, yellow and blue on show to demonstrate which house was being supported. Senior students were particularly enthusiastic about this, and encouraged other students to take part and enjoy the day.

**Parent Teacher Evening**

There was a very strong turn-out of parents at the parent/teacher evening last week. As usual, the 5.00pm to 7.00pm advertised hours went longer than expected.

This is the best opportunity many parents get to discuss the progress of their children. It is always advertised well in advance and if any parents are unsure of date and times, they can phone the school office to be certain.

**Easter Show results**

Mr Lawrence was proudly showing off the two silver sashes won by the school’s Cattle Team at the Royal Easter Show. He described the students who went to the Show as “outstanding” in their behaviour, attitude and work ethic. Congratulations to all of the Team and the parents who went down to Sydney to assist. We have been very fortunate over the past few years to have the very able assistance of the Whale family and we thank them for the wonderful contribution that they have made to the success of our Cattle team.

Mr Young and the students who prepared our poultry exhibits have also had great success and deserve praise for a job very well done. I do feel some sympathy for the chickens who were expected to perform daily: laying eggs that had to be consistent in size and colour, while in a small box, with people looking at them. These hens are used to the freedom of ranging in the Ag Plot – they must have been suffering culture shock all week. But they did their best, thanks to the determination and care of the students who looked after them.

**Cross Country**

The cross country run will be held this week, using the Dungog Common as the running field. This will take place on Thursday afternoon in place of sport. There will be teachers posted along the way with water and sunscreen. Students are reminded to wear a hat and to be responsible for themselves and their friends if the weather is uncomfortable.

I will not be at this year’s event; I will be at a two day conference for all primary and secondary principals in this Region. With the number of changes proposed to education under the Local Schools Local Decisions banner, and the replacement of regions in NSW by smaller groups, it will be both challenging and interesting to hear what is being proposed for the future of our school. I am particularly interested to hear about anything related to the Gonski reforms, that could be very significant for DHS – but I think I may have to wait a while longer for that discussion.

**P & C**

The last P & C Meeting for this term will be on Thursday next week, 11th April.

Maureen Jarvis
Don’t forget this Thursday is the Cross Country Carnival and all students are expected to attend and complete the course on The Common at their own pace. Races start at 1:30 and will be following a slightly altered course to last year’s track. The Port Stephens Zone Cross Country will be held next Thursday (11/4/2013) also on The Common but this year races will start from Barnes Oval and finish at the corner of Bendolba/Common Rd.

Our knockout teams had mixed results last week with the Open Boys Soccer having an easy 9-1 win against Bulahdelah HS but unfortunately the Baker Shield cricket team went down to Grossman HS.

F Fardell (Sports Organiser)

CAREERS NEWS
THE LEMON CAR
Recently, Year 10 had a visit from Mark Poulton with his “Lemon Car” which is a vehicle he uses to demonstrate defects and faults that could cost us money. Mark showed us what to look for when buying a car and hopefully we won’t buy a “lemon” and have to spend a lot of money fixing it.

We learnt to check the tyres and make sure there is a spare tyre. We learnt that putting blue lights on a car is illegal and that the driver’s seat must be in perfect condition. We also learnt about what is illegal when driving such as having a broken headlight at night and dark tinted windows.

We would like to thank the P & C for sponsoring The Lemon Car.

James Thomas

PBL NEWS
Congratulations to all the students who received PBL awards at last week assembly. The recognition of the outstanding efforts by students is good to see.

We must also thank the teachers who are giving out awards and the Year Advisors for the collation and presentation of these awards. It is enlightening to see Deputy Principal’s and Principal’s Awards being achieved so early in the year. Obviously there are many people both in and out of School that are working hard to achieve their Personal Best, while exercising a great deal of Respect and Responsibility.

The PBL Committee has also been working on bringing together the focus areas for this Year. We have taken surveys to the students in the classroom, the teachers and a focus forum group made up of SRC members and their selected friends.

So far we have come up with 4 areas to be examined. They are Litter, Lateness to class, Relationships and the Bus Bays. We would also like to remind the school community that the focus areas that we concentrated on last year are still there to be upheld.

Congratulations to Ms McLarty who has gained approval from the P&C to offer weekly prizes for student of the week.

2013 PBL House Competition
Well done to everyone who participated in the Athletics Carnival last week – a fantastic day for everyone and lots of house points earnt! Over the year there will be a number of different activities run and various ways to earn house points for your house. Some of these include:

- Sports Carnivals
- Creative Arts Competitions
- Maths Competitions
- Premier’s Reading Challenge
- Debating
- Year Advisor, Deputy Principal and Principal Merit Awards
- ‘Just Dance’ Dance Off
- Bush Tucker Garden maintenance
- Giant Chess Competition
- MasterChef Cooking Competition
- Games competitions in the Support Unit

Be part of the fun and work to support your house. Points scores will be updated and displayed on one of the noticeboards around the school. Listen to the notices for where and when!

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 Cattle Team – Sydney Royal Easter Show 2013
This year we took 3 steers down to Sydney.

The Steers
1. Skitt A purebred Murray Grey Steer Donated by “Glenliam Farm Murray Greys”
2. Dusty Charolais X Hereford X Angus steer
3. Rusty Charolais X Hereford X Angus steer
(Dusty and Rusty Purchased from Mr Charlie Miller – Wallaroobba)

The Show Team
Erin Saunders (Yr 11), Calvin Vogele (Yr 11), Kadesha Lawson (Yr 10), Caitlin McDonald (Yr 10), Stephen McLaughlin (Yr 10), Rebecca Hudson (Yr 9)

Supported by:
Bryce, Diane and Annika Whale.
Without the donated steer and the support from Bryce, Diane and Annika Whale the school would find it hard to;
1. Justify the cost of attending
2. Logistically compete, considering transport, accommodation and meals.

**Staff attending:**
Mr Lawrence Sunday Wednesday, Thursday only.
Parent: Mrs Katherine Hudson.

**The Commitment:**
The entire team travelled down to Sydney, departing Dungog at 6:00am.
The team were provided with onsite accommodation adjoining their
cattle, sleeping in swags, from Sunday through to Friday.
The school’s contribution and commitment extended beyond the 3
school steers with, as in previous years, students assisting Glenlent farm in showing their own team of 22 head of cattle.
Days were long with starts as early as 2:30am, working throughout
each day with the last feed-up being at 9:00pm.

**Competitions:**
Skitt was entered into the School Steer and Carcase Competition
Dusty and Rusty were entered into the Trade Hoof and Carcase Competition.
Stephen McLaughlin qualified at Maitland for the ASC Paraders Competition.

**Results:**

**Skitt**
Skitt Competed in class Two of the Middleweight School Steer and carcase competition. Although he did not gain a place on either the Hoof or Hook, he was purchased by Woolworths for $3.50 Live Weight and therefore returned a pleasing $1650 to the school.
(Valuable prize money that will allow the showing of cattle to continue at DHS).

**Dusty and Rusty**
Dusty and Rusty competed in the Trade Hoof and Carcase Competition of 52 entrants.
Both Steers received a silver medal for consistency in meeting: Market Specification, Saleable Meat Yield and Eating Quality.

**Dusty** placed 14/52, **Rusty** placed 15/52.

Contributing to these outstanding results were both steers ability to meet Optimal Carcase Weights. Their fat measurements were also
within specifications.

**DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN**

**Roster**

**Week 10 : 1st to 5th April**

Mon EASTER MONDAY
Tues J Kelliner, 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

**Week 11 : 8th to 12th April**

Mon T Schumacher, M Gibbs
Tues D Dykyj, C Bridges, K Nairn
Wed C Wheeler, L Lovegrove
Thurs J Saunders, K Eyb, K Hudson
Fri D Marquet, L Dries, L Mclnnes, M Townsend

**Coming Events**

**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
30 Uniform Shop open, 8am – 4pm

**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
7 Yr 7 and 9 Vaccinations
10 School Photos

**Netball Development Clinic**
Dungog Netball Association in conjunction with Sport & Recreation are holding a netball development clinic in the school Holidays. Date will be Tuesday 23/4/13 from 9am to 11am. Ages 5-12/13. Please use link to download register forms.

**WEP Student Exchange – Memories & Skills For Life**
Have the time of your life when you spend a summer, semester or year overseas as a WEP exchange student. Choose from over 20 countries around the world to complement your secondary studies with an international, cultural exchange experience. You will be invited by a welcoming, volunteer host family to live and learn like a local teenager, attend school overseas, make new friends and return more mature, independent, goal-oriented and with a new outlook on life!

**Don’t Miss Out! Applications Closing Soon!**
Applications for long-term programs starting in August/September ’13 to Belgium, Canada, China, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain and the USA are starting to close in mid-April. Contact WEP for details.

**Scholarships & Early Bird Specials**
WEP is offering over 20 scholarships towards semester and year programs to Argentina and China in 2014! Early Bird discounts for programs starting in January ’14 are also available.

**Find Out More!**
Request an information pack, including WEP’s FREE application form. Visit www.wep.org.au Call 1300 884 733
Email info@wep.org.au
JUNIOR INDOOR CRICKET COACHING CLINIC DAY
TUESDAY 16th April 2013 - 9am to 4.30pm
Contact: Shaun Fitzgibbon
Phone: 4946 2244
0488 78 3864
Email: shaun@hunterindoorsports.com.au

HUNTER INDOOR SPORTS PRESENTS
JUNIOR INDOOR CRICKET
STARTING FRIDAY 3RD MAY 2013
TAKING TEAM & INDIVIDUAL NOMINATIONS NOW!!!
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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

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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

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.)
**Term 1 Week 10**

*When:* Thursdays 7.30pm-9.00pm, starting 2 May and finishing 6 June 2013.

*Where:* Baptist Hall, Mackay St, Dungog.

*Cost:* $75 adult, kids $30. Family (2 adults and 2-3 children) for $190.

*What to wear:* comfortable clothes and shoes.

**This course is also a fundraiser.** Money made from Bush Dancing will go to the Planet Dungog Music Festival in October as well as the Dungog Community College.

To book [Click Here](#) or contact us for more information. Do forward on to your folk-friendly friends.

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In other news...

First Aid in Paterson on 3-4 April - there are still places on the course, especially if you want to do the refresher/re-certification. Check, our website for details.

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If you love photography. If you are interested in new ideas or experimental photography. If you would like to organise and be involved in your own photo shoot. If you want to take your photography - or your art - further than just "pointing and clicking"; then the Re-Vision Dungog workshop is for you. It's over three days:

Saturday the 10th of May, Sunday the 11th of May, and Saturday the 26th of May. They're all-day workshops, working with established photographic artists. Two thirds of the class will be adults, the others are reserved for youth and they're subsidised.

To get in you have to submit an Expression Of Interest which you can get from an art teacher or the front office. An expression of interest is basically three photos or bits of art or something visual.

So, if you want to take part in this real opportunity, expressions of interest are due on next Friday the 5th of April.

**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 rosarific. 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.](#)

Some Day In The Roses classes are filling up fast. Book on the website, guys!

also coming up: re-vision Dungog photographic workshop. responsible service of alcohol. ceramics. seasonal pizza autumn. termites trees and your home. computer courses.

Happy learning.

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**Kids in the Park**

13 - 28 Apr 2013  [Maps](#)  [Transport & Parking](#)

Sydney’s largest school holiday program returns this autumn, with over 50 fun-filled activities to keep your kids active, outdoors and entertained.

A range of activities are free or under $20, making it affordable to discover Sydney’s most exciting playground this holidays!

- 25 Twitch
- All Day Vacation Care
- Archery and Gymnastics Lessons
- ARTEXPRESS workshops – FREE
- A Very Birdy Journey – FREE
- Circus Skills and Flying Trapeze
- Fizzics Education- Lego Robotics
- Lodge ‘Super Safari’ Holiday Camp
- Monster Action Sports
- Soccer Camps
- Writing Workshops
- Urban Jungle Adventure Park….and lots more


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**Your invited to a FREE info session for young travellers!**

Thornton Travel is hosting a free information session on Tuesday 16 April from 1pm-3pm on travel focussing on the specific needs of young people.

Topics will include inside information on how airfares work and the advantages of package deals. Find out volunteer and community service travel options, hints and tips on personal security, money and mobile phones. We will also have 2 specialist presenters attending the session.

Stephen Galloni – represents Contiki – a long time favourite way for young people to travel overseas, and these days it is not just Europe.
Did you know that Contiki also have programs in Asia, Sth America, Hawaii and the USA to name a few?

Joe Barrs – represents Unleashed Travel – a responsible alternative to the annual schoolies pilgrimage to the Gold Coast. What about Fiji? Or Vanuatu? Chaperoned island stays, full security and first aid officers on site the whole time, world renown DJ’s for guaranteed great nightlife, Red Frog Chaplains, all meals included, full range of day time activities, and not a toolie in sight! If you want the alternative scene, why not spend your schoolies break working with orphan elephants in Thailand? Or an underprivileged community doing building and other essential volunteer work, coupled with some great sightseeing opportunities as well?

Come along and enjoy this FREE information session at our offices. The afternoon tea is worth coming for alone!!! Please RSVP to us on (02)4923 5923 our office is at 3 Woodford Place Thornton.