Those chickens
In our last newsletter, I was feeling sympathy for our chickens that were entered in the laying competition at the Royal Easter Show. They had to produce eggs of the same consistency over a week, while being in a totally different environment and under stress.

I shouldn't have worried. In typical DHS style, they came through brilliantly – and WON!! Mr Young and his team have done wonders with their charges and are justifiably proud of the results. Very well done everyone involved.

Changes to Year 10 classes
We have experienced a drop in enrolment numbers this year – not unexpected and a direct result of population trends in the Dungog Shire area.

As a result, we have had to reduce our teaching staff by 1.2 positions. Mrs Margaret Kavanagh from Maths has been transferred to Mt View High School. Other positions within the school have been reduced by cutting back on the number of classes in Year 10 and the number of face to face lessons in some senior classes.

A new timetable will operate in term 2 that will reflect these changes. Students in Year 10 who are affected by the loss of one position in English, Maths, Science and HSIE will be accommodated in other classes within those subjects.

Holidays
I hope that everyone has a safe and happy holiday and is able to return for next term recharged and ready for an active and interesting term. Term 1 was 11 weeks long, term 2 is only 9 weeks.

A reminder that there are 2 staff Development Days at the beginning of the term. Students will return on the Wednesday of week 1, May 1st.

Maureen Jarvis

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!

- We respond to our local, national & international contexts and student needs
- We provide a range of experiences that challenge individuals to explore and interact with the world
- We provide a broad, responsive curriculum focused on excellence
SPORTS REPORT
Well we almost got away with running the Cross Country Carnival and not getting wet. The running group made it back dry but unfortunately the showers caught some of the walkers out on the course. Still it was better than trying to run in the heat of the week before. After much puffing and puffing everyone completed the course and it was Jordan (King of The Common) Long who streaked across the line first in a new record time of 19min 5sec. Courtney Wevers claimed the title for fastest female with a time of 22min 53sec. Murray were the overall winners on the day closely followed by Robinson, Nicholson then Fitzgerald. Remember the Port Stephens Zone Cross Country will be held this Thursday morning. All students who came in the top 10 at the school carnival last week should have received a blue permission note and are required to assemble on Barnes oval after period 2 on Thursday to begin their races at 10:45. Most students will run the 4km school course but there is a longer 6km course for 16,17 year old boys and a shorter 3km course for 12,13 year olds.

Good luck to our Open Boys and Turner Cup soccer teams as they take on their next opponents. Unfortunately our Turner Shield girls went down 3-1 last Friday but Mr Corcoran tells me the girls all tried their hearts out. The Buckley Shield Rugby League team also played their group stage matches last Friday and we will report on their results next newsletter.

Finally it is with mixed feelings that I submit this sports report as it will be my last as sports organiser. Mr Curran will be taking over the sports organiser role as of next term and he already has some fresh new ideas. All future enquiries should be directed to him and I'm sure he will do an even better job than me.
F Fardell (Sports Organiser)

CAREERS NEWS
HUNTER VALLEY CAREER EXPO
The Hunter Valley Career Expo will be held on this Thursday 23 May at Maitland Basketball Stadium. Dungog High will be taking a coach of Year 10, 11 and 12 students. We will leave at 9.15am and return at 12.15pm. The cost is $10 and includes entry. Permission notes are available from the Careers Office.

Students will be able to talk to people who are working in many different types of jobs. There will be representatives from employer and professional associations, TAFE, Universities, other training providers and employment agencies. Asking lots of questions and listening to many different people speaking about jobs and training options will help decide future career goals.

Students can plan their visit to the Hunter Valley Career Expo so that they are able to gather as much information as they can about the careers and jobs they are interested in. Please visit The Hunter Valley Career Expo web site for more information at www.hvcareerexpo.com.au. Parents are welcome to attend also and entry is free for parents.

PROJECTS ABROAD ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL PROJECTS INFO SESSION - VOLUNTEER OVERSEAS
Date : 16th Apr 2013
Time : 6:30pm
Venue : Online
Cost : FREE
Contact : Projects Abroad : info@projects-abroad.com.au

Projects Abroad offers a series of two week programmes designed specifically for high school students who are not yet in their final year of school - typically aged 16 & 17. The trips combine volunteer work with cultural immersion and are fully supervised by our dedicated staff.

The programmes will run in Cambodia, China, Sri Lanka, Nepal and South Africa over the summer of 2013. They bring together students from all over Australia and New Zealand to share in a group experience of personal development, leadership, and service; giving a first-hand perspective of life in a developing country.

The online session will cover the destinations and projects, how they work and what to expect! You'll also hear from one of the volunteers who took part in the recent summer projects as well as a staff member who supervised one of the groups in Cambodia. The session is interactive, so you and your parents can ask questions throughout.

To find out more go to : http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/projects/high-school-projects/

YEAR 12 STUDENTS ONLINE ACCOUNTS
All Year 12 students are now eligible for a Students Online account and will be invited via email (DEC email address) to activate their account on Monday 8 April.

Activating their account gives a student access to their personal HSC information including their personal HSC timetable (available Monday 29 April – a week before public release of the timetable), HSC assessment ranks and also HSC results.

Proposed Trip to Italy 2014
In 2011 a combined group of Dungog and Gloucester High School Ancient History students travelled to Italy for a ten day study tour of Rome, Pompeii and southern Italy. The students were accompanied by teachers, parents, aunts and other interested adults. A fantastic time was had by all.

A repeat of this trip could happen in the April school holidays of 2014 if sufficient numbers can indicate commitment within the next week or so. The trip organised by Academy Travel costs $5000 and includes flights, accommodation, expert guides, and all breakfasts and dinners.

As our Italy experience included the art treasures and architecture of ancient Rome, and continual food sampling of modern Italy, we are inviting senior Food Tech and Art students who may like to join the senior History students on the tour. Any interested adults are also most welcome. In fact we will probably need extra adults to make the numbers required to run the trip. Please contact the school if you are interested.
Peter Rees
HSIE Faculty

REMINDER
Thank you to parents/carers for paying fees etc using direct credit to the school bank account. Please remember to put the Student’s name, (not your own) with subject or excursion as reference.
DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN

Roster

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 McInnes, M Townsend

Week 1 Term 2 : 29th April to 3rd May
Mon  PUPIL FREE
Tues  PUPIL FREE
Wed  J Holmes, N Eslick, K Mitchell
Thurs  L Tull, P Argent, S Biesler
Fri  N Pearce, R Nicholson,

Coming Events

APR
2-8  Yr12 Half Yearly Exams
9  Uniform Shop open, 8am – 4pm
9-10  NAPLAN Trials
10  School Social 7-10pm – Welcome to Year 7
     Lawn Bowls v Rutherford
11  Zone Cross Country Carnival
     Open Girls Soccer
     P & C Meeting, School Library, 7.30pm
12  ANZAC Day Assembly
     Last Day of Term 1
29 and 30  Term 2 – Staff only (Mon and Tues)
30  Uniform Shop open, 8am – 4pm

May
1  Term 2 – students return (Wed)
2  HSC Music Day, Y11-12 Conservatorium of Music
3  Science 60 minute challenge
4  Musos Tocal Field Day
7  Yr 7 and 9 Vaccinations
9  Bill Turner Cup U15 Boys at Dungog
10  School Photos
    Regional Cross Country
14  Uniform Shop open 8am – 4pm
    Justin Herald, motivational speaker for Yr 9-10
17  Wollotuka – workshop for Yr7-10 Aboriginal students

Singleton Horse Sports

Disease Detectives Wanted!
Flutracking is an innovative program running through the state government’s Hunter New England Health Local Health District and is looking for disease detectives to assist with tracking influenza across Australia. Flutracking would like to invite students and families to participate in the weekly online survey. All you need to take part is access to a computer and an email address. Students can sign up individually (13 years and older) or you can sign up as a family with multiple household members. Surveys are sent on Monday mornings between May and October. The surveys are quick and easy (they take less than 10 seconds) and ask you if you have experienced any flu symptoms in the previous week. By participating you are allowing researchers to build a system that can quickly identify the onset of influenza and as the flu season progresses, we learn more about the severity of the particular strains in circulation, how well that season’s vaccine is working, and whether the virus has mutated. If you would like to participate in the Flutracking survey this year visit www.flutracking.net and click the join now icon and fill in the registration details. If you have any questions about the research you can contact the team on flutracking@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

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.

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**Thursday, 25th April 2013**
**Knitting Circle Memorial**
**Newline Rd**

Meet at Seaham Weir Park, East Seaham Rd at 0845
March Steps off at 8:55am
All Welcome to March including School Students in uniform

Service starts at Knitting Circle at 9:00am
Seaham Scout Group will provide complimentary Morning Tea in the park on completion of the Service

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**ROTARY AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND STUDENT EXCHANGE**

**2014 PROGRAM EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST OPEN**

This program is designed for 14-16 year old students (In Year 9 or 10 in 2014) to experience a true ‘exchange’ with a family in New Zealand. Local Students are matched with a New Zealand student and the Australian student will attend school in New Zealand during Term 2, 2014. Both students then return to Australia and attend school here for Term 3, 2014.

The students’ family hosts the NZ student and includes them in their normal family life. This is an exciting way to experience another culture with the support of Rotary.

More information and expression of interest forms can be found at [www.ranzse.org](http://www.ranzse.org)

*Expressions of interest close 30 June 2013*

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**Bring cultural exchange into your home!**

STS Student exchange are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family.

Aussie families come from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds, that’s what makes up our country. Our volunteer host families provide room and board and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical insurance. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will learn about theirs. What a great way for your children to learn about another country!

Call us today to start your adventure! 1800 263 964 or email us at [sts@people.net.au](mailto:sts@people.net.au) Website: [www.sts-education.com.au](http://www.sts-education.com.au)

STS Student Exchange, PO Box 666, Hornsby NSW 1630 ABN 095790177

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**Paterson Red Cross**

**Trivia Night**

**WHEN:** Saturday, 27th April 2013, 7.00pm

**WHERE:** Paterson School of Arts Hall

*Grab your family and friends, make up a table and come along to our Trivia Night for a great night out.*

*Tables of 8 or 10 at $10.00 per person can be booked by calling Anne on 49385128.*

*Tickets must be purchased before 23rd April 2013.*

*Great prizes to be won.*

*Light supper will be provided.*

*BYO Drinks and Nibbles.*