Dungog High School News
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Term 4 Week 2  12th October 2015

Want to make a payment to the school?
Parents Online Payments
Go to the schools website,  http://www.dungog-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/  and the $ Make a Payment link will be on the front page. By selecting the link you will be taken to a secure Westpac Quickweb payment page.
There are no passwords or PINS to remember.
The payment process is intuitive & follows the format of many other online payments that you may use every day.
There is an instruction manual on the website  http://www.dungog-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/schooling-costs

Please cease depositing directly into the school’s bank account.

Principal,
Thanks
I have returned to school after a major operation and 12 week recuperation period. I would like to thank Mr Dives and Ms Archer who have filled the relieving Principal and Deputy Principal positions in my absence.

HSC starts
Year 12 students have started their HSC examinations with their first English examinations on Monday. All students have a copy of their timetable and are aware that the exams with large student numbers are held at school and others with smaller numbers are held at Dungog Anglican Hall.

Thanks to the many parents, family and friends who attended the Graduation Assembly last term, making it the largest attendance in memory. Students and staff were very pleased to see so many supporters there to wish them well.

Our hopes are with our students through this exam period and we wish them the best through the challenging days and weeks ahead. We know that they are well prepared and supported by staff and their families. Staff are available to work with students at school; students need to be sure that their teacher is available by contacting them before coming in.

HSC Appeals Process
If any student has an illness or misadventure/ accident during the exam period, they need to contact me as quickly as possible to ensure that we can start the appeals process. I will work with any student who needs to appeal circumstances that may stop them from doing their best in an examination. We fill in paperwork that goes to BOSTES; it is important that the student provides supporting material such as a doctor’s certificate – we will discuss this at our first meeting or contact.

We have had success in past years in allowing students who have had illness or misadventure to themselves or their family affect them. I have discussed this with year 12 earlier in the year but it is easy to forget at stressful times.

Condolences
On behalf of the staff and students of the school, I would like to express our concern and sympathy for the Everding and Banister and Neilson families who have experienced tragic loss over the past week.

Maureen Jarvis

Student Achiever of the Week Award
This week’s recipient is:  Elyse Standing Year  8
Elyse is a dedicated student who respectfully and responsively completes her school work to a high standard. Elyse plays a leading role in the successful girls' volleyball team and represented the Hunter region in CHS Tennis where along with her team mates she earned a silver medal - an incredible achievement as Elyse is only 14.

Elyse will receive a certificate and $25 voucher.

Dungog High School P & C
There is no P & C Meeting this month.
The next P & C Meeting will be on Thursday 12th November 2015 at 7.30pm in the School Library.

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
- We respond to our local, national and 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 focussed on excellence.
Congratulations Lleyton.
Year 9 student Lleyton Lloyd attended the 2XU NSW All Schools Track and Field Championship held from 8th to 11th October 2015.

The 6 events Lleyton entered were in the Para Athlete 12-15 year’s age group and he achieved Personal Best in each event. His results were:

- Gold in Discus
- Silver in 100m sprint
- Silver in 200m sprint
- Silver in long jump
- Silver in Shot Put
- Bronze in 800m

Lleyton has been selected to attend the Australian All Schools National Track and Field Championships in Melbourne in December in Discus, 100m sprint, 200m sprint, long jump and shot put in the Para Athlete 16 years and under events.

**English Faculty**

The English Faculty has published the HSC English Assessment Policy on the Student and Parent Portal for all to read. This information is very important as it has the dates of all the assessment tasks and when tasks will be due. This will be very useful as students and parents will be aware of all assessment dates.

If you have yet to access the portal or you are experiencing difficulties with the portal, please contact Mr Curran at the school.
The English Faculty will also be placing all the HSC English Assessment tasks onto the Portal by the end of Week 3, so it will be an important resource for all HSC students and parents.

Mrs McKinna
HT English/LOTE.

**New Parent Portal (Sentral)**

Sentral's parent portal provides parents with 24/7 access to important information about their child/children.

To use the Parent portal, you will need to register as a parent user. Each parent has been sent a letter from the school by Mr Curran, our Sentral Coordinator, explaining this simple process and providing you with a unique access code. You cannot register without this code. If you did not receive a letter, or if you lose your registration access code, you can contact the school for a new one.

You will be able to register for the Parent Portal at any time after receiving the letter.

**From the Office**

To save students lining up and waiting to hand in notes or pay for excursions, fees, etc we have started a new system with a ‘Student Letterbox’. Students can drop the following in the Letterbox:

- permission notes,
- absence notes,
- correct monies with permission note in a sealed envelope, and
- early leaver requests – (note all Thursday early leaver requests must FIRST be signed by the Deputy).

If a student does need change and/or a receipt to take home they will need to stay in line, or come back later to collect it.

**CAREERS NEWS**

**UNSW MINERALS SUMMER SCHOOL**

The UMSS is for Year 10 or Year 11 students interested in Science or Engineering and who want to find out more about a career in the Australian minerals industry. Starting at the UNSW campus in Sydney, students will travel to visit underground & surface mines, learn how coal and minerals are extracted and processed, view mine rehabilitation sites, dine with industry reps and Alumni.

It is a 4 day, fully residential and supervised School hosted by the School of Mining Engineering, University of New South Wales between 18-20 January 2016.

Students applying should have an interest in science or engineering and be studying/or planning to study physics and mathematics. The cost is $200 with most expenses covered including meals.

Further information can be found at [http://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/mining-engineering/unsw-minerals-summer-school](http://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/mining-engineering/unsw-minerals-summer-school)

**YEAR 9 MELBOURNE EXCURSION- Important Information**

We leave for Melbourne in 6 weeks! Very exciting 🎉 Please be aware that the final payment is due next Friday 23rd October, 2015 and that the total cost of the excursion is $720. It is important that every student is paid up by then, so venues and activities can be paid for. I know that sometimes life gets very busy and we overlook things, but I really would like to avoid having to make awkward phone calls reminding people to finalise payment. I’m pretty sure that you do not want to receive such a call either. I thank you for your understanding in regards to this matter.

There are a number of students who also have outstanding school fees (this does not include the General Contribution fee) and this also needs to be rectified as soon as possible. It is school policy that subject fees need to be paid, for students to attend excursions. If you are unsure about where you are up to with your Melbourne payments or any school fee payments, please contact the school office.

The pink permission notes are now overdue and I am missing a number of these. Please fill these out promptly and return them to the front office. Students also received a green bus slip EOI to help me determine how many students require a bus transfer to / from the airport.
Term 4 Week 2

and school. Please return these as soon as possible so I can obtain accurate quotes from the bus companies. Remember that this will be an additional cost to the excursion and is not included in the $720. I have been reminding students via Sentral every day about their forms and final payment.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind students and care givers about appropriate conduct and behaviour in the lead up to the excursion and on the excursion. Any student who displays inappropriate or dangerous behaviour, will not be tolerated and parents will be asked to collect their child from Melbourne. I trust that all Year 9 students attending the excursion will display exemplary behaviour at all times and represent our school appropriately.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this wonderful opportunity for our students.

Vanessa van de Scheur
Year 9 Advisor

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PLEASE MAKE SURE that if you are asked to perform, you are actually available so there is no last minute ‘PANIC’ and replacements are not needed.

Sensational Performance by Dungog High volleyball players

On Friday September 18 the Dungog High Junior girls’ volleyball team travelled to Hunter Sports High to take on the region’s best volleyball schools in a under 15’s event. The team has been working hard to develop and refine their skills and had been itching for a chance to display them again, especially after finishing 3\textsuperscript{rd} in a recent NSW Cup event. The girls have persevered with learning an aggressive attacking style of volleyball which requires discipline and a high level of confidence in their passing.

The day started with a confident win against Hunter Sports High’s No.1 team. We have been guilty in the past of starting nervously but there were no signs of nerves on this occasion with a straight sets victory. Next up Whitebridge who provided a sterner opposition and led deep into both sets before the Dungog girls took charge and came from behind to claim victory. From then on the team seemed to get better and better. The final pool match was against Taree High and was an opportunity for our reserves to get extended court time. The standard of our play was maintained and the girls took the match in two very dominant sets.

Semi-final time and the team having taken top place in their pool had the advantage of playing the second placed team from the opposing group. Hayley Forbes, Sarah McKenna and first time player Bethany McLoughlin spiked with great force at outside hitter. Our centre blockers Elyse Standing, Kayla Patch and Maddisyn Fordham intimidated at the net. With great passing from Tabitha Beisler and outstanding setting from Breanna Miller the team was able to defeat Hunter Sports High No.2 team with efficiency. The highlight of the match was Bailee Smith’s coolness under pressure as she served out the second set in fine style.
The Grand final match was against Callaghan College Wallsend and proved to be the girls’ sternest test. The team struggled for cohesion early on and eventually went down in a close game 25 – 21. The second set was again close but Dungog were able to steal a break with some consistent serving from Elyse and Maddy and the team closed out the set 25 – 16. The third and final set is played to 15 points so the pressure is on from the start. The girls were instructed to trust in their skills and disregard the scoreboard. It was marvellous to see the team deal with pressure and play their best volleyball when it was most needed. The girls train each and every lunchtime and victory in the grand final was just reward for all of their hard work.

By Tim Francey - very proud coach
Tuning in to Teens
Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A FREE six-session parenting program for parents of adolescents aged 12-18

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your teen?
- be better at understanding your teen?
- help your teen learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?
- teach your teen to deal with conflict?

_Tuning in to Teens_ shows you how to help your teen develop emotional intelligence. Adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:

- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- have greater career success –
- Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

- We will be running this on the

**NEW STARTING DATE**

**13th of October for 6 weeks**

Where: Dungog Community Centre 103 Dowling Street, Dungog.
When: 7pm - 9pm

To Book Contact: Jenny Moore, jenny.m@dscc.net.au 49922322 or mob. 0438503404
Please make sure you leave your Phone Number or email so we can contact you.

Yougoong AECG
Reminder of AGM

To be held on: Wednesday 21st October 2015
Arrival: 10.00am
Finish: 1pm approx.
At: Murrook Cultural Centre, 2163 Nelson Bay Road, Williamtown

Our AECG’s focus is on communities having input into Aboriginal education.
We strive to empower our communities to become involved in all levels of Education & Training.
Parents & Community members are encouraged to come along.

_Tea & coffee provided during the meeting._

Please RSVP Brooke Roach Ph: 49872306, or Email Brooke.roach@det.nsw.edu.au

The Challenge of Domestic Violence
It’s everyone’s responsibility

FREE Workshop – Monday 19 Oct 10am–4pm
Doug Walters Pavilion, Mackay St Dungog. Limited places
Recognising the signs of Domestic Violence and understanding the problem is the key to improving the situation for many many people.

_Lunch Included. Enquiries/RSPV: 4992 1133 or education@dscc.net.au_

Workshop outcomes:
- What exactly does Domestic Violence (DV) consist of and what is the root cause?
- Myths & false beliefs challenged
- Know the warning signs!
- Stalking – far more than being followed
- Intimate partner sexual violence – what is it & are you affected?
- Mardi rape IS RAPE & IS a crime
- Loss & grief associated with DV
- PTSD as a result of violence
- Impact on children, families & community

_Did you know:_
- 51% of the Australian population believe most women can have a DV situation, so why don’t they?
- 90% of children in violent homes have witnessed violence perpetrated against their mums. How does this impact them?
- 1 in 6 Australian women experience violence from a partner and 1 in 20 men. Are men just not reporting?
- At least 65 women have died in Australia this year at the hand of their partner or ex-partner.
Birds and weeds field day at Dungog Common

Hunter residents have a unique opportunity to learn about the birds, wildlife and weeds that inhabit Dungog Common and surrounds at an upcoming field day being organised by Hunter Local Land Services (LLS) and Dungog Shire Council.

The Birds and Weeds Walk and Talk Session, to be held at Dungog Common from 8.30am to 2pm on Friday, 23 October, will look at birds and other wildlife, and the impact that local weeds have on the land and wildlife in the Dungog area.

Hunter LLS Land Services Officer Lorna Adlem said the event was an opportunity for local residents to learn about the bird and weed species – native and introduced – present on Dungog Common and in the general Dungog Shire, while also learning about local wildlife.

‘This event is ideal for bird enthusiasts, people interested in local wildlife, and anyone interested in learning about commonly occurring weeds in the Dungog Shire, their impacts in the local area and how best to control them,’ Ms Adlem said.

Weeds can impact on birds both positively and negatively, and on other native species, and are well known for the problems they can cause in natural bushland areas and on agricultural land.

The event, being held during National Bird Week from 19-25 October, will include two sessions:
- A morning bird spotting walk led by Dungog Common Landcare and Hunter Bird Observers
- An information session led by Hunter LLS and Dungog Council staff on common problem weeds in the Dungog area and how to control them.

Attendees are welcome to join either or both of the sessions.

Rare birds such as the Speckled Warbler, among others, have been sighted at Dungog Common, a 600 acre area of land located on the outskirts of Dungog.

‘The challenge of the day will be to see how many locally known birds will be spotted during the walk, and if any new birds can be added to existing records for the Common,’ said Dungog Common Landcare President and Hunter Bird Observers Club member, Bill Dowling.

Sightings from the day will contribute to a national bird survey being undertaken from 19-25 October.

‘This is a great opportunity to visit Dungog Common during the Dungog Festival weekend and learn about its history, habitat value and current issues from local people, and the work being undertaken to restore this significant area,’ Ms Adlem said.

The free event is supported through the NSW Environmental Trust as part of a program in the Dungog Shire focusing on the aggressive woody weed African Olive.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Bookings are required.


ENDS

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