From the Office:

➢ Want to make a payment?

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 is an instruction manual on the website http://www.dungog-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/schooling-costs

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

➢ 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.

➢ Student Letterbox

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.

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 focused on excellence.
Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

Maureen Jarvis

A Message from the Office
Thank you to those families who have visited our new Sentral Parent Portal to update student details and absences over the last few weeks. Dungog High School is proud to provide our families with this new and updated electronic service.

Please note there are limited choices of wording for some areas e.g. Brother and sister is available however sibling is not. As is Grandmother or Grandfather but not grandparent. If something you’ve submitted has not changed this is possibly the reason. Please phone the school for further information if required.

For those wanting to register, please contact our Sentral coordinator Mark Curran for your access code if you require one.

Student Achiever of the Week Award
This week’s recipient is: Georgia Stewart  Year: 8
Georgia exemplifies what Dungog High is about - she is a caring, respectful person who consistently works positively in the classroom to achieve a high standard. She is supportive of her peers and regularly offers to assist her teachers. Georgia is an engaged student who is making the most out of her time at Dungog High School by being involved, respectful and responsible.

Georgia will receive a certificate and $25 voucher.

CAREERS NEWS
Hospitality for Schoolies Program
Want to gain employment for your time off after Year 12? Hunter TAFE is offering a three day hospitality program aimed at maximising your job potential in the Hospitality sector.

The Hospitality for Schoolies Skill Set is being offered at Hamilton, Maitland and Ourimbah campuses in November. There are four courses available to undertake including:
- Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA)
- Responsible Conduct of Gambling (RCG)
- Introduction to Barista
- Bar Skills

For all courses (or a package of all 4 for $510) call 1300 652 786

Year 9 MELBOURNE CAMP INFORMATION EVENING
Reminder:
Parents and students attending this year’s Melbourne excursion are invited to attend an information session this Wednesday (28th October) at 5pm in the school library.

Success at Scone
A dedicated group of Cattle Team members and parents travelled north to Scone on Friday to represent Dungog High School in the annual Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza. The School entered 3 steers in this year’s competition; Caramel, Double Shot and King. The team camped onsite at White Park, participating in events over three days and returning home on Sunday evening.
King a purebred Limousin steer was awarded a “Highly Commended” placing in his class when judged in the ring.

Caramel a Limousin cross steer placed second in the unled section.

Whilst, Double Shot a Limousin cross Brangus steer didn’t place he allowed a number of our students to compete in the paraders events. Carcass results for these three steers will be available from the abattoirs later in the week. Alesha Leayr received a Highly Commended for her efforts in the junior judging and oral presentation.

All Dungog students entered the judging and parading events with those over 15 years also taking the opportunity to participate in the meat judging at the abattoirs and thus extending their appreciation of beefs journey from the paddock to the plate.

The weekend was an outstanding success with a reported 780 student competitors. All events ran smoothly and the weather was in our favour.

All agreed Chef Cameron Hawes did a fantastic job with the BBQ tongs keeping our cholesterol levels topped up with bacon and eggs, steak sandwiches, cooked onion and snags. Well, all except Shannon’s parents who will be forking out for a trip to the dental surgeon after a battle between “braces” and “crispy bacon”.

Madison Hack shared her secret to keeping warm in the evenings when the Mercury drops in Scone. Disconnect your bodies thermostat and pack lightly.

For future reference anyone volunteering to transport Alesha Leayr on an overnight trip, you will need to explain the concept of a “baggage limit”.

Last minute negotiations with her employer saw Hayley Boonasauris able to make squad. Not a trip away without the Boonasauris.

Despite what nutritionists would like us to believe, Ella Rumbel has demonstrated it is possible to function on energy drinks and pizza over extended periods of time.

Taylor Hack bought her usual “off field” fashion garments and accessories. A great role model for our junior students.

This year White Park, Scone, was treated each day with a royal visitation from Princess Melanie Shelton who chose not to slum it. Instead opting for the five star accommodation of a local motel.

Finally a big thank-you to the Parents who transported their own and other team members, especially Helen Urban, Chris Shelton and Fiona Hack who helped feed a hungry mob. Jenny Cooper would have also received a mention if the “Chocolate cake” that was especially baked for the occasion wasn’t left at home.

**IOTAS Concert**

On Wednesday the 21st of October the Support Class went to Newcastle Panthers to participate in the annual IOTAS concert.

This is an event where the support classes of the Hunter come together to celebrate the graduation of the year 12 students in the area.

This year Dungog High school put on a circus performance. The students were fantastic and performed brilliantly on stage.

Everyone had a great day and the class would like to thank everyone who made the day possible.
What Mo will Mr Francey and Mr Corcoran grow???

In light of a difficult year Mr Francey and Mr Corcoran with the support of the PD/H/PE HSC class are attempting to raise awareness of men’s health issues as well as support outstanding organisations including the Black Dog Institute, Beyond Blue and Cancer research.

The Movember Foundation is a global charity raising funds and awareness for men’s health.

The Foundation raises funds that deliver innovative, breakthrough programs that allow men to live happier, healthier and longer lives. You can support this great cause by helping to select the Mo Mr Francey will grow. At lunch time this week a table will be set up in the quad with 3 buckets, each with a different Mo style – just place any loose change in the bucket with the Mo of your choice – the Mo style with the most donations is the one that Mr Francey will grow. Just a tip Mrs Francey hates the chopper.

Lamb Chops  Chopper  Soul Mo

Can Mr Corcoran grow a Mo?

The Movember campaign is about bringing the moustache back, having fun, creating connections, generating funds and raising awareness for men’s health.

You can join the cause by signing on to the DungHighMo’s team or donate directly at; http://moteam.co/dunghighmo-s or http://mobro.co/1541036

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| 6    | 9 November | Yr8 ‘Valid’ Science Tests | Sp Ed Swim Prog C’Town | Yr9 SRE P & C Meeting, 7.30pm School Library | SpEd to Dungog Show |
|      |          | Year 12 Formal |        |        | Country & Culture |

| 7    | 16 November | Medieval Show, MPC | 17 November | Sp Ed Swim Prog C’Town Year 12 Formal | Year 12 Formal |
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| 8    | 13 November | SpEd to Dungog Show | 14 November | Mediterranean Show | Country & Culture |
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MUMFORD & SONS ISSUE 400 FREE CONCERT TICKETS TO THE DUNGOG COMMUNITY IN ASSOCIATION WITH TELSTRA.

22nd October 2015 – Mumford & Sons and Telstra are very excited to announce that 400 free double passes will be made available to members of the local Dungog community.

The acclaimed British rock band will return to Sydney next month to perform at The Domain on 14th November, and are offering free tickets to outstanding members of the community who helped to rebuild Dungog following the devastating floods back in April.

Fans are being urged to nominate Dungog community members that they feel have shown great community spirit and are deserving of the tickets, and explain why. All concert-goers are also being encouraged to make a gold coin donation with 100% of proceeds to go back to the Dungog community.

Telstra Area General Manager Chris Cusack said Telstra encouraged all locals to get involved:

“"We are aware of the affinity that Mumford & Sons has with Dungog after they performed there in front of 10,000 people in 2012.""

""When Telstra decided to do something in support of the Dungog community, who have faced so much hardship this year, Mumford & Sons were the perfect choice."

""We are honoured to be able to work with the band to reward some of the Dungog community heroes who helped others in their time of need.""

Mumford & Sons’ forthcoming sold-out shows in Australia are their first in the country since 2013. Back in 2012 the band brought their globally successful Gentlemen of the Road Stopover festival to Dungog to widespread acclaim.

About the competition:
Entries via telstra.com/music
In 50 words or less how has your nominee shown great community spirit. Include your postcode.
The top 400 nominations will be judged by Telstra local area staff.
400 double passes will be distributed to the Mumford & Sons gig in Sydney on November 14, including transport.