I would like to acknowledge the leadership of Mrs Wilson our Rel. Deputy Principal in Week 1 this term and the many staff who managed the storm situation at DHS. A lot of our staff were personally affected by the storms but were at school helping to assess the damage, clean up debris and getting ready for the return of students. I need to highlight the efforts of our General Assistant David Evans and cleaners who put in a huge effort to clear the school grounds for the students to return safely.

I would also like to commend our students on the maturity and respect they have displayed on their return to school. With a few changes in place and areas out of bounds due to storm damage, our students have settled well into the new term, albeit with some minor adjustments. Thankfully there was minimal damage to classrooms, however, our entire front office needed to move to the computer room near the library. We are working closely with the DEC to get this rectified as soon as possible.

Honouring our Anzacs
Dungog High School students, staff and community members came together on Wednesday last week to commemorate Anzac Day and the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings. Originally planned for Friday 24th April, we had to postpone the ceremony and unfortunately some special guests were unable to attend our re-scheduled assembly. Two students Amyrose McLoughlin in Year 11 and Stuart Hitchens in Year 8 made powerful speeches about the spirit of the Anzacs and did the school proud. Another moving moment was when Harry Wheeler in Year 9 played the Last Post and the Reveille.

We were very fortunate, however, to still have Dungog RSL representative, Ray Neilson, in attendance, as well as Georgina Clark a community member who was so kind to present a lone pine tree to the school. At the conclusion of the service the official party planted the tree at the front of the school. We are all looking forward to watching the tree grow over the next 100 years.

Thank you also to Country Elegance Gardens for providing the plants for the stage.

Our school leaders, along with several members of staff, also represented Dungog High School in the Anzac Day March and service at Dungog on Saturday 25th April. This was a powerful service due to the significance of the occasion and the fact it brought the community together for the first official occasion after the floods.

No bikes or scooters on Buses
I was contacted by Guy Shelton from Shelton Buses at the end of last week to let the school know that bikes and scooters will not be allowed on buses for safety reasons. As you can understand these items can become weapons if the bus stops suddenly.

Next few weeks
The next few weeks will see students and teachers making final preparations and revising for half-yearly exams which will be held in the middle of the term, as well as NAPLAN for our Year 7 & 9 students during Week 4. All the best to all students for the exams and remember to get plenty of study in over the next few weeks.

Brad Dives - Relieving Principal

Student Achiever of the Week Award
Week 1 recipient is: Chloe Barrow, Year 11
Chloe has shown exemplary behaviour in supporting our cultural exchange students from Beverly Hills Intensive English Language Centre as our school photographer. Chloe was also the photographer for our Harmony Day photo booth and has taken photographs of many students and staff making a stand against bullying. She has also been an active fundraiser for our school’s Relay for Life team. Congratulations to Chloe for demonstrating our school’s PBL qualities of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best.
**Week 3 recipients are:** Amyrose McLoughlin, Year 11 and Stuart Hitchens, Year 8

This week there are two students of the week. Both of these students displayed outstanding PBL qualities (Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best) when they represented the student body at the ANZAC assembly.

Amyrose McLoughlin in Yr 11 and Stuart Hitchens in Yr 8 took on the task of writing speeches to show “The meaning of ANZAC” and “The sacrifices our ANZACs made for us”. Both students delivered their speeches to the school during the ANZAC assembly, they displayed a maturity and understanding of the importance of ANZAC, while showing a compassion that moved both students and staff. Congratulations to both of these students.

*Chloe, Amyrose and Stuart will receive a certificate and $25 voucher.*

**ONLINE PAYMENTS**

There are a number of online payments which have been made to the school without details. Please remember that you need to ensure that you quote student name and name of excursion or subject.

If you have made a payment of $178 recently (possibly for a Yr 7 student) please contact the school with your receipt details.

If you have made a payment with reference details ‘Melissa Mo’ please contact the school with your receipt details.

If you have made a payment of $830 please contact the school with your receipt details.

If your bank/building society etc does not allow for reference information when making direct deposits please advise the school of your payment.

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**CAREERS NEWS**

**HUNTER VALLEY CAREER EXPO**

The Hunter Valley Career Expo will be held on Friday 22 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 $11 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 website for more information at www.huntervalleycareerexpo.com.au. Parents are welcome to attend also and entry is free for parents.

**MY CAREER MATCH**

Last week, most of Year 10 completed a test on the MyCareerMatch website during their Career lessons. Students who would have had a Careers lesson in the week of the floods have been given information about how to complete the test at home or during lunchtime.

This computer program is designed primarily for year 10-12 students and the results feature a list of ideal careers that match the student’s personal style, and provide information to add to a resume e.g. strengths, talents and personal qualities. Each student’s 8 page Profile was emailed to them and also to the Career Adviser. We will be using these Profiles at Subject Selection time and students will receive a hard copy then. (If you would like an electronic copy, please email me.) Students can now use the list of career suggestions to start investigating what interests them by researching the information links to www.myfuture.edu.au in their Report.

The cost of the profile tests was $5.90 per student and was paid for with School To Work funds.

The MyCareerMatch website has a great deal of information to help students start making career decisions, including an eBook “Whatever I do I’m gonna ROCK!” which can be downloaded for free and will be completed by most students in class this week. The information contained in this e-book, written by Nathan Chanesman, CEO of www.mycareermatch.com.au, is based on over 15 years of research, assessment and personality testing and observation. It is presented to students to encourage them to become engaged in developing a greater understanding of themselves and others, and to help them in their search for their ‘perfect career’.

There is a Parents section on the website also. You are encouraged to read your child’s Profile and then read the Parents Guide which provides practical suggestions for helping your child to be the best they can be.

**PASSMORES COLLEGE**

Representatives from Passmores College will be in the School at lunchtime on Monday 11 May to talk to students about courses offered at their College. Year 11 & 12 students are encouraged to attend and parents are most welcome.
Term 2 Week 3

2015 Student Gallipoli Tour

Our ANZAC Centenary Student Tour is finally underway! The farewell breakfast at Hunter Valley Grammar School was emotional but exciting. We were surrounded by our families and friends, mayors, media and of course members of the Hunter Valley RSL sub branches who have worked so tirelessly to get us to this day. Mr Peter Stephenson, Vice President of the NSW RSL spoke with us all and instilled a real sense of ANZAC pride and charged us with carrying on the traditions and ethos of ANZAC and all that it means. We have been given a significant opportunity to walk in the footsteps of our ancestors.

Without the great deal of drive and fundraising by the RSL, schools, various clubs and organisations (Rotary, CWA, Sports Clubs), businesses, councils and particularly family and local communities, this amazing trip would not have gone ahead - thank you all!

After saying goodbye to the 120 people gathered for the farewell, we started on the journey that would start with 30+ hour travel time, involving a bus trip, three flights across three continents, multiple stops, and boat trip to finally arrive on the other side of the world.

We spent the first few days exploring the magnificent and brilliant sights of Venice, taking guided tours and gondola rides, making Venetian masks, all the while taking in this breathtaking city with, of course, some shopping. It was interesting to learn how Venice was built (on wooden stilts that are still in place today) to see the Doge’s Palace and the Bridge of Sighs and see all of the beautiful mosaics that decorate the San Marco Basilica.

A couple of members of the group were worse for wear after the prolonged transit and jam-packed time in Venice, including myself. I missed out on a full day in Venice (missing Murano and Burano island visits) as I had contracted a violent stomach bug/virus. The chaperones frantically poured anti-nauseous medications into me, to try to improve my health for the looming cruise. Thankfully after 24 hours I was feeling much better and rejoined the group.

It was on a balmy afternoon in Venice when we boarded our cruise ship, the MSC Opera; home for the next two weeks! Over the coming weeks I will be cruising through the Greek Isles into Istanbul and the battlefields on the Gallipoli Peninsula. Each night on the cruise I have attended a talk presented by Military History Tours Australia; that has given me a deeper insight into the details and struggles of the Gallipoli Campaign. I feel this will give me a great empathy for the young men, much like me, as we follow in their footsteps.

I started this trip thinking it was going to be a great adventure – thoughts that are very similar to the young diggers who sailed from Australia over 100 years ago. Over the coming days we will be following in the footsteps of the Australian soldiers who fought so bravely on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

Ryan Maginnity

ANZAC Day ceremony at Gelibolu (Gallipoli)

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken on Friday 8 May. Students should bring their photo envelope back to school on the day of the photos and hand it to the photographers.

All students (including those who do not purchase photos) will be photographed as the photos are used for identity purposes. All students will receive a photo ID library card which can be used as a proof of age card at many venues outside school.

Students are expected to be in school uniform and will be asked to change if necessary. Students are also expected not to wear excessive make-up, hair accessories or jewellery.
YEAR 9 MELBOURNE CAMP UPDATE
Organisation is well underway for the Year 9 trip in November. Please be aware that the airline tickets will be purchased in the next week or so. Once this is done, refunds cannot be provided for the airfares. If your child can no longer attend the camp, their deposit and interest will need to be withdrawn by the end of this week (8th May, 2015). I will also need to look at every student’s behaviour record prior to the purchase as well. Only those students who have consistently demonstrated the core values of our school are permitted to attend. Please contact me at school (49923022) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Thanks,
Vanessa van de Scheur
Year 9 Advisor

Visit to Japan – Focus on Asia

With the “Focus on Asia” curriculum requirements, the Australian Government’s National Asian Languages program supports the infusion of studies of Asia in all areas of the school curriculum. The aim is to increase opportunities for students to become more familiar with the culture and languages of five of our key, regional neighbours, namely China, South Korea, India, Indonesia and Japan.

During the Easter term break, Denise McKinna, (Head Teacher English, Library and Japanese) and Vivian Hodges, (DHS’s Japanese Teacher) visited Japan with the intention of securing a friendship agreement between Kobe International High School and Dungog High School.

The visit was an extremely successful one with the principal of Kobe International High School expressing a keen interest in securing a friendship agreement between our two schools. Arrangements were made for future visits of Japanese students to DHS, and also visits from DHS students to Japan. The Japanese principal offered home stay and also the use of their school bus for excursions in the area.

Year 9 Japanese Excursion

Last week year 9 Japanese students attended an excursion to the Nihongo (Japanese Language) Tanken Centre at Kirrawee High School where they were immersed in a total Japanese experience. From the initial welcome to the last goodbye, all communication was in Japanese. The students had a lot of fun while also finding this to be a highly stimulating and motivating learning experience.

Students were engaged in a program of enjoyable activities, which involved Japanese language and culture, where their Japanese skills were extended and practiced. The lunch provided was an ‘obento’, a Japanese lunch box. Although the bus ride was a long one, everyone agreed that it was well worth it.
### Dungog High School Canteen Roster

**Term 2 Week 3: 4th to 8th May**

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Due to the change in the structure of the school day could Canteen helpers please be here by 9.30am. If you are unable to be here by that time could you please let Margaret Edwards know, by phoning the school on 49923022.

### SOME CALENDAR DATES For Term 2

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### 2015 General Contribution

$80 per Yr 7 – Yr 10 student.
$100 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 30th June will go into the draw to win an iPad Mini! The draw will take place early Term 3.**
**JAMES THEATRE, DUNGOG**

The show goes on at the James Theatre!

**Cinderella (G)**

**Saturday, 9 May, 3 pm & 7 pm**

When her father unexpectedly dies, young Ella finds herself at the mercy of her evil stepmother and her daughters. Never one to give up hope, Ella’s fortunes begin to change after meeting a dashing stranger. The classic fairy tale of *Cinderella* (G) gets a magical, live action reworking by Disney, featuring Cate Blanchett as the Evil Stepmother, and also starring Helena Bonham Carter, Lily James and Game of Thrones’ star Richard Madden as the Prince.

This indelible family favourite will have two screenings at the James, on Saturday 9 May, at 3pm and again at 7pm. This one will delight young and old alike.