On Wednesday last week, we were supported at school by a number of agencies that understand the difficult situations that students, staff and families have been going through. Representatives from Headspace and the Dungog Community Centre came to the school to let us all know about services that will come into the school or that we can go to and receive assistance. One of the most interesting was to see the number of apps that we can put on various devices and have with us at any time.

We started with the assembly, then staff were available at all breaks in the day. The lunchtime sausage sizzle was a great success. In the afternoon, staff were given information from Headspace about ways to help young people and themselves through trauma. The last meeting of the day was for parents; a number of our parents took advantage of the opportunity to find out how to help their own children.

My thanks to Ms McLarty for organising this day and to each of the organisations and their representatives who spoke and helped us.

Thanks to local Service Clubs
When I thank the organisations who are offering assistance, I cannot forget the work of our local service clubs for the outstanding efforts that they are making.

I attended a meeting of the Rotary Club last week to tell them about the recent Gallipoli Centenary Tour. At this meeting I heard of the many tasks that the club has undertaken to help our community; they also listed the many donations they have received from Rotary Clubs around the state and that will be used to assist families who have lost so much in the floods. I thank the president, Bob Humphries, and all the club members for the work they are taking on. They have assisted the school with replacing library and text books, calculators and other items that have been damaged or destroyed, either at school or at students’ homes.

The Lions Club have also assisted students who have lost items that are important for their learning or who have been through devastating circumstances. Both Lions and Rotary are also helping replace school uniforms that have been damaged.

We are fortunate, as a community, to have so many people willing to help others to put the community back in a better state.

P&C
At the P&C meeting on Thursday evening, a number of items that the school needs were funded and can either be purchased or will continue to operate. This funding occurs each year and we are very appreciative of the P&C’s role in assisting the school.

The only fundraising that the P&C does is through the school canteen. All profits from the canteen are put back into programs that benefit our students.

The items funded are:

- Clickview Library resource $3000
- PBL Student of the Week $1000
- Fans in the MPC $8000 (school paying equivalent)
- Maths and English medals $150
- Science equipment $470
- Shade Sails Blocks B and D $15000 (school paying equivalent)
- Defibrillator $2300
- The Lemon Car $500
- QuickSmart support $3000
- HSC Study Day in Singleton $600
- Primary Schools bus, costs for Y9/10 Sports Coaching
- Gym mats $2500

Bus Behaviour
I have spoken to students who travel on one bus and whose behaviour is unacceptable. These students are now very aware of what they have been doing to each other on the bus each day and the consequences of their behaviour.

I will not accept any behaviour that can be seen as bullying – physical, psychological or emotional. Any student who is involved in this behaviour can expect to be suspended from school; any repeat behaviour will lead to increased suspension and potentially suspension from the bus.

Maureen Jarvis
Student Achiever of the Week Award
This week’s recipient is: Bree Studdert Year 11
Bree Studdert has been a supportive member of our school and wider community recently. She has also contributed to our Mental Health day by co-ordinating students painting the Dungog Shire Youth Trailer, which is now a colourful reminder to students to respect themselves and each other.

Congratulations Bree.

Bree will receive a certificate and $25 voucher.

Careers News
UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE SCHOOLS’ VISIT DAY
Schools’ Visit Day to the University of Newcastle is on Thursday 25 June. This annual event allows Year 12 students to sample a day of lectures and displays and experience “life on campus”. Year 11 students can also attend but priority will be given to Year 12.

If you haven’t decided what course to study at University or want more information about particular courses you are interested in, this is the time and place to find out. There will be information available about Scholarships and accommodation also.

Even if you are planning to attend another University, you will still be able to gather information about University life in general and the application process. It is the ideal opportunity to find out what courses are available and what to expect next year.

A bus will be leaving Dungog High at 7.45am and returning at 4.30 pm. The cost is $20. Permission notes are available from the Careers Adviser.

Spectacular performances by Dungog High School’s Rugby League teams
The Buckley Shield team started the year off with a ‘Bang’! Winning the Port Stephens zone round with victories over Francis Greenway 36 – 0 and Hunter River High School 18 – 0. The team moved into the Super 8’s section of the competition with the knowledge they would be facing perennial favourites Callaghan College Wallsend. Wallsend threw everything at the Dungog defensive line for much of the match. The boys were able to repel the much bigger opposition forwards tackling in numbers. As a result the defence became condensed and it was only a matter of time before they spread the ball to score out wide. Dungog paid the penalty for not completing their sets and even though they tackled their hearts out Wallsend increased the lead to 14 nil with a few minutes to go.

The Dungog boys didn’t give up and were rewarded for their efforts with a last minute try. Alas the day was done. The team should be proud of their performance as it was an incredibly difficult task for a small school to even make it into the final 8 teams round of competition.

On Friday the 22nd of May the 15 and 13 years league teams travelled to Raymond Terrace to compete in the Knights Knockout. The 13’s dominated the day with flawless football in torrential conditions not conceding a single point in 3 games of football. Very few handling errors combined with disciplined football placed their opponents under immense pressure resulting in Dungog defeating Francis Greenway (24-0), Tomaree (24-0) and Hunter River High schools (12-0).

The team has now progressed to the Quarter Finals; Dungog High has not made it through the first round in many years. For their efforts the boys have earned a $500 dollar grant to be used for purchasing Rugby League equipment.

The 15’s team took on Francis Greenway having been beaten by them multiple times in the last 2 years. The game was a dour forwards battle as both teams struggled to gain ground due to impressive defensive efforts. Dungog broke the deadlock with a cheeky effort from dummy half to open the scoring. The forwards struggle continued for the rest the match before Francis Greenway were able to force the ball over for a try
next to the posts. Dungog listened to the hooter go as the ball sailed over the black dot for a 6 – 4 win for the opposition. The effort the boys put in was spectacular and deserved more. Dungog then took on Hunter River and fought out a 10 all draw. Well done boys you were literally seconds away from taking out the day.

The impressive thing about each of the team’s performance is that in 9 games of football they only conceded a handful of penalties. It is clear that a skills based approach to development has paid off for these young men as their tackling technique, game play, kicking and team work were outstanding. Thank you must go to the Dungog Jnr Rugby League Club, coaches and support staff for their dedication in developing fine young footballers who display respect, caring and excellent technique. The parents and friends have been outstanding; Mr Francey and Mrs Kemp would like to thank you for your support of the boys. Many thanks to Shane Pritchard, Forrest Saunders and John Greentree for their assistance in coaching the teams.

MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly)
Ian Parsons (Year 10) and Imogen Abbott (Year 9) represented Dungog High School at the Rotary District 9670 Model United Nations Assembly held at Muswellbrook last Friday and Saturday. Here is a report on the weekend:-

“On Friday afternoon we travelled to Muswellbrook where we were booked into the John Hunter Motel and met our roommates. There were 17 schools attending from Merewether to Merriwa and in between and each school had two students and a Counsellor. Our Counsellor was Ian’s father, Mr John Parsons who drove us over and took us to the different venues over the two days and otherwise looked after us.

That night we went to Muswellbrook RSL where Muswellbrook Rotary Club held their MUNA Dinner and met all the people who were going to run the event the next day. We all had to introduce ourselves and say a little bit about the country we representing and had our team photos taken. Imogen and I were representing the Islamic Republic of Iran which is one of the more controversial countries. We were told how MUNA worked and about the rules of debate for the next day.

The next morning we had an early breakfast before we travelled out to the Muswellbrook Shire Council Chambers which was set up like the United Nations Assembly with all the desks arranged in a semi-circle with a different country's flag on each.

There were 15 resolutions to debate but only 14 were actually debated plus two surprise ones. Imogen and I had researched Iran’s position on each Resolution over the past few weeks plus learnt all we could about Iran. We were both pretty nervous at the start but settled down quickly. Mr Parsons told us he received some very good feedback on our efforts. The day was a lot of fun with plenty of really good food for morning and afternoon teas and lunch and we met a lot of nice students from other schools. It was a great experience for both of us and we would love to represent the School again next year.

We would like to thank the Rotary Club of Dungog (particularly Mr John Walton) for sponsoring us, Rotary District 9670 and Mrs McKinna and Mrs Shumack for helping us with our research.

We would also like to thank Mr Parsons for helping with research and for being our Counsellor over the two days and for driving us there and back.”

Year 10 Subject Selection Process
Year 10 are about to head into a very exciting time – the selection process for their Year 11 subjects! There are a number of important dates and events to add to your diaries:

2. Student Information Booklet distribution – Week 8-10 (8 – 26 June 2015)
   During Careers lessons students will be given the subject booklets and Ms Smith will discuss it with them.
3. Subject Information Sessions (Students) – Week 9 (Monday 15 – Tuesday 16 June 2015)
   Students will participate in a round robin of subject information during school time. These sessions will provide students with information on the different subjects each faculty are offering for 2016.
4. Subject Information Evening – Week 9 (Tuesday 16 June 2015) – N Block at 6pm
   Parents and students are encourage to attend this information session to ask any additional questions about subjects they are interested in.
5. Student Interviews – Week 1, Term 3 (Tuesday 14 – Wednesday 15 July 2015)
   Each student in Year 10 will be interviewed by a Head Teacher, with the support from the Careers Adviser, in relation to what they want to do after high school and what subjects they are considering selecting. Students will only be required at school for their interview. They will make their first round selection on this day. (See letter sent home for more information)
**HSIE News**

**Year 11 Enterprise Day**

Our two Year 11 Business Studies classes are currently organising our 3rd Enterprise Day. This day is part of the assessment component for our Business Planning unit and the students are required to run a business at school for the day.

**When:** Monday 15 June 2015 during recess and lunch

**Where:** Main quad area at DHS

All staff and students are encouraged to support the 5 businesses on the day (have a look at some of the ads in this newsletter).

All profits from the day are donated to a nominated charity – and this year the majority of the businesses have selected the Dungog Flood Appeal to donate to – so all the support you can give would be greatly appreciated.

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**ONLINE PAYMENTS – URGENT REQUEST**

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 (possibly for a Yr 7 student),
- a payment of $830 or
- a payment of $165

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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**Scoops ‘N’ Smiles**

Fundraising for: Father O’Reilly’s Youth Off The Street

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice-cream!!!

If YOU have a craving for ICE CREAM, come see US

**$4**

Location: Dungog High School Quad

15th May 2015

Recess and Lunch
### Dungog High School Canteen

#### Roster

**Week 6: 25th to 29th May**
- **Monday**: J Ross, C Butler,
- **Tuesday**: A Field, C Briggs, M Gibbs
- **Wednesday**: C Wheeler, L Lovegrove, L Wallace
- **Thursday**: J Czaplewski,
- **Friday**: D Marquet, L Dries, L McInnes, M Townsend

**Week 7: 1st to 5th June**
- **Mon**: P Garrett, J Hipwell, S Hipwell
- **Tues**: C Bridges, K Nairn, A Ellicott
- **Wed**: F Pike, N Robinson
- **Thurs**: M Muddle, K Rowe
- **Fri**: N Pearce, K Watson, K Fisher

*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.*

### 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.*

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### Fire & Ice

**$3 for Hot Chips**
**$2 for Ice-Cream Spiders**

Join us **Monday 15th June at recess & lunch, in the Quad**

Supporting **Dungog Flood Relief**!
Information evening for Managing Money In Business on this Thursday: 28 May!
Improve your business bottom line, and get a bookkeeping certificate.
Finally, Managing Money In Small Business is coming to town. Built around the Certificate IV in Bookkeeping, this course is ideal for anyone in small to medium business who wants to get more control of the financial side of things. It’s also great for whoever does the books in a small business, or anyone who wants to become a bookkeeper as a profession.

We’re holding an information evening about the course on Thursday 28 May at the CWA Hall in Dungog, from 5.45 pm. Here you can meet our trainer Julie Blatch, ask questions like “what else will I have to do to become a bookkeeper - is this course enough?” and “what sort of difference can understanding financials make to my bottom line?” and “what sort of work level is involved in this course?” and “is there a payment plan?”

The course is presented by BCA National. You can find out more here - but do come to the information night even if you are only considering doing the course.
If you intend to come or are interested in the course but can't make it, please RSVP in reply to this email. See you there!

Jane Richens & John O'Brien
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