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.

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Term 3 Week 4  3rd August 2015

Principal

Education Week Reception - Thanks
We hosted the annual Education Week Reception in the MPC last Thursday and many thanks are due for its success. In recent years, this reception has been held at DHS, allowing all the primary school parents and students to come here and get to know the school that will be their high school.

Staff from DHS, and the Dungog, Clarence Town, Paterson, Gresford, Vacy, Martins Creek, and Glen William Primary Schools did an outstanding job in preparing their students – we had choirs, dancers, a drama performance and musicians. The students combined skills with enthusiasm and put on a great show. A highlight was a combined performance by all schools of “Geronimo”- thanks to Mrs Danvers who visited all the primary schools to make this one happen.

The awards were given to students, staff, non-teaching staff, school community member and a school program. Thanks to all the recipients for the example they give and the work they do. Thanks also to Janelle O’Neill from the Dungog Chronicle, who attended and took photos of all the award winners.

Our hospitality students and staff again provided the catering and did an excellent job in creating and presenting the delicious food. The evening was an example of all the great things that are happening in our schools – thanks to everyone who contributed to this wonderful and highly enjoyable evening.

Special thanks to two of our leaders, Melody McLarty and Jared Ford, who were MCs on the night. Not only did they do a great job themselves, but they helped the primary students who were their co-hosts. Well done both of you!

Year 12 Trial HSC
The HSC Trial examination will begin in week 5. Students will be given their timetables early this week so that they can check that there are no clashes or any other problems. It is important that students let Mr Holmes know if there is a problem as soon as possible so that it can be fixed for everyone.

Student Leaders process commences
It is a sign of the passing of the year when we start the process for selecting the student leaders for next year. Students will be given information about the process and forms to complete if they want to be considered for the positions of President, Vice President or SRC representative.

These leadership positions are an honour for the students selected and so the process can be a challenging one. Representing the student body is a high level responsibility; I hope that, once again, we have a number of applicants who are prepared to have a go.

Parent / Teacher evening
Year 7 to 12 parent/teacher evening will be held on Wednesday this week, from 5.00pm to 7.00pm in the MPC. Students have been given appointment booking forms to be completed.

Maintenance
The maintenance is continuing according to the plan. We will be told when the student entrance to the Administration Block will be out of use; I assume it could be some time later this week. Students will be informed via the daily notices.

Relieving Principal
Mr Dives will be relieving as Principal and Ms Archer as DP from the start of next week. I will be on leave for the remainder of the term.

Maureen Jarvis
**Student Achiever of the Week Award**

**This week’s recipient is:** Jade Eyb, Year 12

Jade has consistently represented Dungog High School in music performances in the community and beyond. Jade is diligent in her creative art subjects – Music and Visual Arts.

Jade will receive a certificate and $25 voucher.

**Anonymous Online Deposit**

As previously noted in recent newsletters, earlier in the year someone made an online payment of $178.00 into the school’s bank account without any further details.

Coincidentally a second person did exactly the same thing two weeks later for $830.00.

To date, we are unable to allocate these amounts to a student until someone comes forward to claim them.

Regular reminders in the newsletter & on the school website weekly since then have failed to produce a claimant. The typically friendly Westpac bank will charge us $50 each transaction for a trace which is why we have held off that process until now. As a last ditch attempt at solving this mystery student statements were sent home recently.

If you receive an account with amounts showing as due but you feel you had previously paid these amounts – PLEASE CONTACT US.

If these amounts remain unclaimed in a few weeks' time, we will begin the trace process with Westpac and may unfortunately have to pass the $50 fee onto the claimant.

**From the Office**

To save students lining up and waiting to hand in notes or pay for excursions, fees, etc we are starting a new system in a few weeks with a ‘Student Letterbox’. Students can drop their
- permission notes,
- absence notes,
- correct monies with permission note in **sealed envelope**,
- early leaver requests – (note all Thursday early leaver requests must FIRST be signed by the Deputy)

in the ‘Student Letterbox’.

If a student does need change and/or a receipt to take home they will need to stay in line.

**Dungog High School Open Boys Volleyball Team**

On the 23rd and 24th of July Dungog Boys Volleyball team travelled to Sydney to play in the round of 16 at finals of CHS knockout competition.

In their first game they played and defeated Murray HS from Riverina region 3-0 (25-11;25-8;25-13) to advance to quarter finals.

In the quarter final they were defeated by Kelso HS from Western region (and eventual state champion school) 0-3 (12-25;24-26;16-25) with the Kelso coach acknowledging our players for their excellent attack through the middle of the court through Ryan Maginnity and Rhys Beaumont.

In the consolation games to decide position 5th to 8th the team was defeated by Baulkham Hills HS 2-0 and then gave Great Lakes College a wallopping 2-0 to finish 7th in the knockout competition.

The final was played between Kelso HS and Rooty Hill HS with Kelso winning this game. Sydney Boys HS taking bronze. Cabramatta 4th, Baulkham Hills 5th, Cherrybrook 6th.

**YEAR 9 MELBOURNE CAMP UPDATE**

Planning for the Melbourne Camp is in its final stages. The majority of the activities have been booked and the itinerary is filled with exciting and interesting things to see and do. I am still waiting on a couple of quotes and once they are in, I will be able to send home a finalised price and schedule for the excursion.

Students attending the Melbourne camp were given an important note regarding planning for the camp. Please ensure that you read the note and are aware of its content. I would also like to remind parents and caregivers to continue to make regular payments; if that is the option you have chosen. Many of the activities require significant deposits and/or pre-payment and this can only be done if students have paid their instalments. Thank you for your support and consideration of this matter.
Further paper work regarding medical, dietary and special requirements will also be coming home soon. Please feel free to contact me, if you have any questions or concerns.
Vanessa van de Scheur- Year 9 Advisor

Teacher Profile
Hi, my name is Nicole Sykes and I am a member of the Dungog High School HSIE faculty. I have been teaching at the school for four years after working at Lightning Ridge Central School in the NSW outback. I have been teaching for the last nine years, after completing my university degree at Newcastle as a mature aged student. My working life before this consists of management roles within the retail industry.

I have two children aged 11 and 17 and now live in the local Dungog area. I am Year 12 Year advisor and have the privilege this year of seeing my senior students graduate.

I can be contacted on my email address if anyone has any questions or concerns regarding Year 12 as Year Advisor or Years 7 – 11 as a classroom teacher. Nicole.sykes2@det.nsw.edu.au
Thankyou.

Private Vehicle Conveyance Subsidy – Delay of Semester 1 payment.
Transport for NSW has been reviewing PVC subsidy claims for accuracy because it has introduced a new computer system and this has caused a delay.

This has also deferred for a short time, the attendance days collection process for all schools.

We understand this overall will lead to a delay of several weeks compared to the usual processing time.

Transport for NSW has advised us they are apologetic for the inconvenience.

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DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN

Roster
Week 4: 3rd to 7th August
Mon K McDonald, J Chant, K Ross
Tues J Kellner, A Moss, N Paterson, J Huntress
Wed C Wheeler, L Lovegrove, L Wallace
Thurs J Czaplewski, R Rolfe, K Flannery
Fri D Marquet, L Dries, L McInnes, M Townsend

Week 5: 10th to 14th August
Mon S Hallett, N Eyb, L Hunt
Tues A Field, C Briggs, M Gibbs,
Wed F Pike, N Robinson
Thurs M Muddle, K Rowe, S Simmonds
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.
The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours from week 6 onwards. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is included below. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday, 7th August 2015. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Dear Parents and Carers

This term, our school is taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve. The survey is completed online and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes less than 30 minutes to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), will have access to data from across the State and will run a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research will look at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students and schools will not be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students’ personal information will not be disclosed by the Department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish to. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable answering any question, he/she should leave it blank and move on to the next one. Your child can stop the survey at any time.

If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school by Friday 7th August 2015.


Maureen Jarvis
Principal
Dungog High School

Dr Jenny Donovan
General Manager
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation
Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey

If you do not want your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school by Friday, 7th August 2015.

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Signed........................................................................................................ Date.................................

QUILTARAMA a GREAT SUCCESS
Dungog - Clarence Town CWA would like to thank Dungog High School for all their willing help in staging our Quiltarama at the MPC on 25 & 26 July.

It was the first time we had held it at the school. The venue was successful and being able to hold the workshops in nearby classrooms also proved to be a big plus.

We had people come from near and far to support this event and to support Dungog. We would also thank Imogen Abbott, one of your students, for her very willing help in our ‘Applique Café’.

The ‘Viewers’ Choice’ quilt was won by # 50 Jann Sturdy of Anna Bay.

Maureen Humphrey

Creative Writing for Young People
Presented by Maitland Libraries and Hunter Writers Centre - a not-for-profit organisation servicing the Hunter region.
Learn valuable writing tips and practical exercises to fuel your imagination and build your writing confidence at this relaxed and supportive workshop

East Maitland Library
Thursday 6, 13, 20 and 27 August
4.00 pm - 6.00 pm
$40.00 for 4 sessions


August at the James Theatre
There are five weekends this month, and we’ve managed to fill four of them with films. See the program below, and read the note below about how you can help:

- Minions (PG) Family Movie: Saturday, 8 August, 3 pm
- Far From the Madding Crowd (M) Drama/Romance: Saturday, 8 August, 7 pm
- Women He’s Undressed (PG) Film Society: Sunday, 16 August, 7 pm
- Last Cab to Darwin (M) Drama: Saturday, 22 August, 4 pm and 7 pm
- Ant-Man (PG) Action/Adventure: Saturday, 29 August, 7 pm
- Coming in September: To Kill a Mockingbird, Finding Vivian Maier, The Lunch Box, Blinky Bill, and The Man from UNCLE

Volunteers welcome
Mailing list – if you want to be added to this email list, let me know, and forward it on to people who you think should know what’s coming up.
Minions (PG)  
Saturday, 8 August, 3 pm  
The story of Minions begins at the dawn of time. Starting as single-celled yellow organisms, Minions evolve through the ages, perpetually serving the most despicable of masters. Continuously unsuccessful at keeping these masters—from T. Rex to Napoleon—the Minions find themselves without someone to serve and fall into a deep depression. But one Minion named Kevin has a plan, and he—alongside teenage rebel Stuart and lovable little Bob—ventures into the world to find a new evil boss to follow. The trio embarks upon a thrilling journey that leads them to their next potential master, Scarlet Overkill (Sandra Bullock), the world’s first-ever female super-villain. They travel from frigid Antarctica to 1960s New York City, ending in mod London, where they face their biggest challenge: to save all Minionkind from annihilation.  
Screening once only at the James Theatre, Saturday, 8 August, 3 pm.

Far From the Madding Crowd (M)  
Saturday, 8 August, 7 pm  
Based on the literary classic by Thomas Hardy, Far From the Madding Crowd is the story of independent, beautiful and headstrong woman Bathsheba Everdene (Carey Mulligan), who attracts three very different suitors in Victorian England: Gabriel Oak (Matthias Schoenaerts), a sheep farmer, captivated by her fetching wilfulness; Frank Troy (Tom Sturridge), a handsome and reckless Sergeant; and William Boldwood (Michael Sheen), a prosperous and mature bachelor. A sweeping melodrama about lust, doomed romance, and how not to pick a husband.  
Screening once only at the James Theatre, Saturday, 8 August, 7 pm.

Women He’s Undressed (PG)  
Sunday, 16 August, 7 pm  
Orry-Kelly, the boy from the small NSW coastal fishing village of Kiama, ran from the sheltered shores of Australia to chance his luck in the anything goes world of New York. He would soon find himself seduced by the bright lights and big dreams of Hollywood, where his unbounded wit and talent would lead him to design gowns that lit up the golden age of cinema, his journey finally brought to life in Gillian Armstrong’s film. Women He’s Undressed takes us behind the scenes of Hollywood, with a little help from some of Orry’s long time friends and colleagues, to reveal one of linsel town’s best kept secrets and bring home the story of the boy from Kiama – friend and confidante to the screen greats of Hollywood’s golden age and a designer whose costumes created some of the most magical moments in cinema history. This classy documentary, packed with clips and interviews, traces the life and work of this under-appreciated Aussie genius.  
Screening once only at the James Theatre, Sunday, 16 August, 7 pm.

Last Cab to Darwin (M)  
Saturday, 22 August, 4 pm and 7 pm.  
Michael Caton, Jacki Weaver and an amazing Australian support cast star in Last Cab to Darwin. Caton is Rex, a Broken Hill cab driver, and a loner. When he’s told he doesn’t have long to live, Rex sets out on an epic drive through the Australian outback to Darwin to die on his own terms. But along the way he discovers instead that it’s never too late to start living: that before you can end your life, you have to live it, and to live it, you’ve got to share it. Filled with hope and humour, Last Cab to Darwin is set against the stunning outback.  
Screening twice at the James Theatre, Saturday, 22 August, 4 pm and 7 pm.

Ant-Man(PG)  
Saturday, 29 August, 7 pm  
Ant-Man is the newest superhero from Marvel studios. Armed with a supersuit with the astonishing ability to shrink in scale but increase in strength, cat burglar Scott Lang (Paul Rudd) must embrace his inner hero and help his mentor, Dr Hank Pym (Michael Douglas) plan a heist that will save the world.  
Screening once only at the James Theatre, Saturday, 29 August, 7 pm.

Keep an eye on our website: www.jamestheatre.com.au for what’s coming up. So far we’re planning in September: To Kill a Mockingbird, Finding Vivian Maier, The Lunch Box, Blinky Bill, and The Man from UNCLE.

Volunteers welcome  
It takes a lot of volunteers to keep Dungog entertained. If you’ve helped in a school canteen, you could help in our kiosk. If you’re walking around town, you could letterbox a leaflet. If you missed a career as a train conductor, you could click tickets at the door to the cinema. If you can make change for 3 tickets out of a $50—well you get the idea. And these tasks are just the beginning. If you want to be on a list to be called on, just reply to this email. And for members, after our recent Special General Meeting, our Annual General Meeting looks like being Sunday afternoon September 19th. More details to come.

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Glen William Public School P & C is proud to host:  
Le Tour de Glen William  
Sunday, August 23rd, 2015  
8am—2pm  
(Bike rides at 10am)  
717 Glen William Road, Glen William  
Features include:  
- A 27km group bike ride;  
- An 10km bike riding option with recovery stop;  
- Market stalls;  
- Fabulous country food;  
- Family entertainment;  
- Free face painting;  
- Free giant slide / jumping castle  
For more information about the bike ride phone Donna  
0428 255 944 or to book a market stall at a cost of just $10, please phone Chris 0468 529 383