Want to make a payment to the school? 

From Monday 17th August you can now use the **Parents Online Payments**

Go to the schools website, [http://www.dungog-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/](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.


Please cease depositing directly into the school’s bank account from this date on.

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**Cyber Safety**

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As parents, we are responsible for the behaviour of our children. I understand that it is difficult to ensure they are not part of these incidents, but not impossible. Keep the computer in a visible position in the house, not locked away in a bedroom. Ask to see a record of your child’s Facebook or MSN messaging on the computer and their phone. Let them know that you do take responsibility for their safety and they can talk to you if they get ugly messages from “friends”.

Above all, teach your children about the hurt that words can cause – and that once they are written and sent, they are available forever to be checked and seen by you, their teachers and the police.

**Time management - Part-time employment**

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Ask your child to do a Sanity Check: Can they fit in a job? Before your child commits to a part-time job, can they answer yes to all of these questions:

- Can you fit work in and still do all of your study and maintain your grades?
- Do you have time to do your classwork, homework, study and maintain your grades?
- Do you have time to do your study, maintain your grades and have time for extra activities?
- Do you have time to do your study, maintain your grades, have time for extra activities and fit in amongst school, study, sporting activities and family commitments?

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**Relieving Principal**

Year 12 will continue their trial HSC this week – all exams will be over by Wednesday. It is very important that students go over their responses and results and consult with their teachers – these exams are meant to show them where their strengths and weaknesses are. There is still time to improve, as we have seen happen over many years. If a student knows what they have to do to improve their marks, they will gain confidence and a sense of purpose. We will support them in this through continued classwork, revision and tutoring over coming weeks and during the actual HSC exam period.

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• If you work will you still have time left over for recreation?
• Will the job be flexible around your study and exam commitments?

Staff addition
I am very pleased to announce that Kristy Neilson is now a permanent member of staff in the HSIE area. Kristy is a skilled, experienced and passionate staff member who has been working at our school for the last 2 years and we are thrilled she is now a permanent staff member. She is currently relieving as the Year 12 Advisor while Mrs Sykes is acting as the Head Teacher HSIE.

Brad Dives

Student Achiever of the Week Award
This week’s recipient is: Jenna’Lea Turner Year 11
Jenna’Lea showed outstanding team work and diligence in the Mental Health Play. She took on double responsibility for another student’s role.

Jenna’Lea will receive a certificate and $25 voucher.

Teacher Profile
Hello,
My name is Jessica Kemp and I am a PDHPE teacher at Dungog High School. I have also taken on the role as Year 11 Year Advisor for the remainder of the year while Mr Wilson is on leave. I am really looking forward to working with the Year 11 students as they make their transition into Year 12 and will be here to support and guide the students through this time.

I have been teaching for 10 years and have taught in places such as Wilcannia, Condobolin and the Central Coast. I grew up in the local area and I feel very lucky that my husband and I can now live and raise our children in this beautiful area. We are enjoying being part of the community and working in the wonderful schools in Dungog. I have 2 girls, aged 3 and 5 who keep me very busy! I enjoy long distance running, and I just completed my first Marathon on the Gold Coast. My other interests include playing and watching sport and horse-riding. I also love to spend time with my family and friends.

If you need to contact me, please feel free to email me on jessica.kemp13@det.nsw.edu.au.

CAREERS NEWS
EXCURSION REFUND
Due to the number of DHS students attending the University of Newcastle Schools Visit Day on 25 June being much greater than was expected (based on previous years), the cost of the bus trip per student was considerably less than first quoted on the permission note. Consequently, students who attended will receive a refund this week of $8 to return to parents/caregivers.

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE OPEN DAY
Parents and students are invited to the UoN Open Day this Saturday 22 August from 10am to 4pm at Callaghan Campus. Speak with staff and current students to find out more about degree and study options, explore the campus and get a taste of university life.
Register online (newcastle.edu.au/openday) to attend and you’ll go in the draw to win an iPad Mini.

Are Your Contact Details Up to Date?
To keep our records accurate it is important to let Dungog High School know if any of your contact details have changed since your child enrolled. This includes: your daytime telephone number; your home/mailing address; your family situation; your email address, particularly if you receive the newsletter by email. The school should also be notified of any changes to a student’s medical details.

Notifications regarding unexplained absences are now being emailed to parents, so it is important that we have your current email address.

It is very important to keep these details up to date in case of an emergency. Please contact the Dungog High School office immediately if you need to advise of any changes.
The James Theatre

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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.
Two Big Opportunities for students to be involved with Dungog Festival 2015

Opportunity 1 – Show your work at the Festival

Do you love shooting video? Got a short film, short doco, short drama, Vine, Instagram collection, animation, comedy, filmed interview (with a grandparent, with your annoying younger sister, with yourself, with Taylor Swift, with the mayor), home movie, long shot of the main street, Minecraft world, series of photos, piece of iNterESting mUsiC, artwork you've made?

Or, do you make something and get it shown?

The Festival is creating a platform (top secret until Sept 10) to show your masterpiece (or funky little crazy thingo).

We like:
- stuff inspired by round here
- things made last year, last week or next week
- something that's very watchable, no matter what the "quality"
- silent projects that someone else can add music to (anyone composing dubstep tracks anyone?)
- noisy vids that catch the attention
- energy, or comedy, or poignancy, or fascination, or weirdness
- top secret footage of your favourite place or person
- something that screams who you are - or not
- a set of photos - one photo - an artwork - a set of sculptures - an installation that's been videoed - a daggy app-created party in a shed
- show us what Dungog is to you - in the B R O A D E S T sense
- horseys. Cats, even.

Whatever you choose to show, it needs to have a bit of a Dungog vibe or stamp on it.

We will edit them together, cut anything that's too long, team up photo essayists with drum n bass composers (or bands), master and exhibit. All we need from you is the completed or close enough work.

If you're interested or keen or curious or just have nothing to do that day, head to the DHS Library at lunchtime (12.57pm) on Friday 21 August.

Opportunity 2 – is a secret – we’ll be approaching some individual students to help “lead” a cool event over two evenings at the festival. Stay awake for more details.