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-schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.dungog-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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**Relieving Principal.**

**New Head Teacher Welfare starts next term – Hayley Dibley**

I am pleased to introduce our new Head Teacher Welfare Hayley Dibley who will start her new role on the first day of next term. She is joining us from the Balgowlah Boys Campus of the Northern Beaches Secondary College. The Head Teacher Welfare role is very challenging as it encompasses everything the school community does to meet the personal, social and learning needs of students.

The major responsibilities of the Head Teacher Welfare:

- Coordinate the development and evaluation of welfare programs
- Facilitate weekly Welfare meetings
- Coordinates professional development in the area of welfare
- Investigates bullying incidents and work through solutions
- Advises staff of welfare issues relating to students in their classes
- Coordinate Learning Support Teams
- Provide support for Year Advisors and all welfare staff
- Supports student wellbeing

As a school community we all look forward to getting to know Hayley Dibley and working with her on the vital area of student wellbeing.

Can I also take this opportunity to thank Fiona McLarty for all her hard work in this role over the last 3 years. Fiona is a person who is passionate about our school and students and has done an excellent job in a relieving capacity. We are very lucky she is staying in her role in student support.

**Bringing NAPLAN home: The results and your child**

All students in Years 7 and 9 should have brought home a sealed envelope containing their 2015 NAPLAN results. NAPLAN results provide additional information, which can be used along with school assessment and testing. It allows you to compare your child’s achievement with other children across Australia. By itself, NAPLAN does not improve the quality of education, but it gives us a national snapshot of how our children are doing in those important skills of literacy and numeracy.

I encourage you to read the report in the context of what you already know about your child’s academic performance and in conjunction with other assessment information and reports you would have already received from our school. Further information on how to read the report is found on the NAP website: [www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/studentreports.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/studentreports.html).

**Your child’s results will be indicated by a black dot. The black triangle shows the national average for children in that year level. This means you can compare your child’s performance to children in the same year level. As with all tests, small differences between students’ NAPLAN scores do not reflect real achievement differences. Using this information, you can then take the time to celebrate the success that you see**
and/or identify areas for improvement. If your child is concerned with their results, remind them that NAPLAN isn't a pass or fail test and the information provided is only a snapshot in time.

**Apple Watch banned from HSC exams**

While reading the Sunday Herald on Sunday morning I noticed an article outlining that smart watches are banned from all HSC exams. The article stated:

“Students in NSW will be banned from wearing smart watches in their HSC exams this year as schools and exam boards battle to keep up with new ways to cheat.”

“The NSW Board of Studies has this week emailed all Year 12 students with a list of items prohibited from this year’s exam rooms. At the top of the list are Apple Watches, followed by iPhones, iPads and correction fluid.”

As a result all exams will have clocks visible from all points of every exam room.

**Year 12 Graduation (Save the date – 18th September)**

The highlight of the final week is the Year 12 Graduation Assembly. This will be held on Friday 18th September in the MPC. It will commence at 10am and usually lasts for 1 ½ hours. There will be a morning tea for year 12 and their parents afterward. Students are expected to be in full school uniform as they will be presented with their portfolio on stage. All year 12 parents and friends are invited to attend the graduation. If any student does not have any item of uniform, they must contact the Year Advisor, either Nicole Sykes or Kristy Neilson, to ensure that this item can be organised well in advance of the ceremony. The school still has a number of uniform items that people generously donated during the floods. However, I suggest if you have any concerns that this issue is addressed well before the day.

*Brad Dives*

**Student Achiever of the Week Award**

*This week’s recipient is: Jeremy Nunan Year 7*

Jeremy successfully competed in Zone, Regional and is now off to State for Athletics. He consistently completes his course work to a high standard in doing so is always respectful and caring towards others. Congratulations to Jeremy.

*Jeremy will receive a certificate and $25 voucher.*

**Year 11 Business Studies Pancake Pitch**

As our current Year 12 Business Studies class prepares for the upcoming HSC examination, it is time to introduce Year 11 to their HSC topics. The syllabus requires all Business Studies students gain an understanding of these topics before they start their official HSC course in term four. This year we decided to take a different approach and let the students develop their understanding through a hands on task.

Teachers Mrs Slobodniuk and Mrs Neilson pitched a pancake task to the students, where the students had a period to create the best pancakes in the class (made from scratch!). The students were to choose management positions for the lead up to the day. These were Human Resources Manager, Operations Manager, Financial Manager or Marketing Manager. Three groups were then formed; One Maple Tree Hill, Strawberry Cream Delight and Panheads. Each of the managers was given tasks throughout the week. Once the teams had chosen their recipes the Finance Manager had to cost the ingredients making sure they came in under budget, the Marketing Manager had to create a website for their business, the Operations Manager had to explore ways to cook the pancakes while meeting all quality control requirements and the Human Resource Manager had to address any issues that arose during the week while keeping all their workers happy. All three groups excelled at the task as you can see from the photos. Not only did they gain an understanding of the topics they are about to study but they also got to sample the final product, a great outcome for all involved.

**NSW Combined High Schools Athletics Carnival - STATE**

In the coming weeks one of our Dungog High students will be competing in the NSW Combined High Schools Athletics Carnival to be held at Sydney Olympic Park. Jeremy Nunan, one of our year 7 students, will be completing in the U13 boys Javelin event. This is a particularly good achievement as Jeremy competes in U12 events but the Javelin is U13 and down in age group. This means he is competing against boys up to 1 year older and will be eligible to compete again in the U13 age group next year.
This is not the first time Jeremy has competed at this level for the Hunter Valley. Last year Jeremy represented the Hunter Valley region in both cricket and softball in state wide carnivals. Jeremy is a keen cricketer and plays representative cricket for Newcastle. The training he does for bowling assists with the throwing of the Javelin, (the throw of the javelin being similar to the throw of a cricket ball)

Well done Jeremy and good luck in Sydney!

**Teacher Profile**

I’m Tony Skimmings, I am the Year 8 Year Advisor, Technology and Industrial Arts teacher and school Computer Co-ordinator.

I grew up and went to school in Maitland and later I went to Newcastle University to study for an Engineering Degree. I am a 3rd generation Dungogian. My grandfather was the sheik from Main Creek living at the top of Skimmings Gap Road. I have 3 children and 5 grandsons with a granddaughter on the way. I worked in industry for 20 years as a Blast Furnace Operations Engineer. During this time I worked in Australia, New Zealand and Japan. The company ceased operations in Newcastle in the year 2000, so I retrained as a school teacher at Newcastle University. That year I started teaching at Dungog High School.

I have trained in Martial Arts, achieving my 3rd Dan Black belt, Scuba Diving and I enjoy travelling and Lawn Bowls. I currently coach the school’s Lawn Bowls teams. I live in the Barrington Tops and I enjoy teaching at Dungog High.

If you wish to contact me, my email address is tony.skimmings@det.nsw.edu.au

**DUNGOG HORSE SPORTS**

Dungog Horse Sports will be held on Friday 18th September 2015. Entry forms are available at the school office.

Please ensure entry forms and money are handed to Mrs Sullings by the closing date, **Friday 18th August**. Payment by cash is preferred otherwise by cheque payable to Dungog High School.

**No late entries will be accepted.**

**Uniform Shop Price Increases**

As from 1st October 2015 the price of some uniform items will rise by $3.00. These include:

- Junior S/S Lemon Blouse
- Senior S/S White/Maroon Blouse
- Junior S/S Lemon Shirt
- Senior S/S White Shirt

Sports Shorts Std, Sports Shorts Sup, Microfibre Trackpants

The Sports Polo will rise by $2.50.

These prices will remain firm for three years.

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**DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN**

**Roster**

**Week 7: 24th to 28th August**
- Mon: P Garrett, J Hipwell, S Hipwell
- Tues: G Edwards, C Everett, S Hooke, L Kearney
- Wed: H Williams, P Williams, S Hitchens, N Robinson
- Thurs: L Tull, M Ince
- Fri: S Crouch, R Kirkby, J Ross

**Week 8: 31st August to 4th September**
- 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 Czapelewski, R Rolfe, K Flannery
- Fri: D Marquet, L Dries, L McInnes, M Townsend

*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.*

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**Ant-Man (PG) Saturday, 29 August, 7 pm**

Ant-Man is the newest superhero from Marvel studios. Armed with a super-suit with the astonishing ability to shrink in scale but increase in strength, master thief Scott Lang (Paul Rudd) must embrace his inner hero and help his mentor, Dr Hank Pym (Michael Douglas) protect the secret behind his spectacular Ant-Man suit from a new generation of towering threats. Against seemingly insurmountable obstacles, Pym and Lang must pull off a heist that will save the world.

Ant-Man has been described infectious, silly entertainment, a popcorn flick that knows what it is and does what it does to an intoxicating degree. Sounds like lots of fun.

**Walk With Me.**

Walk With Me aims to raise awareness of disability issues, but it’s also about celebrating the achievements of local people with disabilities, getting the community together and having some fun.

We’ve got lots of entertainment and activities planned, including a jumping castle, reptile petting zoo, craft activities, photo booth, BBQ for a gold coin donation and a Northcott NDIS information stand.

It’s all happening at Newcastle Foreshore Park (near the Railway Carriage Sheds) on Wednesday 23 September from 10am to 2.00pm. Entry is free.

**REGISTER NOW**

Be part of the fun and register today by clicking on this link. We’re excited about Walk With Me and hope that you can help us spread the word.

For more information contact Donna Vaughan on 4935 0400 or email donna.vaughan@northcott.com.au