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/ 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.

There is an instruction manual on the website http://www.dungog-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/schooling-costs

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

Relieving Principal

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015/2016 SCHOOL PRESIDENTS AND LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dungog High School values Student Leadership and is committed to creating an environment in which the student voice is genuinely acknowledged, nurtured, celebrated and one that ultimately affects positive change within the school community. Our Student Leaders, including the School Presidents, Vice Captains, SRC Presidents and Student Representative Council act with integrity, compassion and exemplify excellence in every endeavour. They are responsible for identifying, implementing and evaluating whole school initiatives that allow students to feel respected, empowered and involved in the decision making process. Each week the school leaders meet with the Principal to discuss issues and concerns that need to be addressed.

At this time each year students in Year 11 have the opportunity to take part in the selection process to be part of the leadership team of the school. Students that apply for the role undertake an exhaustive selection process which includes a written application supported by a number of their peers, their Year Advisor and the Principal. The students are also interviewed by the Principal and their Year Advisor. Each student presents a speech to their peers and staff at an assembly. This speech is checked and approved by their Year Advisor before it can be presented. This involves presenting a speech in front of 750 people.

The process for selecting our School Leadership team for 2015/2016 has now finished, and we are very happy to announce that the following six students have been successful:

1. Gus O’Brien Cavanough, School President
2. Amyrose McLoughlin, School President
3. Campbell McDonald, Vice President
4. Olivia Key, Vice President
5. Ryan Maginnity, SRC Representative
6. Melanie Rumbel, SRC Representative

Congratulations to Gus, Amyrose, Campbell, Olivia, Ryan and Melanie we wish you all the best as our School Leadership Team for 2015/2016.

Satisfactory Completion of Courses

The NSW Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) determines the eligibility and pattern of study requirements for the award of the Record of School Achievement and Higher School Certificate. To receive a result in any course, students must satisfactorily complete that course. Satisfactory completion of a course involves following the course developed or endorsed by the BOSTES. Students must apply themselves with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks provided by their teachers and must demonstrate achievement of course outcomes.

Students who are late or absent and do not attend lessons regularly are unlikely to be able to demonstrate achievement of course outcomes, or that they have applied themselves with diligence and sustained effort. The BOSTES requires schools to issue students with official warning

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.
letters in order to give them the opportunity to redeem themselves. Should such a letter be received, students and parents are strongly advised to respond immediately and address the action required as detailed in the letter.

Teachers will be reviewing the progress of all students who have received warning letters throughout the year. Final determinations will be made by the Principal for Year 12 early this week and in Term 4 for Years 11 and Year 10. If your child is in this situation you would have received numerous letters outlining our concerns and several letters from the DP stating action was required. Also, the DP sent a letter to students and parents to invite them to the recent Parent/Teacher night which was held in Week 4 this term.

If a student fails to comply with the requirements they will be given an “N” (Non Completion) determination for that course. The student will be ineligible to have that course recorded on their BOSTES Record of Achievement. This may result in the student being ineligible to receive the award of the Record of School Achievement or Higher School Certificate.

Please update any changes you have made to your contact details

In next week’s newsletter I will write about our new Parent Portal which parents will be able to access to see student and school information. However, can I ask that parents update any changes they have made to their home phone/mobile, email or home address with our school front office. This information will allow us greater accuracy when we start this process early in Term 4.

Brad Dives

Student Achiever of the Week Award

This week’s recipient is: Maeve Shumack Year 12
Maeve is an excellent role model for other students. She has been involved in the school leadership team and the peer support programs at the school giving a lot of time to making others experiences of school richer, always showing the greatest of respect and responsibility in the process.

Nominated for her responsible approach to learning by consistently striving to achieve her personal best in PD/H/PE. Maeve’s efforts in and out of the classroom have made her a well respected and valued member of the school community.

Maeve will receive a certificate and $25 voucher.

STATE JUNIOR LAWN BOWLS GOLD MEDAL WINNER

Year 10 Student Ian Parsons recently attended the Bowls NSW State Junior Inter-zone 7-A-Side Championships which were played over 3 days at Figtree RSL Bowling Club near Wollongong on 21st, 22nd & 23rd August. He was one of 7 junior bowlers representing Bowls NSW Zone 6 which is made up of the Hunter, Upper Hunter and Manning Districts and who competed against the other 15 zones which make up NSW Lawn Bowls.

Each zone selects 7 of their best junior bowlers to play in Singles, Pairs and Fours Games.
Ian was selected in the Zone 6 Pairs combination with Jesse Herbert who lives in the Kurri Kurri area.

This dynamic partnership successfully competed against the other Zones to reach the finals where they defeated the Far North Coast to take the State Championship Gold Medal with a score of 17-7 over 18 ends.

Both Ian and Jesse play for East Maitland Bowling Club where they regularly train and compete.

Congratulations on winning Gold Melissa.
Ex student Melissa Nelson recently competed in the Special Olympics World Games held in Los Angeles from July 25th to August 2nd. Melissa won gold sailing a Cal 20, a 20ft half cabin yacht, which she sailed with another intellectually disabled sailor, Alyse Saxby, from Sydney.

The girls sailed against 4 other teams, sailing 3 races per day. This was around 2hrs over 5 days and they won by 3points. Melissa was introduced to sailing through our support class sailing programme in 2007 and joined Special Olympics in 2009. She has represented her state twice, competed in New Zealand and Japan and now she has had the opportunity to represent Australia.

YEAR 9 MELBOURNE CAMP

Last Friday, students attending the Melbourne excursion were issued important notes outlining the final cost, the itinerary, travel arrangements and accommodation. They also received the Overnight Excursion Permission and Medical Information form that needs to be filled in and returned to school by Friday 18th September. Please ensure that you and your child read through the information in these notes and fill in the necessary forms. If your child did not receive these notes, they will need to come and collect them from the English staffroom during break times. Thanks,
Vanessa van de Scheur – Year 9 Advisor.
Lifewave Awareness Day
Last Tuesday the SRC organised activities for Lifewave Awareness Day. This was to educate students about mental health issues and to raise some funds to help fight against these issues. We had a sausage sizzle, cake stall, balloon bust and a photo booth set up. Helpers from Headspace came along and gave out some freebies to the students. With these activities the SRC was able to raise just over $100 for Headspace and RUOK?, two organisations that help young people with mental health issues.

Along with the lunchtime activities run by the SRC, classes took part in a number of activities to help students to be able to recognise when someone is struggling and to know who to ask for help. Most students seemed to enjoy these activities and got a lot out of them.

Social
The next school social is due to be held on Tuesday, 8th September, 2015. This is the annual social held to farewell the current Year 12 cohort. It can be attended by students in any year group. Tickets are currently on sale at the office during breaks. In order to confirm that we have the numbers to go ahead with the social, tickets should be purchased by this Thursday. The theme of the social is Masquerade.

I would just like to take this opportunity to remind parents that students must be picked up from the MPC at the conclusion of the social. Some students have been walking themselves home after the socials, despite reminders that the permission note states they must be picked up. This rule is in place for the safety of the students and will be enforced. I would also like to remind parents that students must have the original permission note to submit to the office. Handwritten notes will not be accepted.

If your child purchases a ticket and is then unable to attend, we do ask that you let Miss Daffy or the office know beforehand. We keep a record of the tickets sold and any students who do not attend will have a phone call made to their parents. By letting the office know, it saves a lot of time for the person making the phone calls.

Year 7 and 11 Zoo Excursion
This Wednesday is the annual Science excursion to Taronga Zoo for year 7 and year 11 Biology students. The students are very excited about the excursion where they will enhance their understanding of concepts like classification, adaptations and evolution of Australian animals.

Just a reminder that students should be in full school uniform for the excursion. They should wear comfortable, appropriate footwear and bring a hat, sunscreen and wet weather gear. The students may buy lunch at the zoo but it is advised that they bring their own food to save time and money.

The bus departs Dungog at 6:00am on Wednesday morning. There are pick-ups at Clarence Town at about 6:15am, Paterson at about 6:20am and Seaham at about 6:30am. These times are estimates and if the bus is not there students should wait until it arrives. The bus should return at roughly the following times: Seaham 6:00pm, Paterson 6:10pm, Clarence Town 6:15pm and Dungog 6:30 pm. These times will depend on traffic in Sydney and on the freeway. We do try our best to stick to the times.

National Science Week
National Science week was the week of the 15th-28th August 2015, a celebration of Science and Technology. National Science week aims to encourage an interest in science among the general public, and to encourage younger people to become fascinated by the world we live in.

As part of these celebrations Dungog High School participated in Galaxy Explores, a global research project led by Professor Simon Driver from the International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research (ICRAR) in Western Australia and ABC Science. By taking part in this project students classified the size and type of actual galaxies. This Data produced by students of Dungog High School will help Australian astronomers with their research into how galaxies grow and evolve.

Hopefully this experience has also allowed students to experience first hand some of the natural beauty science has to offer. If you would like to partecipate in this real science research head to www.galaxyexplorer.net.au/classify.

Year 10 student Ryan Pike
Formula Ford State Series Australia
Currently 2nd in 'hot' Victorian Series is just reward for a 'developing Ryano'.
Not long turned 16, young Ryan Pike has taken a considered and planned approach to embarking on a racing career from success in karting.

Lining up with Ex-Chaz Mostert team and rookie specialists Synergy Racing to compete at State Championship level during 2015, NSW based Pike now finds himself in an impressive 2nd, in the always very hotly contested Victorian Formula Ford State Championship after nine races.

This includes 1st, 2nd and two 3rd placed results in his Spectrum 014 racecar, with the next Round scheduled for Winton on Sept 26-27.
Press Release from Australian Motorsport Academy Founder, Mark Larkham
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
- School Polo
- Sports Shorts Std
- Sports Shorts Sup
- Microfibre Trackpants

The Sports Polo will rise by $2.50.

These prices will remain firm for three years.

SOME CALENDAR DATES FOR Terms 3 & 4

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DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN Roster

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Dungog Community College
Due to unforeseen cirсs, First Aid has moved to Saturday 17 October, at a venue to be confirmed.

What First Aid means to you.

First Aid means you have some knowledge what to do in an emergency. Whether it’s doing CPR correctly, what to do in case of burns or drowning or cuts, what the signs of stroke are, how to react to a heart attack, we think everyone should have the basics.

Please consider doing this course. You can book on the Dungog Community College website: just click here.

Anyone For Coffee? or bar work?

Barista courses are getting great interest. If you would like this useful accredited skill behind you, please reply to this email. The course costs $140 if you already have the prerequisite course (Food Hygiene) or $195 if you need that as well. There are discounts for under 18s.

DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN

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.
We're also hoping to run an RSA (Responsible Service Of Alcohol), probably in November. Again, just email if you're interested.

See you on the course!
Jane Richens & John O’Brien
Education Officers, Dungog Community College
4992 1133, education@dssc.net.au
www.dungogcommunitycollege.org.au
a part of the Dungog Shire Community Centre

At the James Theatre
To Kill a Mockingbird
Thursday, 3 September, 10.30 am and 7 pm
Based on Harper Lee’s beloved Pulitzer Prize winning novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird* is the story of Atticus Finch, a lawyer in the town of Maycomb, Alabama, in the Depression-era South, who agrees to defend a young black man against an undeserved rape charge. Many of the townspeople try to get Atticus to pull out of the trial, but he decides to go ahead. How will the trial turn out?

“One time Atticus said you never really knew a man until you stood in his shoes and walked around in them; just standin’ on the Radley porch was enough. The summer that had begun so long ago had ended, and another summer had taken its place, and a fall, and Boo Radley had come out.”
The recent publication of Harper Lee’s new book *Go Set a Watchman* – written in the 1950s as a sequel to *Mockingbird* – is turning out to be a hugely controversial. Fans of *To Kill a Mockingbird* are being forced to reconcile a new, crankier Atticus Finch with the earlier character they love so much. So who is the real Atticus? One way to judge is to come back to see the original film itself.

**Screening twice at the James Theatre, 3 September, 10.30 am and 7 pm, as part of the *Down Memory Lane* series of classic films.**

Friends of the James Theatre Incorporated.

Members of the Friends of the James Theatre Incorporated are advised of the 2015 Annual General Meeting of the association, to be held on Sunday 20 September 2015, at the James Theatre, 6 Brown Street, Dungog, commencing at 4pm.

**Agenda**

1. Welcome  
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting  
3. Committee Report  
5. Election of Office Bearers

Nominations are hereby called for up to six committee members, consisting of the following roles:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Two ordinary members

Nominations of persons for these positions are required to be made in writing, signed by two members of the association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate, who must also be a member. Nominations addressed to: The Secretary, Friends of the James Theatre Inc, can be delivered to 72 Dowling Street, Dungog, by 4pm on Sunday 13 September.

1. **Special resolutions**
   
   Notice is given of two special resolutions to amend the constitution of Friends of the James Theatre Inc:
   
   1. That the Constitution be amended to change the financial year of the association to a calendar year, that is from 1 January to 31 December.
   2. That the Constitution be amended to remove the requirement to have two members of the Committee appointed by the James Theatre Management Committee (Council Hall Committee).

1. **General Business**

   Members’ views on priorities for the year ahead