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.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION ASSEMBLY
Friday, 18th September 2015
10.00am in the MPC

Family and friends of Year 12 students are invited to attend this Assembly to farewell the Year 12 class of 2015.

Relieving Principal

New Parent Portal starts early Term 4 (Sentral)

Sentral is software designed for schools and is currently used by over 1200 Australian schools. Dungog High School has been using this software package for nearly 3 years to track and communicate important information about students at our school. With its web-based suite of modules, Sentral provides a single comprehensive interface for the management, tracking and reporting of data for school administration, online learning and student management.

Sentral’s parent portal provides parents with 24/7 access to important information about their child/children. Initially, you will be able to check and edit contact details; view attendance data and supply absence notes and view messages and homework from class teachers. As we roll out more modules over the next 12 months, you will also able to view student reports, assessment data and important school information.

To use the Parent portal, you will need to register as a parent user. Each parent will soon be sent a letter from the school by Mr Curran our Sentral Coordinator explaining this simple process and providing you with a unique access code. You cannot register without this code. If you do not receive a letter, or if you lose your registration access code, you can contact the school for a new one. The email address you use to register for this parent portal must be an email address you have provided the school. If you have changed your email address, or have forgotten the listed email address, feel free to ring the school office between 8.30am-4pm to update your details.

You will be able to register for the Parent Portal at any time after receiving the letter; however, you will not be able to access the portal until day 1, term 4. To access the portal, follow the link to log in to Sentral on the letter or follow the link on the Dungog High School Library Links page. This will allow you to access your child’s information from the convenience of your home computer, tablet or smartphone. This is an exciting new development that will improve communication and give you more insight into your child’s education and our school.

Mr Curran will be holding an information evening at 5pm on Wednesday 16th September in the school Library. It will likely run for an hour. Please ring the school office if you plan to attend this evening.

Year 12 end of year celebrations

Each year, Year 12 students are given clear information about their final weeks at school, ways in which we can help them and what is ‘acceptable behaviour’ up to and including their last day. They received this note at the end of Week 4 by Ms Jarvis before she went on leave. I also caught up with Year 12 last week to remind them of our expectations in the final weeks. My expectations are that they are in all classes working to the best of their ability until their final full school day on Wednesday of Week 10.

This is a time of very mixed emotions for students – they are very glad that school is coming to a close, often anxious about the looming HSC examinations and sad at the knowledge that they will be leaving their friends and the place that has been very important in their lives over the
past six years. As I will explain to them, it is vital that they don’t take risks to themselves or their friends at this critical time – the potential to cause terrible damage to their lives or reputations is an anxiety that their teachers are only too familiar with. Please encourage your sons and daughters to think about their future and be careful with themselves – we want to see everyone at the Graduation Assembly and Formal ready to take the next steps in their lives.

Evacuation and lockdown drills
Periodically, the school holds both evacuation and lockdown drills. The evacuation procedure occurs when there is a need to move out of the school building because of possible emergencies such as a fire, gas leak, earthquake or bomb threat. When the evacuation siren sounds students under the direction of classroom teachers move via the safest route to the school’s designated “safe zone” which is our front oval. Everyone must remain secure in the “safe zone” until the situation has been declared safe by the Principal.

Another possible emergency procedure is called Lockdown. Lockdown is when everyone in the school must remain secure in rooms because it may not be safe to go outside. This procedure occurs when there is a potentially dangerous or suspicious person or group of people on or around the school grounds. Everyone must remain secure in rooms until the situation has been declared safe by the Principal.

During these emergency procedures it is very important that students do not communicate electronically with any other person either inside or outside the school. Parents should be aware that there will be no access to the school grounds and that information will be restricted until the emergency situation has been resolved. It is important that parents or other members of the school community do not arrive at the school in order to pick up their child or attempt to contact their child by telephone or text message, unless contacted by the Principal or Police to do so. Parents should also be aware that, depending on the type of emergency, their arrival at school may place themselves in danger, and hinder the work of emergency personnel.

Your cooperation with these procedures will assist the Principal, Police, and other emergency personnel to resolve the situation quickly.

Sometimes an emergency procedure could last for an extended period of time or extend beyond the normal school hours. If this happens, it is important that everyone remains secure either in the “safe zone” during an evacuation or inside during a lockdown. The Principal, with the assistance of the Police, will then notify parents using the most appropriate means, including via the media.

Please be aware that we practise several of these procedures each year and are a normal part of providing a safe and secure environment for our students and staff.

Brad Dives

Student Achiever of the Week Award
This week’s recipient is: Rhys Beaumont Year 11
Rhys has been an excellent representative of the school in Volleyball. He is extremely conscientious and totally reliable in class. Rhys is prepared to use his initiative.

Rhys will receive a certificate and $25 voucher.

SOCIAL
Unfortunately the Masquerade social that was to be held on Tuesday 8th September to farewell year 12 has been cancelled. There were not enough tickets sold to make the social viable.

I would like to thank those students who supported the school and bought their tickets by the deadline. These students will be notified by the office when they can collect a refund. We have to have a deadline to provide the DJ, staff and students with enough notice of cancellation.

There has been a growing trend over the last two years of low numbers by the deadline for ticket sales. In response to this the SRC will be doing some research with the students to determine how they can improve socials or run alternate events in future.

CAREERS NEWS
CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE
When Year 12 receive their results in December, they will make important and exciting career decisions. Assistance and advice is available if students need it. The Careers and Advisory Service offers professional and friendly advice during the summer holidays.
This free service is available by phone or through the website at www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au from Friday 18 Dec to Wednesday 23 Dec 2015. Careers Advisers will be available on 1300 300 687 or the website to answer questions. Parents and carers can also use this service.

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEMES
Long-term educational disadvantage doesn’t necessarily mean that students won’t have access to University. Educational Access Schemes (EAS) exist to help applicants who have been affected by circumstances beyond their control during Years 11 and/or 12. The Schemes vary from institution to institution but generally a documented disadvantage can result in additional bonus points added to a student’s ATAR.

The University Admissions Centre (UAC) processes EAS applications for all participating institutions. There are 25 types of disadvantage, which fall into the seven broad categories of - disrupted schooling; financial hardship; home environment and responsibilities; English language difficulty; personal illness/disability; refugee status and school environment.
EAS booklets and application forms are available from the Careers Adviser. The booklet and form is also available on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au

An applicant who thinks they might be eligible should submit an EAS application in addition to their UAC application. On-time EAS applications must be submitted to UAC by 30 September (but can be submitted up until 6 January 2016). Applicants are required to provide supporting documents, so it is a good idea to start the application process as soon as possible.

SCHOOL RECOMMENDATION SCHEMES
School Recommendations Schemes (also known as Principal Recommendation or Early Entry Schemes) enable schools to recommend current Year 12 students who are UAC applicants, for early offers of undergraduate admission.

The aim of SRS is to facilitate access to higher education for current Year 12 students, some of whom might otherwise not be offered a place. Some universities will accept students without ATARs for some courses if the school recommends them. Most SRS applications will be processed by UAC, to provide a simple single online application for students and online assessment process for schools. (UNE also allows online direct applications, Sydney & Wollongong also have separate applications.)

SRS applications opened on Wednesday 5 August and close on 30 September. After a student has lodged her/his UAC application, she/he can apply for SRS online via UAC at www.uac.edu.au/srs

VET COURSES AT TAFE (TVET)
Students who will be in Year 11 & 12 in 2016 are able to apply for a position in a TVET class. These classes offer hands-on training in a variety of vocational practical subjects. A TVET course generally counts as one subject towards the HSC.

All Year 10 & 11 students were sent an email last week with a list of courses and TAFE campuses. Application forms are available from the Careers Office and all application forms must be returned by the end of term.

Teacher Profile
My name is Kristy Neilson and I am relieving Year 12 year advisor for Term 3 for Ms Sykes and will be relieving Year 7 advisor for Term 4 (weeks 1-5) for Mrs Judd.

I have been teaching HSIE for the past 12 years (after starting my career as a nurse) and for the past three years I have been at Dungog High School teaching Geography, Business Studies and Legal Studies. I have also enjoyed teaching in the Support Class this year as well.

I enjoy spending time with my family (my husband and three children), where our weekends are spent either watching the local footy or at the beach in summertime. I am looking forward to travelling in the future, exploring all the places I teach about in the classroom.

You can contact me at: kristy.neilson4@det.nsw.edu.au

Science and Engineering Challenge
Friday the 4th of September saw Dungog High School Host the Science and Engineering challenge primary school day. The Science and Engineering Challenge is a nationwide STEM* outreach program presented by the University of Newcastle. This day would also not of been possible without sponsorship by AGL and the local Rotary. Through the Challenge, students experience aspects of Science and Engineering which they would not usually see in their school environment. This included student having to build things like a Mars Rover and a Bionic hand. The day was a huge success with fun had by all 250 primary students who came for all of the local primary schools. Thanks to the year 9 and 10 science students who helped run activities on the day.

Congratulations Lleyton.
Year 9 student Lleyton Lloyd attended the CHS State Athletics Meet 3rd – 5th September 2015 and competed in 7 events.

His results in these events were:
- Gold in Discus
- Silver in the 100m sprint
- Bronze in the 200m sprint
- Bronze in long jump
- 4th Place in 800m
- 4th Place in Javelin.
- 5th Place in Shot Put

Lleyton Achieved Personal Best Results in all events he entered.

Hunter Sports teachers confirmed that Lleyton did set a new T20 category CHS Meet Record in the 100m Sprint. He will now be competing at All Schools Athletics Carnival in October.
PBL Award recipients

Our Term 3 Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Assembly was held last Wednesday and a large number of students received Year Advisor/Deputy Principal/Principal Awards for demonstrating the school’s values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best

**Year 7**

**Year Advisor Award**
Callum Anderberg, Riley Atkins, Tess Bennett, Emily Blundell, Alec Campbell, Amity Carter, Emma Field, Raymond Fisher, Joseph Ford, Melany Ford, Nick Fren, Latia Hipwell, Milabella Haluska, Bailey Rowe, Shaun Scholberg, Aidan Thompson, Corban Trim, Amy Creak

**Deputy Principal’s Award**
Emily Blundell, Alec Campbell, Callum Anderberg, Joseph Ford, Riley Atkins

**Year 8**

**Year Advisor Award**
Hayley Ashby-Wilson, Annabelle Watson, Pheobe Pritchard, Sarah McKinna, Hope Rolls, Jamie Sinclair, Sahar Ellicott, Elaina Black, Amelia Ney, John Ballantine, Amy Henshaw

**Deputy Principal’s Award**
Hayley Ashby-Wilson, Annabelle Watson, Sarah McKinna, Jamie Sinclair, Elaina Black, Amelia Ney, John Ballantine, Amy Henshaw

**Principal’s Award**
Sarah McKinna

**Year 9**

**Year Advisors Award**
Hannah Long, Olivia Hannan, Emma Turner, Jordan Brown, Marina Keller, Paige Neilson

**Deputy Principals Award**
Hannah Long, Emma Turner, Jordan Brown, Marina Keller, Paige Neilson

**Principals Award**
Hannah Long, Marina Keller, Tara Tolhurst

**Year 10**

**Year Advisors**
Eva Davies, Melissa Bridges, Amanda Faulkner

**Deputy Principal’s Award**
Eva Davies

**Principal’s Award**
Eva Davies

**Year 11**

**Year Advisor’s Award**
Rebecca Murray, Rowena Dillion, Melanie Rumbel, Emma Vogele, Edrah Flynn, Chloe Robinson

**Deputy Principal’s Award**
Rebecca Murray

**Principal’s Award**
Edrah Flynn

**Year 12**

**Year Advisor’s Award**
Learney Blandford, Georgia Burns, Jenaiah Colefax, Harrison Cromarty, Rachel Cunningham, Aleshea Foley, Jared Ford, Chelsea Greentree, Breanna Humphries, Claire Ince, Emily Irwin, Jorja Lambert, Shonah Lancaster, Shenaye Latham, Mel McLarty, Stephen McLoughlin, Brooke Muddle, Angus Middlebrook, Bonnie Morris, Alexis Neilson, Sam Neilson, Samantha O’Grady, Kaitlin Papadopoulos, Aimee Robinson, Emma Rumbel, Maeve Shumack, Mikhaila Tamplin, Allira Taylor, Kate Thompson, Zoe Tolhurst, Erin Upton, Amy Whelan, Rachael Whelan, Claudia Wilkinson, Ebony Graham

**Deputy Principal’s Award**

**Principal’s Award**
Maeve Shumack, Brooke Muddle, Aimee Robinson, Stephen McLoughlin, Zoe Tolhurst, Alexis Neilson, Sam Neilson, Bonnie Morris, Emma Rumbel, Chelsea Greentree, Learney Blandford
Uniform Shop Price Increases
As from 1\textsuperscript{st} 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.

Sailability
Sailability Port Stephens is running an “Introduction to Sailing” program at Grahamstown Dam, Grahamstown Road, Medowie, on Tuesday – Thursday, 22-24 September 2015.
Children with disabilities especially catered for.
Children under 12 must be accompanied by an older person.
Cost: $45 (Family up to 3: $65).
Bookings essential. Enquiries 49817509

Mel Nelson, who recently won a Gold medal at the Special Olympics at Los Angeles, started her sailing with Sailability.
Finding Vivian Maier (PG)
Saturday, 12 September, 2.30 pm; Sunday, 13 September, 5 pm
Finding Vivian Maier is the critically acclaimed documentary about a mysterious nanny, who secretly took over 100,000 photographs that were hidden in storage lockers. Discovered decades later, she now has a posthumous reputation as one of the 20th century’s greatest photographers. Maier’s strange and riveting life and art are revealed through never before seen photographs, films, and interviews with dozens who thought they knew her. It has been described as “Compelling. Haunting. Captivating” and as a “riddle of a film” that unmasks a brilliant photographer who hid in plain sight. First class family entertainment.

The Lunch Box (PG)
Sunday, 20 September, 7 pm
Dungog Film Society presents a charming romantic comedy from India, about how a mistaken delivery in Mumbai’s famously efficient lunchbox delivery system connects a young housewife to an older man in the dusk of his life, and the fantasy world they build together through notes in the lunchbox. Lonely housewife Ila (Nimrat Kaur) decides to try adding some spice to her stale marriage by preparing a special lunch for her neglectful husband. Unfortunately, the delivery goes astray and winds up in the hands of Saajan (Irrfan Khan), an irritable widower. Curious about her husband’s lack of response, Ila adds a note to the next day’s lunchbox, and thus begins a friendship in which Saajan and Ila can talk about their joys and sorrows without ever meeting in person. Can you fall in love with someone you have never met?

Screening once only at the James Theatre, Sunday, 20 September, 7 pm

HOLIDAY MOVIES @ THE JAMES
Blinky Bill – The Movie (G)
Thursday, 24 September, 11 am, Saturday, 26 September, 3 pm.
Blinky Bill (voiced by Ryan Kwanten) is a little koala with a big imagination. An adventurer at heart, he dreams of leaving the little town of Green Patch and following in his missing father’s footsteps. When Blinky discovers a mysterious marker that hints at his Dad’s whereabouts, he embarks on a journey that takes him beyond out nto the wild and dangerous Outback. He quickly makes friends with Nutsy, a zoo koala, and Jacko, a nervous frill-necked lizard. Pursued relentlessly by a vengeful Cat who has a personal score to settle with Blinky, the trio must learn to work together if they ever want to survive in the bush and find Blinky’s father! The supporting cast reads like a who’s who of Aussie stars without ever meeting in person. Can you fall in love with someone you have never met?

Screening twice at the James Theatre during the school holidays, Thursday, 24 September, 11 am and again on Saturday, 26 September, 3 pm

The Man from UNCLE (M)
Saturday, 26 September, 7 pm
At the height of the Cold War in the 1960s, a mysterious criminal organization plans to use nuclear weapons and technology to upset the fragile balance of power between the US and the Soviet Union. CIA agent Napoleon Solo (Henry Cavill) and KGB agent Illya Kuryakin (Armie Hammer) are forced to put aside longstanding hostilities and work together to stop the evildoers in their tracks. The duo’s only lead is the daughter of a missing German scientist, whom they must find soon to prevent a global catastrophe. Based on the 1960s TV series of the same name, and directed by Guy Ritchie, this stylish action thriller also starring Alicia Vikander, Elizabeth Debicki, Hugh Grant.

Screening once only at the James Theatre, Saturday, 26 September, 7 pm

Oddball (G)
Thursday, 1 October, 11 am; Sunday, 4 October, 3 pm
Oddball is a true story about Allan “Swampy” Marsh, an eccentric chicken farmer who, with the help of his granddaughter, convinced local authorities to allow his mischievous dog Oddball to protect a wild colony of Little Penguins on Middle Island from fox attacks, in an attempt to reunite his family and save their seaside town. Starring Shane Jacobson, Deborah Mailman, Alan Tudyk and Sarah Snook.

Screening twice at the James Theatre during the school holidays: Thursday, 1 October, 11 am and again on Sunday, 4 October, 3 pm
Mr Holmes (M)  
Saturday, 3 October, 7 pm  
In 1947, an aged, retired Sherlock Holmes is living in a Sussex village with his housekeeper and rising detective son. Holmes looks back on his life, and finds himself haunted by an unsolved case involving a beautiful woman – the very case that lead to his retirement. Starring Ian McKellan and Laura Linney.  
Screening once only at the James Theatre, Saturday, 3 October, 7 pm

The Dungog Festival is coming up soon – 22 to 25 October to be precise! Early bird tickets are on sale now, and more and more details are being announced of what promises to be a fantastic program. Go to http://www.dungogfestival.com.au for all the details.  
Volunteers are always needed for helping with events – in the kiosk, selling or checking tickets, and other assorted tasks. If you’ve got some time, just reply to this email and let us know. We need your help to keep the theatre open!

And finally, the Annual General Meeting of the organisation that puts this program together – Friends of the James Theatre – is on Sunday 20 September at 4pm at the Theatre. A separate notice and agenda has been sent out.

See you at the James.  
Friends of the James Theatre Inc

CLARENCE TOWN COMETS  
SWIMMING CLUB  
Pool opens from 21/9/15  
Durham St Clarence Town

First Club night 9/10/15  
6pm to 7.30pm  
$75 for swimmers  
$25 for non-swimmers

Season Passes available  
Meet and greet on the 1st October  
For all people registering  
Also available are  
Learn to swim  
Squad Training  
Swimming Club is a great family night.  
An excellent way to give your children skills, whilst having a fun time with friends.  
BBQ and other food available  
Pool Hours 7am to 5pm  
See or Phone Dave on 49964586

Registrations can be done online  
https://memberdesq.imgstg.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=main&OrgID=2089  
From early September

Get safe!  
Provide First Aid  
The course everyone should do. Get your certificate. Renew your old one. Learn CPR. Deal with bites, stroke, breaks & much much more.  
Saturday 17 October 2015, 9am-3.30pm.  
$160/$140.  
Book or learn more:  
www.dungogcommunitycollege.org.au  
4992 1133.
SPORTS GALA EVENT

Don’t get bored these school holidays – get active
Come and try, learn new skills, get active and make new friends

Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th September
Bennett Park & surrounding venues
Both days will run from 9am to 3.00pm,
Day registration and sign in opens at 8.30am
This event is FREE

Sports over the 2 days will include:
Soccer, Rugby League, Golf, Cricket, Gymnastics, Boot Camp
with more to be announced!!

Children will try each sport offered on the day and will walk,
accompanied, between each sport
A free sausage sizzle will be provided, plus the canteen will be open
to buy other snacks. Please bring snacks, water bottle and a hat

Open to all children aged 5 to 16 yrs.
Fill in the registration form and drop into the Dungog Shire Community Centre OR email to: steven.lofts@det.nsw.edu.au
by 20th September 2015
For more information find us on facebook The Gala Sports Days

Your local sports associations are proud to present this unique sporting event.
All volunteers at this event must satisfy the requirements of the Working With Children Checks.
In the January holidays the event will be in Gloucester Town.

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SPORTS GALA EVENT

Registration form

Childs name: ________________________________
Date of birth: ________________________________
Address: ______________________________________
Contact phone number: __________________________
Emergency contact and No.: ______________________
Email contact: ________________________________
My child will be attending the sporting gala on (please circle)
Tuesday 29th September
Wednesday 30th September

Medical information: Does your child have any medical condition (eg: asthma, anaphylaxis, diabetes, etc) that the coaches and staff on the day
need to be aware of:  Y  N
If Yes what is the condition and is there medications or action plans. Please outline these in the space below:

I ______________________ (parent / guardian) give my permission for
____________________ (child) to walk between the different
sporting activities that will be run at Gresford. I understand that there will
be supervisors walking with the children.
Signed: _____________________________ date: / / 

I ______________________ (parent / guardian) give my permission for
photographs to be taken of ______________________ (child) and to used in local
and regional newspapers and media promotions for this and other related
sporting events.
Signed: _____________________________ date: / / 

In the event that wet weather causes cancellation of the day and children
need to be collected from the grounds please provide a name and contact
for an authorised person to collect your child/ren:

Ph: ________________________________