From the Office:

Want to make a payment?

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 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.

Parent Portal (Sentral)

Sentral's parent portal provides parents with 24/7 access to important information about their child/children.

To use the Parent portal, you will need to register as a parent user. New parents have been 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.

You will be able to register for the Parent Portal at any time after receiving the letter.

Student Letterbox

To save students lining up and waiting to hand in notes or pay for excursions, fees, etc we have started a new system with a ‘Student Letterbox’. Students can drop the following in the Letterbox:

- permission notes,
- absence notes,
- correct monies with permission note in a sealed envelope, and
- early leaver requests – (note all Thursday early leaver requests must FIRST be signed by the Deputy).

If a student does need change and/or a receipt to take home they will need to stay in line, or come back later to collect it.

Principal's Welcome

It was a very short school week for all of our students last week – one or two days is not nearly enough to feel that you are back into the normal school day feeling. But it was enough to introduce all students to our expectations and structures, allowing everyone to know how the school operates.

This week will be a good chance for all students to settle in and feel the welcome that is part of our school. We particularly welcome our Year 7 students, who have made an impressive start to high school. There is also a larger than normal group of new students across all years who have come to us from other schools in our area and from well beyond – they are very welcome and we look forward to them quickly becoming part of our school.

We also welcome the parents and carers of all our new students – you are a vital part of your child's education and a close and continuing relationship with the school will help you and your student to become part of DHS.

Our first P&C meeting, welcoming all parents and carers, will be held in the school library at 7.30 on 11th February. This is a way for all parents to be part of the school's management group and discuss the challenges in current educational practice.

This week we will be holding our annual swimming carnival – a great way for all students to have a relaxing start to the year, getting to know each other and their teachers in an informal way.

Australia Day achievers

Two of our students achieved awards at the recent Dungog Shire Australia Day Awards ceremony.

1. Jared Ford: Young Citizen of the Year. Jared was nominated for his contribution to the life of the school and his commitment to helping other students and important social causes. Jared also gained the 2016 Pioneers Trust Scholarship Award and will use the funds from this award to help him in his first year of a Business/Commerce degree at Newcastle University. Congratulations Jared, we are very proud of you.

2. Brock Hunt: Young Sportsperson of the Year. Brock has had significant achievements in swimming and rugby league over recent years. He has put in the hard yards at training and is showing skills and talents that are outstanding. Very well done Brock – it will be a pleasure to watch your achievements grow in coming years.

Staff Roles 2016

Miss Natalie Redman, Science, will be the Year 8 Year Advisor for 2016. Miss Redman is replacing Mrs Susan Judd while she is relieving Head Teacher HSIE for Ms Archer who will be our second Deputy Principal.

Maureen Jarvis

Congratulations to all parents and students on making it through Week 1 of High School! I’m sure you are all very busy in Week 2 doing your homework, figuring out how to read the...
timetable and meeting new friends.

I just wanted to pass on some important dates for this term. The Year 7 Camp will be from Wednesday 16th March until Friday 18th March. This is a compulsory camp for all of year 7 to attend and will cost $242.00.

Notes and more information will be given to Year 7 in their Camp Packs, which will be handed out on Wednesday 3rd February.

Thank you,
Natusha Joy, Year 7 Year Advisor

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**English News**

**Formation of Classes:**

In English, the classes in Years 8 – 10 are formed by creating two bands. There are two classes of A ability and three classes of mixed ability. The classes are not streamed and are not numbered on the timetable. In fact, the classes are named after colours, Blue, Green, Pink, Orange and Red. Unfortunately due to the way the timetable is set out, there is a belief that there are “bottom” classes.

Students who are in Blue and Green are of the same ability and students who are in Pink, Orange and Red are of the same as ability as each other.

Please note, there is no English 2 class, nor is there an English 5 class.

**Expectations:**

In English, it is imperative that all students bring with them to class the equipment required to complete tasks in class. If a student does not bring a pen to class, then it makes it very difficult for that student to complete the set tasks designed to improve his or her skills.

Please ensure that your child packs the correct equipment every day, to ensure your child can work to the best of his/her ability.

Year Seven will be working on the ways composers tell stories and will focus on the narrative structure. Students will respond to a variety of stories and will write their own. Students will be required to revise their understanding of sentence structures, paragraphs, punctuation and spelling by proofreading and editing their own work. At the end of the unit, students will be asked to write their own narrative and this will be completed under test conditions.

Year Eight students will start the year with a novel study, focusing on how authors create characters and how these are used to tell the story. Students will need to read their novel at home and complete tasks on the novel.

Year Nine students will focus on how composers entertain, persuade and inform their audiences. Students will be required to respond to many different text types and compose their own while working to improve their knowledge of language conventions and the different structures of texts.

Year Ten students will be required to examine how composers position audiences by the way they represent their ideas in their texts. The focus of this study is representation and the theme will be War. The students will study a collection of poems and view the documentary, “Dear America: Letters From Vietnam.”

Year 11 students will be receiving their Assessment booklets which have their scope and sequence. Adamant

Please remember, the English staff will be using the student portal, so it will be important for students and parents to have access to the Student and Parent Portal. By the end of week 3, students should check for messages from their teachers.

**Homework:**

Students in Year 7 are expected to read every single night for at least 15 minutes a night. Studies show that students who regularly read will be better equipped to learn and will increase their potential and language skills.

Please encourage your child to read every night.

Any student who does not complete the set tasks in class will be expected to complete this work at home. This will ensure that all students are up to date and do not fall behind.

This year in English, all students in Year 7 will be expected to complete homework tasks on a regular basis. There will be a note sent home at the end of this week explaining the homework and the different tasks that will be set.

Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will be given assignment tasks to complete throughout the year along with revision of language conventions and rules of spelling and grammar.

**Homework Club:**

*Every Monday and Wednesday* Mrs Shumack and Mrs McKinna will be in the Library from 3.30 through to 4.30 to supervise students who wish to complete their homework. Mrs Shumack and I can assist students in completing their work if assistance is required.
Students will be permitted to use the school computers and resources during this time.

Parents are responsible for their child’s journey home.

If you have any questions concerning the English, LOTE Faculty, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Mrs Denise McKinna
Head Teacher of English

**Students travelling to Dungog High School by Bus**

Students who live outside a radius of 2km from the school are entitled to free bus travel, all eligible students needs to complete an application form(s). A new form must be completed:

- when starting high school even if travelling on the same bus as when attending primary school
- if a student’s address changes, even if travelling with the same bus company.

A **separate application form must be completed for each leg of the journey** to school.

For example if a student gets a bus from say Booral to Stroud with Busways and then gets a bus from Stroud to Dungog High (Sheltons) they need to complete **two (2) Application forms**;

**NB:** Students travelling by Hunter Valley Buses to connect with Sheltons or Linq buses **need to apply online for a Student Opal Card**.

*If application forms have not already been returned to school please complete and return as soon as possible.*

**Private Vehicle Conveyance Subsidy**

To be eligible for Private Vehicle Conveyance subsidy students must:

- reside more than 1.6 kilometres walking distance from the nearest transport pick up point.
- a **special return journey** must be made, both in the morning and afternoon, from home to nearest transport pick up point.

If subsidy is being claimed through Primary School, another application form **MUST be completed when starting High School**.

Application Forms and Instructions and Conditions sheet are available from the school office. You can also **apply online** for the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy. To apply online and see full terms and conditions visit [www.transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc).

**Receiving Your Newsletter**

The Newsletter is available on the school website and is also distributed by email. A paper copy can be obtained on request. Year 7 students will receive a paper copy of Dungog High School’s Newsletters issued during February.

If you would like an email or paper copy of the Newsletter, and have not already advised the school, please **complete the form at the end of this Newsletter**.

There is also a form on page 20 of the year 7 student handbook or on our website – Our School/Forms.

This form will need to be returned to the school office by **26th February 2016.**

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**Seat belted School Buses**

Message from Sheltons Bus Service

In the next 10 years all rural school buses will be seat belted.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind students and parents/carers of their responsibility of wearing a seat belt on a bus.
It is a legal requirement for all passengers to use a seatbelt when fitted on a bus.

The wearing of seatbelts on school buses will be a new experience for many students. Drivers will be reminding students to wear their seatbelt whilst on the bus.

Any instances where a student refuses to wear a seatbelt despite requests by the bus driver to do so, will be treated as misbehaviour and formally dealt with in accordance with Transport for NSW code of conduct for school students on buses.

Unlike car drivers, bus drivers are not accountable under the law if passengers, including school students fail to use a seatbelt provided.

The accelerated school bus seatbelt scheme is a big step forward in helping us keep your children safe whilst on a bus, please help us by talking to your child about the importance of wearing a seatbelt on buses and let's work together to keep our children safe.

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**DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN**

**Roster**

**Week 2 : 1st to 5th February**

Mon  S Hallett, L Hunt, N Robinson
Tues  C Bridges, K Nairn, A Ellicott, J Vasic
Wed  M Milburn, K Mitchell, J Holmes, N Eslick
Thurs  K Eyb, K Hudson
Fri  J Wilkinson, A Endersby, R Hancock, S O’Sullivan

**Week 3 : 8th to 12 February**

Mon  C Butler, F Hack
Tues  G Edwards, C Everett, S Hooke, L Kearney
Wed  H Williams, P Williams, S Hitchens
Thurs  L Tull, M Ince, M Hughes
Fri  S Crouch, R Kirkby, J Ross

If you are unable to be here by 9.30am could you please let Margaret Edwards know, by phoning the school on 49923022.

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**IF YOU WISH YOUR COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER TO BE EMAILED OR A PAPER COPY GIVEN TO YOUR CHILD, AND YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 26TH FEBRUARY 2016.**

**Preferred Method of Receiving the School Newsletter**

**Return to School Office**

1. **Website:** you need do nothing more. The newsletter is available each week and previous newsletters are available on this site [http://www.dungog-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.dungog-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

2. **Email:** if you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please complete the following:

   Parent/Carer’s Name: ____________________________

   Student’s Name: ____________________________ Year ____ Roll ____

   Email address: ____________________________

3. I would like to receive the newsletter by **paper copy**.

   Family name ____________________________

   Name of student collecting Newsletter ____________________________ Year: ____ Roll: ____

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**Snoopy and Charlie Brown: The Peanuts Movie (G)**

Saturday 6 February, 3 PM

Snoopy, Charlie Brown and the rest of the beloved Peanuts gang make their big screen debut. Charlie Brown, the boy who always tries his best against seemingly impossible odds, embarks upon an epic and heroic quest to win the love of his life, while his best friend, the loveable beagle Snoopy, takes to the skies to pursue his arch-nemesis, the Red Baron. From the imagination of Charles M. Schulz and the creators of the Ice Age films, The Peanuts Movie will prove that every underdog has his day.

**Screening at the James Theatre on Saturday 6 February, 3 PM**

**Sisters (MA 15+)**

Saturday 6 February, 7 PM

When their parents place the family home on the market, siblings Maura (Amy Poehler) and Kate (Tina Fey) learn that they have one weekend to clean out the junk from their old bedroom. Unhappy with the news, the recently divorced Maura and her hotheaded sister make plans to throw one final bash to recapture their glory days with their former classmates. As the raging party begins to spiral out of control, the gals soon realise that there may not be a house left to sell once the dust settles. Starring Tina Fey, Amy Poehler and directed by Jason Moore, this adult comedy has been one of the hits of the summer season.

**Screening at the James Theatre on Saturday 6 February, 7 PM**
**Dungog Junior Rugby League**
Brett Kimmorley is an Australian former professional rugby league footballer of the 1990s and 2000s. A New South Wales interstate and Australian international representative halfback, he last played for the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs of the NRL. He previously played for five other clubs: Newcastle Knights, Hunter Mariners, Melbourne Storm, Northern Eagles, Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks.

Brett will be attending Dungog next Sunday the 7th February to run a Coaching Clinic for ... Dungog Junior rugby League with the assistance of our Club Coaches.

Registrations will be available on this day also.

To participate in this great event you will need to be registered with Dungog Junior Rugby League registrations will start at 9.00am with Merchandise available. Clinic will commence at 10.00am with a sausage sizzle available at completion.

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**Clarence Town Football Club Inc.**
REGISTRATION DAYS AT SOCCER FIELDS
Registrations for u6 -14s
Seniors - Over 35’s
We are seeking new players for a girl’s u14 team
Thursday 11 February 4-6PM
Friday 12 February 4-6pm
Fun Day /Rego Day Sunday 28 February from 10am

ONLINE REGISTRATION available from Monday 1 February
Login to myfootball.com.au

Any queries contact Margaret PH: 0410020527

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2016 Registration Dates
Saturday 6th February 10am-2pm
Paterson School library
For more information please ring
Jess on 0497498654 or Facebook.