We will be celebrating the success of students who achieved Band 6 results in the 2015 HSC examinations at the school assembly this Wednesday. Parents and friends are welcome to attend this assembly.

Swimming carnival
In spite of some challenging weather, our annual swimming carnival was held very successfully last Thursday. Mr Curran, the Sports Organiser, had checked the forecast, the weather website and local conditions on Thursday morning before giving the go-ahead. We did see some rain during the day, but we also saw sunshine, cloudy skies and everything in between.

Student attendance for the day was higher than some previous years. Thanks to all those students who attended and behaved in an excellent way, supporting their house and participating in events that they managed very well.

Year 12 house leaders were energetic in organising their groups in relays and house swims for points. They were also excellent cheer leaders and stood out in their enthusiasm and commitment. Great job all around!

Records were broken in the pool – congratulations to Broc Hunt, whose talent was a standout.

P&C meeting
Our first P&C meeting will be held this Thursday at 7.30 in the school library. All parents, carers and friends of DHS are warmly invited to attend.

Uniform shop
The uniform shop will be open on Tuesday, from 8.30am to 4.00pm, each week until Feb 23rd. Then it will revert to the usual opening day of Tuesday each fortnight. If you are not sure of the opening days, they are available on the school's website and facebook page.

SRF and Valentine’s Day
One of the SRC’s main fundraisers for the year will happen this week – St Valentine’s Day rose deliveries. The SRC uses all funds raised to support student activities and also charities.

Roses will be taken at breaks in the school day and the roses will be delivered on Friday, in time for Valentine’s Day on Sunday.

Maureen Jarvis
Primary School Visits
Just a reminder to all Dungog High School students that if you are going to visit your primary schools you are to sign in at the front office as a visitor.

This is a Department requirement as you are no longer a student at the primary school and for safety purposes you must be entered into their visitors’ log book.

Evacuation and Lockdown Procedures
It is a requirement of the Department that we carry out evacuation and lockdown drills throughout the year. These drills allow us to ensure our students are familiar with the procedures that will keep them safe in the event of an emergency at school.

The students were taken through the evacuation and lockdown procedures on assembly last week in preparation for the first drill that will be held in the coming weeks.

Health Care Letters
All parents/carers have been sent letters re health care support at school. Please complete and return forms to school by 19th February 2016. If your child does not require a Health Care Plan please return forms with student’s name and ‘Not Applicable’.

CAREERS NEWS

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE
This year, Year 10 will be able to undertake two weeks of Work Experience between 30 May and 10 June. In Careers lessons during Week 2 & 3, students have been given information to take home about the procedures required to participate in Work Experience. Please contact me if you have any enquiries.

CONSTRUCTION INDUCTION COURSE
Year 10 students wishing to actively participate in Work Experience in the Building and Construction Industry must complete a Construction Induction Training Course (“White Card”). This is a legal requirement. Students in Year 11 who are enrolled in Construction (VET) must also have completed this course to undertake mandatory Work Placement. In some situations, Metals & Engineering (VET) students may also need a White Card (discuss with your teacher).

A course will be run at the School by an approved WorkCover trainer on Monday 29 February. The cost is $80. A maximum of 20 students can attend. A second course will run in Term 2 only if there is sufficient demand. Students collect an enrolment form from the Careers Office and are to pay at the School Office.

YEAR 7 CAMP
All Year 7 students should have received their camp packs on Wednesday 3rd Feb. In this pack is: a yellow permission note, a blue letter to parents and blue medical forms, as well as a letter to students that is pale yellow.

Your permission notes (yellow note) and non-refundable $30 deposit is due this Friday 12th February. If you cannot make this payment, did not receive the camp pack, or are having any issues with camp- please see Mrs Joy or Mrs Dibley this week.

Thank you
Natasha Joy

Parent Online Payment
POP is now user friendly on mobile devices. Behind the scenes Westpac has been working on an upgrade to the Parent Online Payment webpage attached to the school’s website. In the past using the "$ Make a payment" page through a mobile device or tablet has not been as easy as on a computer. Now, automatically, when parents click on this page, via a mobile device, they will be able to complete the online form with ease.

SAVE THE DATE!!
Year 5/6 Information Evening
The annual Dungog High School Information Evening will be held at DHS on Wednesday 24th February at 5pm.

The night offers Year 5 and 6 students and their parents an opportunity to meet with staff and tour the school and enjoy a free sausage sizzle.

If you are interested, or know someone who is, please RSVP the school by Friday 19th February on 49923022.
Mrs Denise McKinna

English Information:
Homework:
Often I am asked if a child spends 6 hours at school, why is homework set. Personally, I believe what we teach in class and in the new D.E.A.R. programme is very important, allowing students to learn important information that will help students communicate and understand the world better.
I often compare students with athletes. In class students learn important skills. However these skills are not going to be mastered without practice. When a student learns about a new topic or a new skill in the 52 minutes given to them in class, they, like an athlete needs to train. Homework gives the child time to practise and really master the skill. Therefore, the six hours is not really enough to truly learn the many different skills taught in any given day. With the new timetable, some students may not have a subject for three days, so the homework set is vital.

Please work with us and encourage your child to complete their homework. If you find you would like extra assistance, Homework Club is held at the school library every Monday and Wednesdays from 3.30 – 4.30 in the Library.

Homework Club cannot run on Wednesdays of weeks 3, 6 and 9 due to staff meetings.

**Japan Excursion in September, 2016.**
During the September school holidays, Dungog High School will be offering students the opportunity to participate in a seven day excursion to Japan. The trip will allow students to experience the Japanese culture and some of the unique aspects of Japan.

The camp will leave Australia on September 29th and will be expected to cost approximately $3500. I will be seeking expressions of interest from students in Week 5.

If you have any questions about this, please contact me at the school.

Mrs Denise McKinna
Head Teacher English

**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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**SOME CALENDAR DATES FOR 2016**

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**DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER**

**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 |

**Week 4 : 15th to 19th February**

| Mon  | P Garrett, J Hipwell, S Hipwell |
| Tues | J Kellner, A Moss, N Paterson, J Huntress |
| Wed  | C Wheeler, L Lovegrove |
| Thurs| J Czaplewski, R Rolfe, K Flannery |
| Fri  | D Marquet, L Dries, L McInnes, M Townsend |

*If you are unable to be here by 9.30am could you please let Margaret Edwards know, by phoning the school on 49923022.*
The Big Short (M) tells the true story of four outsiders in the world of finance who made millions when they figured out how to "short" the market before the global financial collapse in 2008. Featuring an all-star cast of Christian Bale, Steve Carell, Ryan Gosling, Brad Pitt, this witty, irreverent, and energetic movie has been hailed as one of the standout films of the year. Screening on Saturday, 13 February, at 7 pm.

On Sunday 21st February, the Mustang Owners Club of Australia presents a special screening of the classic Bullitt (1968) starring Steve McQueen at 1.30 pm. Mustangs will also be on display in front of the Theatre from 11am. If you have a classic car, bring that along to join cars from the Mustang Owners Club. A $15 film ticket includes afternoon tea.

The first offering of the Dungog Film Society for 2016 is Carol (M). Based on Patricia Highsmith's novella The Price of Salt, Carol follows two women from very different backgrounds who find themselves in an unexpected love affair in 1950s New York. Directed by Todd Haynes (Far From Heaven), this exquisite movie features Oscar-nominated performances by Cate Blanchett and Rooney Mara. There's one screening on Sunday, 28 February, at 7 pm. I'd encourage you to buy a DFS season pass for 10 monthly Sunday night films at the door for just $80, which is a true bargain for a whole year of first rate cinema, or you can buy a single ticket for $12.

Membership renewal
It's time to renew your membership of Friends of the James Theatre - a $10 annual subscription contributes to the costs of administering this wholly volunteer organisation - and shows you care. You can bring your $10 along to any of the films, or send it through by electronic transfer to our account Commonwealth Bank Dungog BSB 062 535 Ac No 1012 5212. Just put your name in the description box. If you want to be complex, and pay for membership, Flickerfest tickets, Dungog Film Society 10 season pass, Down Memory Lane and a donation all in the one transaction - please feel free, but make sure you email us with the details so we can find and allocate your payments! Otherwise, we'll be ready at the ticket office to handle these transactions.

And coming to the James in March: The 2016 Down Memory Lane season kicks off with Roman Holiday on 3 March; our annual short film festival Flickerfest returns on 5 March; and we'll be screening Hail Caesar!, Brooklyn, Zoolander 2, Steve Jobs and 45 Years among other first release films. For details about these and other offerings, visit our website: www.jamestheatre.com.au

DUNGOG & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION
One & Only Registration day to be held on Saturday 20th February 2016 from 9.30 am to 12 noon at Dungog Netball Courts
Cost:
Net Set Go Strand 1-$85.00-8 years & under participating in skills held at Dungog
All other players will be competing in PSNA competition this year
• Net Set Go Strand 2 (8-10 years) - ...$105.00
• Junior (11 yrs-17yrs)- ......$145.00
• Junior in Senior Team- .....$150.00
• Senior(18 yrs. & over) - ...$175.00
• Coach/Manager- ...............$50.00
If you are unable to attend these times or have any questions please contact Katrina Watson 0427 923 397 or Sam Rumbel 0407 953 293
AGM: WEDNESDAY 2/3/16 Settlers Arms, Dungog at 6 pm sharp
DUNGOG SOCCER CLUB
INFORMATION DAY
Saturday February 20 at Dungog RSL between 10am and 1pm
Please note REGISTRATION IS FULLY ONLINE with credit card facilities

FEES
Up to 7 years $65
8yrs - 11yrs $85
12yrs - 18yrs $100
Seniors $195
Under 6yrs to All Age Men & Women.
New players must bring a copy of their birth certificate. Players 12yrs and over must be present when registering to sign the sheet.
MEMBERSHIP $1.00 per a family.
*Payment is required on day of registration
For enquiries phone Michael Atkins 0428 779 320 or Karyn Marsh 0407 287 117 or e-mail president@dungogsoccerclub.com.

Dungog Soccer Club plays in a range of competitions that span the Hunter Valley. Dungog Soccer Club is proud of its many achievements. Soccer offers a safe and enjoyable sport which can be played by both male and female players. For any further details on playing soccer this year please contact Michael Atkins or Karyn Marsh. Expressions of interest are requested from any prospective coaches or managers.

Dungog Community College
Aged Care, Home & Community Care, & a part qualification in Disability combined!
The new Certificate III in Individual Support CHC33015)
Subsidised & affordable: all enrolments are subsidised. Centrelink participants could pay as little as $240 (or nothing).*
High employability: aged care in particularly is an in-demand job that suits many lifestyles.
Practical: includes 120 hours work placement, the best way to get jobs.
Extras: cut-price First Aid & Medication classes for all students.
Starts: February, 2 days a week till November (excludes school hols).
Interested? Learn more at www.dungogcommunitycollege.org.au. Or contact Jane or John 4992 1133 or education@dscc.net.au.

* Contact us to find out more about the subsidised price. The most you’ll pay is $1730 – still incredible value!
This training is delivered by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). Legal Name: Workers Educational Association – Hunter;
RTO Code: 90020

“Oh là là, mes amis.” - French for Travellers
Over 6 fun lessons, Jillian Ford will give you the rudiments to Getting Around, Asking For Help, Meeting People, Catching A Bus, Booking A Room, Going Shopping, Dining Out and more. There’ll be a good dose of vocabulary and a smattering of grammar, but mostly it’ll be about conversation, in a light-hearted non-judging atmosphere. And there’ll be much on the culture and the “French ways” of doing things.

Who it’s for: you’ve always wanted to learn a language … or you’re travelling overseas to foreign (French-speaking) parts … or you want to reconnect with your forgotten school-kid French … or you just want to stretch your mind and tongue a little …
When: 6 two-hour weekly classes, 1.00-3.00pm from Saturday 13th February 2016.
Where: Dungog venue TBA.
Cost: $195 for one, or $369 for two! Limited places!

Interested? Learn more at www.dungogcommunitycollege.org.au. Or contact Jane or John 4992 1133 or education@dscc.net.au.

Jane Richens & John O'Brien
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2. **Email:** if you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please complete the following:
   
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3. I would like to receive the newsletter by **paper copy**.

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