**From the Office:**

**Want to make a payment?**

**Parents Online Payments**

Go to the schools website, [http://www.dungog-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/](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.


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.

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**Dungog High School News**

**Prosperitati Specto : I Strive for Success**

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**T: 49923022**

**F: 49923125**

**E: dungog-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au**

**WEBSITES:**

- **DHS -** [http://www.dungog-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.dungog-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)
- **DHS Careers:** [http://www.dungoghighcareers.com](http://www.dungoghighcareers.com)

**FACEBOOK PAGES:**

- **Dungog High School**
- **and Dungog High School Careers**

**School Hours:** 8.58am-3.20pm; **Office Hours:** 8.30am-3.30pm during school terms

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**Term 1 Week 4**

**15th February 2016**

**Principal:**

**Dux Assembly**

The annual Dux Assembly was held last Wednesday. Congratulations to Sam Neilson who achieved the Dux Award having received the highest ATAR rank of all eligible students from the year 12 2015 group. He gained band 6 results in Extension English 1 and Mathematics congratulations also to Jayden Thomas who gained a band 6 result in Industrial Technology.

The Dux Assembly reminds us of the outstanding academic achievements of our students – we also had many students gain band 5 results that were within 1 or 2 marks of a band 6. Thanks to the music students who entertained us with wonderful singing and instrumental support. Thanks too to all the students in the hall, whose behaviour was exemplary and was a visible demonstration of the respect that they have for each other.

**SRC fundraising**

Our SRC students have been very busy with their fundraising, using St Valentine’s Day roses as the basis for the project. The roses were delivered to students on Friday and were greeted with much enthusiasm and enjoyment. This is an annual, fun way for the SRC to fundraise for projects that benefit all students and the charities that the SRC supports.

It is also a positive day for all students who can say thank you to someone in a unique way.

**Parent Portal meeting**

Mr Curran will run a meeting for all parents who are interested in accessing and using the new Parent Portal that is part of our Sentral school administrative system. The meeting will be held this Wednesday 17 Feb, from 5.30 – 6.30pm in the School Library.

The Parent Portal gives you access to student’s homework, student information, absences, reports, assessment tasks.

**Zone Swimming Carnival**

Wednesday 17 Feb – good luck to all the swimmers, coaches and parents who will be involved. And to all who go through to the Regional final on March 1, our hopes are with you for your success.

**Reprise Concert, Conservatorium 19 Feb**

I am joining our music students to attend the annual Reprise Concert at Newcastle Conservatorium this Friday. This concert showcases some of the best performances from local students in the HSC Performance examination 2015.

We are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful student performances but are most excited to see DHS students up on stage with the best. Congratulations to Mel McLarty, Jade Eyb and Jordan Eyb for their selection and achievement in their HSC examination.

**Upcoming Events:**

- **5/6 Transition Evening Feb 24 5pm** – this is an opportunity for students and parents from our local primary schools to come and have a look at DHS and see what we do. Groups will be taken on a tour of the school’s facilities and be able to speak to teachers from each faculty.
- **11/12 Motivation Day 24 Feb** – all senior students will be given skills to help them in their study toward the best result in the HSC that they can achieve. This is a very important day for them and it can set them on the right path to where they need to be in a very stressful year.
Safety
Students crossing Hooke Street, coming to or going from school, must use the pedestrian crossing. It has come to my notice that some students are not using the crossing and putting themselves at great danger. Friday was a case in point: the bus company has informed us of a near miss for a group of students who were crossing at the wrong place.

Please emphasise this to your children. We do not want to see any accidents to any of our students.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form is attached to this Newsletter. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by FRIDAY 4th MARCH. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above. Maureen Jarvis

Student Achiever of the Week Award
This week’s recipient is: Marty Viner Year: 9
Marty has been submitting excellent work in all subject areas and has been working hard to improve his skills. Marty takes the time to support other students when needed, is a good role model and demonstrates our school’s PBL qualities of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best at all times.

Marty will receive a certificate and $25 voucher.

English News
Mrs Shumack is excited to announce Dungog High School’s involvement in the Premier’s Debating Challenge. Students from 7 – 10 will have the opportunity to compete against local high schools.

This year’s Year 9 students are the reigning champions and will be up against tough competition. All students eligible are encouraged to try out for a team.

Novels
Students will be issued novels shortly. All students are encouraged to read these to help their study. Once students complete their study, they must return the novel to their English teacher.

D.E.A.R. Programme
All Year 7 students have been involved in a special programme during roll call. In this programme, all students are required to revise their times tables. If your child does not learn these, it will have a negative impact on their ability to succeed in Maths.

Please support the English and Maths Faculties and help your child to learn their times tables by encouraging them to say them every night.

Year 5/6 Information Evening
All Year 5/6 students are invited to attend the Year 5/6 Information Evening on Wednesday 24th February at 5pm. The evening will start at the MPC and will involve various tours of the school. There will be a free sausage sizzle and an opportunity to speak with staff.

To ensure this night is a success, I will need students from Dungog High School to volunteer to help run tours and to help set up. All volunteers will be provided with an afternoon tea and will be supervised throughout the evening.
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.
Mrs Denise McKinna
H.T. 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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**Dungog High School Canteen Roster**

- **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

- **Week 5 : 22nd to 26th February**
  - Mon: K McDonald, J Chant, K Ross
  - Tues: A Field, C Briggs, M Gibbs
  - Wed: F Pike, R Hawkins
  - Thurs: M Muddle, K Rowe, S Simmonds
  - Fri: N Pearce, K Watson, K Fisher

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

www.jamestheatre.com.au

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 administrating 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

Flickerfest, showcasing the most entertaining and innovative short films from around the world. Make a day of it, or pick your favourite session(s). And do join us for our delicious ‘Flickerfeast’ behind the screen before the final evening session. The ticket price for all four sessions is $55, Dinner is an extra $35 – book this at the same time. The program for the day is below (click the links to get the film notes):

Sat 5th Mar, 11.00am - Best Of International 1 - 2016 Tour - $17
Sat 5th Mar, 2.00pm - Short Laughs Comedy - 2016 Tour - $17
Sat 5th Mar, 4.00pm - Best Of Australian Shorts - 2016 Tour - $17
Sat 5th Mar, 7.30pm - Best Of International 2 - 2016 Tour - $17
Tickets on the day will be: $17 – 1 session / $34 – 2 sessions / $45 – 3 sessions / $55 – 4 sessions
Dinner: 6.00pm / +$35
Dinner bookings in advance are essential, so we can plan this with our caterer. To purchase tickets in advance, post a cheque made out to “Friends of the James Theatre” to PO Box 175 Dungog, 2420 with details of required tickets, or leave the money, with details of required tickets, in an envelope at the Dungog Visitor Information Centre for collection (please confirm by email). You can also direct deposit, using the account details above, (put Ffest Surname in the payment details) and email to confirm what you’re paying for.

Chances program has been set up at the Dungog Sire Community Centre. This program is to give children and their families the opportunity to be involved in a sport or activity. Donations of equipment: eg. footy boots, uniform, rackets, new or used items can be left at the school office and will be collected by the CHANCES coordinator. The DSCC is a Public Benefit Institution (PBI) and has Tax Deductible Gift Recipient status (DGR), which means every donation over $2 is tax deductible.

School Collection is the 4th Friday of the month.

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
- 8 yrs - 11 yrs: $85
- 12 yrs - 18 yrs: $100
- Seniors: $195

Under 6 yrs to All Age Men & Women.

New players must bring a copy of their birth certificate. Players 12 yrs 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 Junior Rugby League

With some exciting changes being made to Rugby League this year we are required to have team nominations in by the end of February. It would be fantastic to have all our players return after a Great 2015 Season and help us make 2016 even better.

So come along and Register.

Early Bird Prices are as below till the 29th Feb 2016....

Under 6-16’s $85.00; Under 17’s $115.00

Lindy Hunt, Dungog Junior Rugby League, 0429825570

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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 26TH FEBRUARY 2016.

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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

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
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Parent or Guardian:

This important protection is available for just $29.00 per year.

Children being children accidents do happen and parents are too often surprised to learn just how little cover, if any, their children have when they suffer injuries either in or outside school hours.

Unfortunately severe injuries can place parents and guardians under severe financial pressure.

StudentCover accident insurance was developed to give parents and guardians a helping hand when they need it the most, at a very affordable price.

The annual cost of a StudentCover policy is just $29.00.

The cover provides protection for your children 24 hours a day, seven days a week, anywhere in the world whether they are at school at the time of the accident or not, and includes almost every sport.

Some of the features include (for more detail refer to the Schedule of Benefits on reverse):

- Compensation of $500,000 for major injuries such as paraplegia and quadriplegia;
- Compensation for other major injuries such as loss of sight or loss of use of an arm or leg;
- Compensation for common injuries such as broken bones, fractures, dislocations or loss of teeth;
- Fee relief following the death of a parent or guardian; and
- Help with student tuition fees as a result of total disablement, to ensure a child's education suffers the least possible disruption.

How to apply

StudentCover is only available online – making it quick and easy to protect your child or children.

Payment can be made by credit card at the time of application, or by BPAY once you receive your invoice.

To apply online simply go to www.studentcover.com.au and click APPLY NOW.

With a new school year now upon us, we trust you will see the value in taking up this offer and in doing so enjoy just a little more peace of mind when protecting your children.

Kind regards

Jennie Gould
Jasmine Gould Cert III (Booking)
PersonCover Division Manager

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In Term 1 2016, your school is taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), has access to data from across NSW and is running a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research is looking at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students and schools will not be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will not be disclosed by the Department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable answering any question, he/she should leave it blank and move on to the next question. Your child can stop the survey at any time.

If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school by FRIDAY 4th MARCH 2016.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the CESE website: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

Maureen Jarvis
Principal
Dungog High School

Dr Jenny Donovan
Executive Director
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

CENTRE FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS AND EVALUATION
E cese@det.nsw.edu.au  www.cese.nsw.gov.au
Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form

If you do not want your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school by FRIDAY 4th MARCH 2016

I DO NOT give consent for my child/children to participate in the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey.

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Roll class/es ....................................................................................................................

Name of parent/carer .......................................................................................................

Signature of parent/carer ...............................................................................................  

Date ........................................