

Dungog High School News



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Term 4 Week 4

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From the Principal

A new way to get the newsletter

I indicated to students earlier this year that I intend to provide the majority of newsletters to parents electronically in 2010. This has been made easier by the establishment of the school's website, where all newsletters are available – [Google](#) Dungog High School and you will be taken directly to the website. This provision will make it easier for many parents to be sure that they are getting the school's news each week, rather than fishing for it in the bottom of a school bag. This method will be the standard publishing method in 2010 – if this suits you and your family, you need do nothing more to indicate your choice.

If you do not have access to the internet, or you prefer to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please let us know. You will find a tear – off return note in this newsletter: **if you want to continue receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, please return this note to us and it will be provided.** Your student can collect these from the student office each week.

Some parents have requested the newsletter be **emailed** to them and this will be continued for those who have made this request. If you would prefer to use the website rather than your existing email, please indicate this on the return form and we will remove your address from the email list.

P&C Meeting

The only P&C meeting for this term will be held this Thursday in the library at 7.30pm. This will be our only opportunity to thank two outgoing members who have made major contributions to the P&C and the school over a number of years. Kate Murphy, our President, and Sandy Earle, our Treasurer, are retiring from the P&C as their daughters have completed year 12 this year.

I would like to thank both of them for the work they have done and the support they have given over these years. Each of them has offered their time, ideas and enthusiasm to make Dungog High School a better place. The result of their work can be seen every time students open a textbook, receive medals for mathematics achievement, enjoy the air-conditioning in the new library, use the cattle crush in agriculture, the reality babies or many of the tools in Industrial Arts. They have been the backbone of the P&C since I have been at this school, and they will be sorely missed.

Trade Training Centre: wonderful news

Last week an official announcement from the Commonwealth Government listed the schools that have been successful in gaining funding under the Trade Training Centre proposal. Dungog High School is one of the successful schools. We are in a consortium with other local schools and our submission has gone through the last hurdle. There is still a lot of work to be done – the detail of costings and developing plans, but the hardest part is now over.

What this means to the school is a major upgrade to our TAS facilities – new areas that will allow the teaching of courses that

lead directly to trade qualifications. Our new facilities will be a commercial kitchen and an outdoor facility for construction. This project will cost over \$1 million, and will be a significant asset to the school. The DET is also planning to upgrade one of our existing kitchens, meaning that both kitchens will be fully modernized next year.

This will mean that there will still be building happening at the school in 2010, after the current major project is finished, but the gains will be worth the discomfort.

School Certificate Examinations and end of year activities

The SC examinations commence this week. Students have been given detailed information about what to expect at these examinations, and how to put in an appeal if they have a sickness or misadventure that prevents them from attending the examination.

Students have also been informed about attendance requirements after the examination. This information is available on the school website – [Google](#) Dungog High School and you will go straight to this site. All newsletters are also available on this site, and a calendar of the term's events.

After the examinations, each faculty will continue to teach their courses, with an emphasis on material that is relevant to students at this point of the year, and in preparation for their Preliminary courses in year 11. There will also be some special programs run, including Peer Support training. The year 10 excursion to Melbourne will be held in this period; students not attending will have special programs provided for them at school.

This information given to year 10 students outlines specific requirements concerning attendance after the SC examinations and permission to attend the Year 10 Graduation Ceremony. If a student gains full time employment after the examinations and still wants to attend the Graduation Ceremony on Monday December 18th, they will need to provide a letter from parents and the employer stating that they are engaged in full time employment. Students who have organized work experience through the school's Careers Adviser will be permitted to attend the graduation. Students whose pattern of attendance after the examinations is very different from that before the exams will not be permitted to attend the Graduation. These students collect their documentation from the school office on or after Tuesday 19th December. All students are required to be in **full and correct school uniform** if they wish to take part in the Graduation Assembly.

Year 9 Meeting

A reminder that we will be holding a meeting for year 9 parents and students this week to give information on the new laptops that will shortly arrive in the school. The meeting will start at 6.00pm and should be finished by 7.00pm. At present, we are planning on holding it in the new library, but if numbers are high, it will be moved to the MPC. Students will be informed on Wednesday about the venue.

Maureen Jarvis

Student Achiever of the Week

Name: Toni-Maree Jones

Area of Achievement: School Service

Nominated by: Ms F McLarty

Reason for Nomination: Toni is a conscientious and considerate Peer Tutor who has given up over 37 hours of her time to voluntarily support Year 7 students with their school work. Toni has also tirelessly supported HSC students – reading and writing for their HSC Trials and Final examinations – two of them in the afternoons after school! She has been an exemplary student on these programs.

Sports Merits Term 4 Week 3

Congratulations to the following students who received merits for sport last week:

Swimming: Marina Briggs, Cassie Mensforth, Stephanie Whitbread, Dallas Gordon **Weight Training:** Scott Muller **Croquet:** Emily Muddle, Tinara Braham **Squash:** Jennifer O'Sullivan, **Water Polo:** Bryce Medcalf-Pommer, Sully Pralica, **Cheerleading:** Keshia Ballard, **Walking:** Jaime Thomas, **Yoga:** Emma Green **Ten Pin:** Todd Milton, Nathan Hawes **Table Tennis:** Cody Farley **Tennis:** Aimee Harris, Camilla Lambert, Elyse Keller.

The recipients of the Merit Draw this week are: Elyse Keller, Nathan Hawes, Stephanie Whitbread and Tinara Braham. Please collect your prizes from the PE staffroom. Merits have been handed out already or will be in your sports rolls this week.

French in Action

Year 7 students recently had the privilege of welcoming some French visitors to the classroom – Deborah Babilon and Mailis Lorentz. They have been on a long working holiday in Indonesia, New Zealand and Tahiti, and are enjoying travelling in Australia before their impending return to France. They enjoyed the opportunity to interact with Australian students and compare the different school systems.

They also admired the display of French culture assignments in the Library, and gave all of the classes a fun quiz designed to show the differences between France and Australia, and to teach some French slang. One example of this is, 'C'est de la bombe!'



which means, 'It's awesome!' This was a very valuable opportunity for our students to meet French speakers, and ask questions about the differences and similarities in lifestyle in the two countries. While some students question the

relevance of French because of the distance between France and Australia, others realise that communication between different cultures can be very enriching, and French is an international language.

Madame Bonbon

"HSC Bodies of Work" Display

The 2009 HSC Visual Arts Bodies of Work are being marked by the Board of Studies markers on Friday morning this week (13th). During Recess 2 (11.53 – 12.13), Lunch (1.29 – 2.09) and after school until 5.00pm, these works will be available for informal viewings in the Conference Room in the new Administration block.

In addition to this, a selection from each student's Body of Work will then be displayed in the Administration Block foyer during the following week (Monday 16th – Friday 20th November) during school hours. Family and friends are welcome to have a look. Just let the office staff know on arrival.

The works are of a high standard ranging in approach, ideas and media areas. They exemplify some of the opportunities offered to Visual Arts students at HSC level.

DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN

The canteen volunteers' Christmas dinner will be held on Thursday 26th November at the Dungog RSL. Time will be 6pm for a 6.30 meal. Cost is \$17 for a 2 course meal and \$23 for a 3 course meal. Names and menu selection can be left at the canteen now and are due in by Wednesday 18th November, with a deposit or payment in full before the dinner preferred.

Hope to see as many volunteers as possible come along on the night to thank you for your work in supporting the canteen and school throughout this year.

Roster

Week 4 : 9th to 13th November

Mon K McDonald, M Muddle
Tues L Clarke, S Benson, R Rolfe
Wed M Milburn, L Morris, K McDermott, L Thronsen
Thurs J Saunders, S Kiddle, S Snowden, M Swilks
Fri K Salter, G Salter, L Gorton, N McGill

Week 5 : 16th to 20th November

Mon S Hallett, J Saunders, S Stevans, K Fardell, R Rocco
Tues R Rolfe, R Stokes, R Arkinstall
Wed L Jefferson, C Kellehear,
Thurs A Mayberry, J Czapiewski, S Murray, G Magno
Fri D Legge, J Gay, J Piper, C Easdown

Coming events

Nov

- 9 School Certificate – English (a.m.) Science (p.m.)
- 10 School Certificate – Maths (a.m.) History/Geography (p.m.)
- 11 Water Polo vs Maitland, East Maitland Pool
Parent meeting re Y9 Laptops, 6.00pm New School Library
- 12 P & C Meeting, 7.30pm New School Library
- 13 School Certificate – Computer Skills (a.m.)
Y11 Ancient History Study Day, Newcastle
Travelling Musicians, "Sounds Like Rock"
- 16 Yr11 Hospitality to Dungog RSL, all day
- 17 Gresford PS Shakespeare Day
Y11 Visual Arts Life Drawing Class, Newcastle
- 18-20 Peer Support Camp
- 19 Y11 Hospitality to Dungog RSL, ½ day
- 23 Kickstart to Workforce, Year 10
Y11 Hospitality catering for Kickstart program
Space and Astronomy Show, Yr 7 and Yr 9, MPC
- 24 Yr 8 ESSA Exam
- 25 Y7 Enrichment Class, Music & Drama students excursion - Syd
- 26 Choir performing in Newcastle all day
- 30-2/12 Yr 7 Enrichment Class excursion to Sydney
- 30-3/12 Y11 Hospitality to Sea World Resort

For Sale by Tender

A train carriage located near the school's main quad is offered for sale by tender.

If you would like to examine this carriage please contact the school for a time to view.

The carriage will be removed from its current location and placed in an area accessible for removal by the successful tenderer.

Tender submissions for this carriage will close on Wednesday December 2.

All offers are to be addressed to the Principal, Dungog High School.

Movember

Some of the Dungog High staff are growing a moustache this year for Movember. We have decided to put down our razors for one month (November) and help raise awareness and funds for men's health – specifically prostate cancer and depression in men.

What many people don't appreciate is that close to 3,000 men die of prostate cancer each year in Australia and one in eight men will experience depression in their lifetime - many of whom don't seek help. Facts like these have convinced us we should get involved and we are hoping that you will support us.

To sponsor our Mo, you can either:

- Go to this link <http://au.movember.com/mospace/224331/> and donate online using your credit card or PayPal account
- Write a cheque payable to 'Movember Foundation', referencing my Registration Number **224331** and mailing it to: Movember Foundation, PO Box 292, Prahran, VIC, 3181
- We will have a cash collection though out the month of November

Remember, all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Movember is now in its sixth year and, to date, has achieved some pretty amazing results by working alongside The Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCFA) and *beyondblue: the national depression initiative*. Check out further details at: <http://au.movemberfoundation.com/research-and-programs>.

If you are interested in following the progress of our Mo, go to <http://au.movember.com/mospace/224331/>. Also, <http://au.movember.com> has heaps of useful information.

Keep your eye on the newsletter for photos and updates as the Mo's develop throughout the month.

Thank you
The Dungog High Staff Movember Team

Preferred Method of Receiving the School Newsletter in 2010

**Return to student's roll teacher by Friday week 6
(November 21st)**

1. **Website:** you need do nothing more. The newsletter is available each week and previous newsletters are available on this site.
2. **Email:** if you have provided the school with your email address or you would like to get the newsletter by email, select from the following 3 options:
 - Continue sending the newsletter by email to this address

 - I will use the website to get my newsletter. **Discontinue** sending the newsletter to this address

 - I would like to receive my newsletter by email rather than use the website. My email address is:

3. I would like to continue to receive the newsletter by **paper copy**. My son/daughter will collect it from the school office each week.

Family name

Student collecting newsletter name:

