

# Dungog High School News



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Term 4 Week 6

23rd November 2009



## From the Principal

### Congratulations Clarice

Clarice Hurren has had her HSC Visual Arts Body of Work nominated for Art Express. This is a great honour and gives a good indication that this artwork has been rated highly by the HSC markers.

Clarice's work is a set of figures – God, Adam and Eve – made from “found” materials. It is highly unusual and creative. This work and others from the year 12 Visual Arts group are on display in the administration building foyer.

### Tender for the Train Carriage

A reminder that anyone interested in tendering for the train carriage in the school playground will need to get their offer in by Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are interested and would like to see the carriage, please contact the school so that we can arrange a time for you to look it over. The carriage will be moved at the same time as the demountables are taken out of the school – that will probably be during January.

### Sports Oval

The work on Barnes Oval is progressing very well. The groundwork, levelling, composting, topsoil and turf placement are almost completed. The oval is now level and even – quite a change from the hollows and ridges we have endured for many years. We have also had a new watering system installed – fortunately, in time for the really hot weather.

The oval will look wonderful when completed and be an asset to the school and the community for many years to come.

### Year 10

I have had a number of enquiries from parents about whether students must remain at school after the School Certificate examinations. I have sent this information home a number of times and reminded students at special meetings. The only students I can sign out are those who have a signed declaration from an employer that they are starting full time employment that will involve work of over 25 hours per week.

This is not my rule – it is a state law.

### Reports

Teachers are very busy at the moment completing reports for years 7 to 10. These reports will be handed out in the last weeks of school; the earliest time to expect them is mid to late week 8 – the week commencing December 7<sup>th</sup>. Year 10 reports will be distributed at their graduation Assembly on Monday December 14<sup>th</sup>; any student not at the assembly can collect their report from the office after the assembly.

### Receiving the Newsletter

This is the last week that you can nominate the way you would like to receive your newsletter for 2010. The response form is printed in

this newsletter. If you do not respond, we will assume that you want to receive the newsletter through the website.

*Maureen Jarvis*

### Student Achiever of the Week

*Name:* Matthew Graham

*Area of Achievement:* School Service; Academic/Quality Work/ Personal Best

*Nominated by:* Mr P Holmes

*Reason for Nomination:* Always giving 110% in Metalwork.

### Sports Merits Term 4 Week 5

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

**Swimming:** Jordyn Baker, Sam Polden, Damien Keppie, Ellen Maytom, Cassie Mensforth, Thomas Wells, Jack Mensforth **Yoga:** Kiara Herbert **Cheerleading:** Keshia Ballard, Matt Towers **Water Polo:** Matt Sneddon

**The recipients of the Merit Draw this week are:** Keshia Ballard, Damien Keppie, Ellen Maytom and Matt Towers. Please collect your prizes from the PE staffroom. Merits have been handed out already or will be in your sports rolls this week.

### Peer Support Leader Training 2009

Last Wednesday 42 Year 10 and eight selected Year 9 students travelled to Shoal Bay to undergo training to support the 2010 Year 7 cohort in their transition to our school. This training takes place every year supported by a group of motivated staff and lead by Ms Kerry Smith.

I visited the students in training at Shoal Bay and was very impressed with how the program has developed to include the students as Leaders and Facilitators. This lifts this Peer Support Program to a whole new level extending the students' leaderships skills.

Leaders are taken through sessions that are aimed at developing leadership, communication and group management skills, in an environment that promotes students “being the best” people they can be.

The underlying principles of this training, that has evolved over recent years and is unique to Dungog High School, are self awareness and enhancing relationships across all aspects of students' lives. This allows students to give the Peer Support programme in Term one a higher level of integrity because they actually believe in the programme, having explored it through the training program themselves.

This year, for the first time, the training was facilitated by students who took part in the programme last year when they were in Year 9. These students rose to the challenge and exceeded all expectations.

Having lived through Peer Support this year, they were able to provide valuable insights to their fellow students that deepened their understanding of the program. These insights could not be given to such depth when teachers presented the training in previous years.

Thank you to Caitlin Rumbel, Elsie Cooper, Francesca Groves, Sara Cook, Gabby Taylor, Joe Atkins, Will Maher, and in particular Amber Kelly who stood up and provided Peer Support to the Leaders in Training.

Ms Louise Rowley  
Head Teacher Teaching and Learning

### DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN

A reminder that the Canteen Volunteers' Christmas dinner will be held this Thursday at the Dungog RSL commencing at 6pm with dinner at 6.30pm.

### Roster

#### Week 6 : 23rd to 27th November

Mon	N Eyb, T Schuhmacher
Tues	L Waterford, J Kellner, B Reeves
Wed	K Drinkwater, A Howton
Thurs	C Kellehear, L Thronsen
Fri	D Marquet, L Dries, L McInnes, M Townsend

#### Week 7: 30th November to 4th December

Mon	L Lovegrove, J Chant, A Bennett
Tues	R Rolfe, D Marquet, T Cushway
Wed	
Thurs	L Thronsen, S Simmonds
Fri	N Pearce, R Nicholson, J Parkinson

### Coming events

#### Nov

23	Space and Astronomy Show, Yr 7 and Yr 9, MPC
24	Yr 8 ESSA Exam
25	Y7 Enrichment Class, Music & Drama students excur – Syd Swim Program – Support Unit
26	Choir performing in Newcastle all day
27	U14 Cricket vs West Wallsend at Bennett Park
30/11-3/12	Y11 Hospitality to Sea World Resort
30/11-4/12	Year 9 Excursion to Melbourne

#### Dec

1	Yr 7 Enrichment Class to Sydney – afternoon/evening
7-12	Year 10 Excursion to Melbourne
9	Y11 Hospitality – Returned Servicemen's Dinner Swim Program – Support Unit
14	Year 10 Graduation Assembly
16	Annual Presentation Day
16	Last day of Term for students
18	Last day of Term for staff

#### Jan 2010

27	First day of term - staff only attend
28	First day of term for Years 7, 11 and 12
29	All students attend

### For Sale by Tender

1. 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.

2. The PDHPE Dept. has 3 vaulting horses for tender. If you are interested and would like to view the vaults please contact the PDHPE Dept. to arrange a time. Tender submissions will close for these on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. All submissions are to be made to The Principal, Dungog High School.

### Dungog High School Uniform Shop

#### Special Opening Hours 2009 – 2010

#### December 2009

Thursday 3rd December (Orientation Day)	8.00 – 4.00
Tuesday 8th December	8.00 – 4.00
Tuesday 15th December	8.00 – 4.00

#### January 2010

Monday 18th January	8.00 – 4.00
Tuesday 19th January	8.00 – 4.00
Wednesday 20th January	8.00 – 4.00
Wednesday 27th January	8.00 – 4.00
Thursday, 28th January	8.00 – 4.00

**THEN EVERY TUESDAY: 8.00 – 4.00**

## Dungog Youth Calendar 2010 Launch

**November 25th 5:30-7pm**

### The Snack Inn

Come to view the wonderful pictures that were taken by Young People that depict Dungog and were put into a fabulous Calendar. Find out the winner of the digital camera prize for being selected for the front cover!

Calendars will be available for a low cost.

Free food and refreshments. Bring your friends!

For more info please call Kylie 0428 329 643

## Preferred Method of Receiving the School Newsletter in 2010

**Return to student's roll teacher by Friday week 6 (November 27th)**

- Website:** you need do nothing more. The newsletter is available each week and previous newsletters are available on this site.
- 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:

**Parent/Carer's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Continue sending the newsletter by email to this address  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_
  - I will use the website to get my newsletter. **Discontinue** sending the newsletter to this address  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_
  - I would like to receive my newsletter by email rather than use the website. My email address is:  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_
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:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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