

Dungog High School News



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Term 4 Week 7

30th November 2009



From the Principal

Year 9 and 10 Excursions to Melbourne

All students at DHS have the opportunity to take part in 3 major excursions during their time at the school. The current arrangement is that these excursions occur in years 7, 9 and 11. The year 7 excursion is a welcome to high school and allows students to get to know each other; it usually takes place in a location in the Hunter area. The year 9 excursion has changed in recent years and is now an interstate excursion to Melbourne. The year 11 excursion is well established as part of the mandatory Crossroads program; students choose to do this course either at school or at Jindabyne. Year 10 are taking part in the Melbourne excursion this year because they did not go on a major excursion last year.

The Melbourne excursion allows many students to experience a plane flight for the first time. They will see many of Melbourne's historic places and have the chance to experience Australia's second largest city – and a transport system that works well. Highlights will be the MCG, Old Melbourne Goal, the Powerhouse Museum, Chinatown, the Victorian Museum and the Victoria Markets. I know that all students will have a wonderful time and learn a lot about Australian history and culture.

Korean Exchange Visit 2010

A reminder to all those interested in our exchange program with South Korea. We weren't able to hold the exchange in 2009 because of swine flu. 2010 is looking like a better opportunity for us to continue this program. I met Mr Kim, the organizer of our exchange, last week and he is keen to see us involved again.

If you are interested in hosting a Korean student in your home or going to Korea, please give your name to Mr Fisher before the end of term. This is a great opportunity for any student, particularly the chance to visit a country so different to ours and stay with a Korean family. The insights that are gained through this visit are well beyond what a "normal" traveller can gain in a foreign country and I urge you to think carefully about what this trip can offer. The cost for students and adults is well below normal costs for a trip of this length and complexity.

Year 12 Formal

This was held last Tuesday in the beautiful Civic Theatre in Newcastle. The theatre had been reconfigured for the event, all theatre seats being moved out of the way, allowing tables and a dance floor to be used. Students looked stunning – there is always an intake of breath when we see the young men and women emerge from the school student, particularly when they present themselves as mature young adults. This was no exception – everyone looked spectacular and had a wonderful time.

Congratulations to the organizers, Clarice Hurren and Rebecca Wand – they did an outstanding job bringing this event together.

Buildings Progress

The two new buildings are well in use and we can see progress in the areas being refurbished. The old library has a new roof and has been completely changed internally. It will become a staff area, with two staff studies and a common room. The music and art rooms are moving ahead – these rooms will be repainted and refitted for their new use. The art room takes up two former classrooms; the performance room also takes over two classrooms. The steel frames are up and the walls are nearly there in the new Industrial Arts room. The builders expect to be finished all this work by the end of this term.

The Trade Training Centre buildings will not start until the middle of 2010. There is a lot of detailed planning to happen before this project is ready to start, so we will have a short breather before we again go into demolition and building mode.

Barnes Oval

If you have driven past the school recently you may have seen the work being done on Barnes oval. This is nearly complete and looks wonderful. The turf has been laid – on those two 40 degree days – and the new watering system has been proving its worth. After the turf has settled, it will be rolled firmly into place. This will be a great asset to the school and the community.

Maureen Jarvis

Student Achiever of the Week

Name: Matthew Risdale

Area of Achievement: Academic/Quality Work/ Personal Best

Nominated by: Mrs H Kavanagh

Reason for Nomination: Matthew has shown consistent application to the academic skills required in English with excellent attention in class and application to building skills. Outstanding results.

Sports Merits Term 4 Week 6

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

Swimming: Morgan Single, Tom Levick, Daniel Studden **Yoga:**

Emily Gray **Water Polo:** Jack Maytom, Thomas Drew **Water**

Aerobics: James Hurren, Jacob Cummings **Squash:** Rosie Munro, Ashlee Van Dam

The recipients of the Merit Draw this week are James Hurren, Rosie Munro, Ashlee Van Dam and Thomas Drew. Please collect your prizes from the PE staffroom. Merits have been handed out already or will be in your sports rolls this week.

DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN**Roster****Week 7: 30th November to 4th December**

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

Week 8 : 7th to 11th December

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

Coming events**Nov**

- 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
3 Spec Ed Units to Disability Day Picnic
Orientation Day Yr 6 students
7-12 Year 10 Excursion to Melbourne
9 Y11 Hospitality – Returned Servicemen's Dinner
Swim Program – Support Unit
10 Hunter CHS Cricket Trials at Maitland Park
14 Year 10 Graduation Assembly
16 Annual Presentation Day
Swim Program – Support Unit
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

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**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 2nd December. All submissions are to be made to The Principal, Dungog High School.

ONE DAY ONLY!

20% OFF **Storewide***
Thursday December 3rd
9.00am - 9.00pm

Members must present their MVP card in-store to receive their discount.

REBEL SPORT

NEW MERRI • BARRINGTON 807 2044 • BLACKTOWN 801 3966 • BONDI 800 9022 • BROCKMONT 801 3011
• BROCKVILLE 808 2080 • CAMPBELLTOWN 408 9050 • CASTLE TOWNERS 888 7979 • CHATHWOOD 841 9 3333
• CROFTONVILLE 808 4882 • DUNDAS 800 9000 • GLENVIEW 800 9000 • GLENVIEW 800 9000 • GLENVIEW 800 9000
• HARRISVILLE 808 2080 • HUNTERVILLE 808 2080 • HUNTERVILLE 808 2080 • HUNTERVILLE 808 2080
• MARRANGA 808 2080 • MOUNT DRIFT 807 7841 • MARRAMARTS 881 5811 • PENRITH 821 5021 • ROCKDALE 800 9022
• ROUSE HILL 888 8774 • SPYNE CITY • SPYNE CITY ONE WHEEL DRIVE ST 021 8033 • WORLD SQUARE 800 9022
• WINDERMERE 808 2080 • WINDERMERE 808 2080 • WINDERMERE 808 2080 • WINDERMERE 808 2080
• ERINA 428 428 • GREEN HILLS 403 7793 • PORT MACQUARIE 888 3000 • SHELLHARBOUR 428 5148
• TUGGERAH 428 3661 • WINDERMERE 808 2080 • WINDERMERE 808 2080

Travelling Youth Cinema

The youth cinema shows great flicks and travels around the shire. Awesome theatre equipment, just like you're at the movies! It is totally **free** for any young person 12-25 years.

The next screening will be at Gresford showing **The Lost World of Tibet** at the Theresa Doyle Hall on **Sunday December 6th** from **2:00am-4:30pm**. There will be snacks/ refreshments available .. Bring along a pillow for more comfort if you wish ☺

The Lost World of Tibet shows An exclusive interview with the Dalai Lama as well as interviews with ordinary Tibetan people who remember life before China sent in troops. Presented by Dan Cruickshank, this astonishing film allows us to glimpse into the rich culture of Tibet, showing us ancient ceremonies, Buddhist rituals and family life, from a time before Tibetan people lost their country, nearly 50 years ago.



Join us for an afternoon of fun, food and a flick!!

Bookings much appreciated!!

See Kylie, the Youth Worker, for more info - Wednesday Lunch at DT2- Dungog High Drop-in or call 0428 329 643

Youth Worker News:

Creative Development Retreat: A few spots have become available for the one of the Artstart Creative Development Retreats. This is for Photography and Public art. The retreat is for Young People 12-25 years and is totally free, including food and accommodation. The retreat will run from December 14th-18th. No experience is necessary just a keen interest in either of these subjects. If you would like to attend or find out more info, please contact Rebecca Fowles (Arts Upper Hunter) on hunterartstart@live.com.au or 0428 568 291 or call Youth Worker-

Kylie 0428 329 643.

School Holiday Fun: Join the Dungog Area Youth Worker, Kylie at the Baptist Church Hall (Behind Bram cottage) Mackay St, Dungog.

Every Wednesday in the school holidays (except 30th December for holiday break) from 12-3:30pm. Food and drinks. Cinema showing great flicks chosen by Young People. Workshops and games. Or just come and hang out and chat with other Young People. All free!!!

12-25years. Call Kylie for more info on 0428 329 643.

SKATER FUN at SLAM, Tuggerah- a free bus will be offered to SLAM but numbers are needed to ensure this can happen, so please be in contact to secure one. The bus will pick up from Dungog Paterson and Clarence Town on **January 14th**.



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Dear Parent,

Are you concerned about your child drinking alcohol? You have every right to be. Australian research shows that 96 percent of kids under the age of 17 have tried alcohol, with 21 percent drinking alcohol every week.

Why should you be concerned?

New research shows young people's brains can be seriously damaged from drinking alcohol. There is now evidence to suggest that binge drinking destroys the growing brain's ability to relay information between cells.

One third of 12-17yr old drinkers are consuming at harmful levels. It indicates kids have easy access to alcohol and are drinking too much.

What can you do?

As a parent, you are the most important role model for your child. Your attitude to alcohol and personal behaviour will have a big influence on your child and the decisions they make:

- *Talk to your child and be involved in their life* – if you know what is going on and can talk openly, you are more likely to be able to influence your child's attitude towards drinking.
- *Know where your teenager is* – check where the parties are going to be, whether they are supervised and if alcohol is being served.
- *Talk to other parents* – presenting a united front makes it easier for everyone.
- *Use alcohol responsibly yourself and be a responsible host.* Show your children that you can also have fun without alcohol too.
- *Encourage your child not to drink until they are at least 16 years old.*
- *Point out the risks* – don't be afraid to disapprove of unsafe drinking behaviour.
- *Inform yourself* – log onto **www.adf.org.au** for more information.

What are we doing?

In most Australian states and territories, it is still *legal* for anybody to provide your child with any amount of alcohol on private property, without your permission. Without the right laws in place, there is nothing to protect young people against drinking a damaging amount and drinking without parental consent.

In Queensland New South Wales and Tasmania, it is illegal to supply alcohol to kids under the age of 18 without a parent's permission. We believe the protection of young people in those cases should be extended to all young Australians regardless of where they live.

The Australian Drug Foundation is campaigning to strengthen Australia's laws to protect young people. Register your support for a national law by visiting **www.adf.org.au**

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Rogerson', is written over a white background.

John Rogerson
CEO
Australian Drug Foundation