

Dungog High School News



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Term 4 Week 8

7th December 2009



From the Principal

Reminders

1. Dates to remember:

Year 10 Assembly – Monday 14th December, at 10.00am in the MPC

Presentation Day Assembly: Wednesday 16th December at 10.30am in the MPC

2010 school resumes: Thursday 28th January: years 7, 11, 12
Friday 29th January: all students

2. Have you indicated how you want to receive your newsletter in 2010? Unless you have already sent a note to school indicating that you want a paper copy or through email, the newsletter will be available through the school website. If you want to receive a paper copy and have not yet returned the note to school, you must do so this week.

Year 9 laptops

I have received information that the wireless infrastructure needed for the new laptops will be put into classrooms this week. This process may continue into next week, the last week of term. This would give us very little time to commission the new laptops and no time at all to provide the guidance and support many students will require with this significant and valuable equipment.

I have decided to hold off the issue of the laptops until the start of the 2010 school year. The laptops will be distributed to small groups of students in week 2 of the term, allowing staff to work with students to ensure that they understand the devices and can use them safely. It also allows us to ensure that the commissioning process – which can take up to an hour for every student and device – runs smoothly.

I understand that many students will be disappointed – a new laptop would have been a great Christmas present – but waiting a few more weeks will ensure that everyone is ready to go and that distribution is equitable.

Compliments of the season

This is the last newsletter for 2009 and, on behalf of all the staff of Dungog High School, I would like to wish you and your family the compliments of the season, a safe and happy Christmas season and New Year. This has been a challenging year for all of us, and 2010 looks like being another interesting year. I hope that every one of us can have a good rest over the holidays and return in 2010 refreshed and ready for the new challenges.

My thanks to all of you who have assisted the school and its students throughout the year – the canteen volunteers, reading assistants, P&C regulars, coaches, homework supervisors, listeners to reading, confidantes and ideas sounding boards, parent taxis. You have all played a part on your child's education and a school can't work effectively without you.

Maureen Jarvis

Student Achiever of the Week

Name: Keith Hammond

Area of Achievement: Sport

Nominated by: Mr B Dives

Reason for Nomination: Keith won Silver at the Australian National Titles for Boxing, school boys division, 13-14 years boys.

Sports Merits Term 4 Week 7

Congratulations to the following student who received a merit for sport last week:

Yoga: Karie Fergusson

The recipient of the Merit Draw this week is Karie Fergusson. Please collect your prize from the PE staffroom. Merits have been handed out already or will be in your sports rolls this week.

Under 14 cricket game Vs West Wallsend High School

On Friday 27th November the under 14 boy's cricket team played West Wallsend High School at Bennett Park. West Wallsend won the toss and bowled first. Dennis Van Rooyen (35) and Tyler Fardell (3) opened the batting and got us off to a solid start before Tyler was run out. Ridge Badior batted three and unfortunately for us was out first ball to leave us 2 for 15. Nathan D'Arcy (45 not out) was next in and between him and Dennis put on 47 for the third wicket. Rigby Vane-Wood (66) batted five and between himself and Nathan put on 100 for the four wicket. Tim Baker (4 not out) and Nathan saw us through to the end of the innings where we finished 4 for 176.

West Wallsend High School struggled in reply to be all out for 82. Our wicket taking bowlers were Nathan D'Arcy (3/22), Joel Brouwer (2/6), Ridge Badior (2/14), Rigby Vane-Wood (2/15) and Chris Simon (1/10). This win takes us through to the area final which will be played in week 8. Man of the match went to Nathan D'Arcy.

Support Unit Raffle

Winners of the raffle were:

1st - Catherine Berry;

2nd - Jenny Lewis;

3rd - Mrs F Morley

DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN**Roster****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 Thronsen
Thurs	J Saunders, S Kiddle, S Snowden, M Swilks
Fri	K Salter

Week 9: 14th to 16th December

Mon	S Hallett, J Saunders, S Stevans, K Fardell, R Rocco
Tues	R Rolfe, R Stokes, R Arkininstall
Wed	L Jefferson, C Kellehear,

Coming events**Dec**

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**

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**Private Vehicle Conveyance Subsidy**

To be eligible for PVC subsidy a **special** return journey must be made, both in morning and afternoon, from home to school or transport pick up point.

No payment is made when a student drives themselves to school.

If your circumstances have changed since applying for this subsidy, i.e. change of address, change in distance travelled, student now drives, etc please advise the Ministry of Transport and Dungog High School.

“The Ministry of Transport reserves the right to withdraw PVC payments if investigation shows the student to be ineligible. Any subsidy paid as a consequence of false or misleading information will be required to be repaid”.

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**.