

Dungog High School News



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Term 4 Week 7

19th November 2012



Principal.

Aspirations Project commences

We have commenced the first stage of our involvement in the Aspirations Project, in which we are working with researchers from the Faculty of

Education at Newcastle University. This project, which we will be taking part in over the next 3 years, aims to find out what factors influence the career choice of young people; this vital information, which has never been studied before in Australia, will give us information on how we help our students to make informed choices about their careers and futures.

Year 7 and year 9 students have received their consent forms to take home for parents to complete. I ask that these are returned as quickly as possible to Ms Smith, our Careers Adviser. Students in year 7 will do the first survey this week, while year 9 will complete it next week on their return from Melbourne.

Parents who would like to be part of the study can access the parent survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PC_Dungog_HS. If you do not have internet access, we can print out paper copies of the surveys for you. Please send a request through your child to Ms Smith and you will get one sent home.

Involvement in this program is voluntary; for the sake of our young people, I ask everyone to be part of this important study. There will be opportunities next year for students and parents to be part of focus group discussions, when the University researchers will come to the school to ask for your ideas.

Librarian position filled

A number of applications were received for this position and interviews were held last week. The successful applicant is Ms Angela Cull, who has been working as a teacher / librarian for the past 4 years, and for a number of years before that as a HSIE/English teacher. Ms Cull will take up this position at the beginning of 2013.

This week we start the merit selection process for the Head Teacher PDHPE.

Cyber Bullying workshops

We have received assistance from Hunter Valley Youth Express and Cybersmart to organize workshops in cyber-bullying at school on **Monday 10th December**.

Cyber bullying has become a serious problem for a number of young people and has led to major upheavals in many of our homes. These workshops come highly recommended – the Principals of Maitland Grossman and Francis Greenway High Schools have told me that they were among the best they have seen at their schools on this topic. Many other local schools are also taking advantage of these workshops because of the increasing occurrence of cyber bullying and the terrible effect it is having on so many young people.

You are invited to a special workshop for staff and parents on Monday 10th December from 5.30 to 7.00pm in the school library. Parents from our local primary schools are also invited to attend this workshop.

Melbourne Excursion year 9

Best wishes to all the year 9 students and teachers who are heading for Melbourne this week. Their flight leaves early Monday morning and the whole week promises to be interesting, educational and fun. Thanks in particular to Mrs Denise McKinna who has organized the trip – I have seen the itinerary and it will be a very full week.

Community Centre Christmas Appeal

Every year the Dungog Community Centre donates Christmas hampers to local families who are in need of some assistance and Christmas cheer. The hampers contain many of the goods that we all like to see at this time of year, but which some families cannot afford.

If you can spare some tinned goods – ham, fruit, biscuits etc – please send them in to school where Mrs McLarty, the HT Welfare will collect them. All these donations will then be taken to the DCC, made up into hampers and distributed around our community. The school is very pleased to be able to help in any way in such an important local initiative. Please check your pantry or buy one extra item next time you go shopping.

PBL Assembly

The assembly this week will recognize all the students who have received awards from teachers for their Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). We hold this assembly every semester and it is a joy to recognize the many students who are making the school such a good place to be. All rewarded students will be invited to morning tea after the assembly.

We will also be recognizing all students who have not received one negative entry on our behaviour monitoring system this semester. These students will enjoy an afternoon at the local pool and a barbeque lunch in thanks for their positive contribution to the school and to the learning of everyone.

Thanks to all students who responded to our last PBL survey and gave us very good feedback on how the system is working. It is in response to the students' request that we are recognising all the students who contribute in some way to the school's positive culture.

Maureen Jarvis

SPORTS REPORT

Well it certainly was hot last week (it was snowing where I was in New Zealand)!! Of course we can expect a few more hot sport afternoons until the end of the year so it is important to come prepared for them by wearing a hat and sunblock and bringing a water bottle. Seek shade also if your team is having a break. Remember that sport detention is not a chance to rest in an air conditioned room and is a serious matter.

Well done to the following students for their personal best efforts at sport last Thursday: Rebecca Gleeson, Molly Wallace, Steven Bridges, Brayden Johnson, Hayley Rits, Lucy Mortimer, Madeline Chippendale, Aaron Holloway, Jared Ford, Tom Everett, Sam Russell, Jarod Hughes, Lucy Neilson, Grace Buckley and Maeve Shumack.

Well done also to Rigby Vane Wood who was down in Sydney last week at the CHS State cricket titles playing for the Hunter Valley team. Early reports indicate that he has had great success with his bowling (4 for 6) but he might need to tighten up his batting. F Fardell (Sports Organiser)

CAPA News...

So much has been happening...

There seemed to be a little bit of madness around the MPC on Friday, with our Music and Drama students showcasing their talents and hard work. An outstanding effort to be able to perform in front of their peers, and with such quality! I was fortunate enough to see The Year 9 Drama Performance 'Cirque de Teen', Nyah Jones and Chelsea Gallagher from Year 7 performing songs and Tahan Ellicot perform his (self written) song 'Reflectors' – an interesting composition about the reflectors which guide us along the road. There were also performances from a number of our talented musicians and Year 10 Drama 'Facebooked' and Years 11 and 8 Drama. Thank you to all the students involved and of course Mrs Danvers, Ms Knight and Ms Rowley for all the time and effort they put into the organisation of the day to make it a success.

Our Music students have been involved in a number of activities lately, including 'Count Me In' - which involved over 600,000 Australian students performing the song 'We are all in this together' at the same time. We were able to see a repeat performance on assembly last week. Some of our Music students also attended the Australian Institute of Music to see the graduating students perform some jazz with the big band and the Australian Navy band, who had performed for Prince Charles that morning. An exciting performance for all students, who were commended on their excellent behaviour over the entire excursion.

Our Drama students have been busy as well with Aimee Harris returning from the Slam Poetry Workshop in Sydney over the weekend where she was our regional representative, our students in the Support Unit have been working on some movie making, creating a movie titled 'Shark Boy', 7A and 7R have been liking Drama with English in Drama workshops and there are students off to the Scots Film Festival this week, which is an annual outdoor festival for schools. The film 'Unco-ordinated' created by Dungog High students will be shown.

Once again we have our Art students performing very well in local Art Competitions. We had a number of students enter the Dungog Show with their artworks, coming away with a number of prizes.

There has also been another great Art display in the library from Year 10 (pictures will be in next week's newsletter).

Please remember that some of the CAPA subjects have fees which are required to be paid each semester. Failing to pay these fees may restrict students options when choosing future elective subjects. Fees are outlined in the subject booklets.

Congratulations to all of our Year 12 CAPA students who have completed their HSC Exams, and we wish you all the best for the future!

Coming up: MADD Night with an Asian Influence 12/12/12. Come along for a great night of entertainment!! 7pm in the MPC
Mrs M.Wilson
Acting HT PDHPE/CAPA

Cybersmart



Information Evening for Parents and Teachers

Date: Monday 10th December
Time: 5pm – 6.30pm
Venue: Library

The **Cybersmart** program is a national **cybersafety** education program managed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), as part of the Australian Government's commitment to promoting online safety for children and young people.

The world online is powerful and engaging for young people and adults alike, offering a wealth of opportunity. The **Cybersmart** program enables children, parents, carers, teachers to manage online risks, so their experiences are safe and positive.

The **Cybersmart** program aims to:

- Inform children, parents, teachers about **cybersafety** issues
- Educate audiences through information, resources and practical advice
- Empower children to be safe online.

The **Cybersmart** program includes:

- A comprehensive range of information and resources designed to meet the needs of children, parents and teachers. All resources are provided free of charge in Australia.
- **Cybersafety** Outreach Professional Development for Educators program for schools and Internet Safety Awareness Presentations for parents and children.

Please come along and get up to date advice and support on Cybersafety!

Coming Events**Nov**

- 19-23 Year 9 Melbourne excursion
 20 Uniform Shop open
 22 Sistaspeak excursion to Wollotuka, Uni of Newcastle
 23 Year 11 Ancient History to Newcastle
 27 Musos performing at Community Christmas Concert
 28-30 Peer Support Training

Dec

- 3 International Disability Day – Spec Ed students to Sailability
 5 Orientation Day – Year 7 2013
 Uniform Shop open
 10 'Cyberbullying' presentation to staff/parents 5.30-7pm
 11 Uniform Shop open
 12 Annual Presentation Day, 10.30am MPC
 MADD night with an Asian influence, 7pm in the MPC
 13 Flash Mob to Newcastle
 19 Students' last day for Years 7 - 11
 20-21 Staff Development Days

Jan 2013

- 21-22 Uniform Shop open
 29 Term 1 begins – staff only
 30 Years 7, 11, 12 attend
 Uniform Shop open
 31 All students attend

DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN**Volunteers Christmas Dinner**

The Canteen Volunteers Christmas Dinner will be held at The Settlers Arms Hotel on Thursday November 22. The evening will commence at 6.30pm with dinner at 7pm.

Book packs for Year 7 2013 will be available for sale from the canteen from the beginning of December and on Orientation Day at a cost of \$28.

These packs have been updated after input from all faculties and contain all books, pens, geometry sets, etc that are detailed in the Student Handbook and required by students.

Roster**Week 7 : 19th to 23rd November**

- Mon S Hallett, N Eyb, M Herbert
 Tues G Edwards, C Everett, S Hooke
 Wed L Wand, S Hitchens
 Thurs M Muddle, K Boland
 Fri R Warland, S Crouch, E Easdown, R Kirkby

Week 8 : 26th to 30th November

- Mon T Schumacher, M Gibbs, J Holmes, B Beaumont
 Tues J Kellner, B Reeves
 Wed M Milburn, L Morris, K McDermott
 Thurs S Kiddle, J Czapiewski
 Frid D Marquet, L Dries, L McInnes, M Townsend

YEAR 12 PARTIAL ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES.

This document is available on Dungog High School website
<http://www.dungog-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/years/year-12>

The **University of New England**
 is hosting the
2013 SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

January 15th—17th

For all Year 9 and 10
 students to get involved in a range of fun, "hands on"
 science experiments at UNE Armidale, NSW.

Registration \$110 at www.scienceexperience.com.au
 Rotary Scholarships available.