

Dungog High School News



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Term 4 Week 8

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Principal.

Welcome back year 9

Our year 9 students and accompanying staff have returned safely from Melbourne with many stories to tell and experiences to share. From all accounts I have heard, the excursion was very successful and the students behaved in the manner we have come to expect from our students – beautifully. We will have photos and stories in next week's newsletter.

We have taken the year 9 group to Melbourne for four years and it has proven to be highly educational as well as a wonderful experience for the students. Melbourne is an interesting city and very easy to get around on foot or by public transport. This year the trip had the added attraction of a day trip to Ballarat and a close up experience of the 19th century gold mines, recreated in a "theme park". Thanks to Mrs McKinna who organized the itinerary and did all the management of the trip – her Victorian background has been a huge boon to us. Thanks also to all the accompanying teachers who gave up their own family time to supervise this excursion: Mrs Bowen, Mr Dives, Mrs Amos, Mr Wilson, Mr Curran and Mrs Nelson.

Without the willingness of teachers to manage overnight excursions, these camps cannot take place - and our school and the learning of our students would be diminished.

Peer Support camp

Year 10 and 9 students who have been selected to be part of the Peer Support Program, assisting the transition to high school of our 2013 year 7 students, will take part in a learning camp this week. They will go to Shoal Bay Caravan Park for three days and prepare for the program that they will lead late this year and over next year.

Students who are selected for this program become "buddies" to the new year 7 students and a welcome friendly face in what can seem an overwhelmingly large group of new people. Our thanks to the team that manages this program each year and makes this transition program so successful: Ms Rowley, Mrs McLarty, Mrs Trappel, Miss Daffy and Mr Francey.

School Maintenance – bus bays

A number of years ago I requested that the DEC Assets Management Unit look at our bus bays and upgrade them to a better level. The bus bays are used twice every day by the majority of our students; they are, at best, very basic.

I have just received information that there will be some significant improvements made over the next few months. The drainage will be improved, taking away overflows that affect the pavement. There will also be improvements to the surface where students stand, making it more even and less likely to cause trips.

It won't be as good as starting from scratch, but it will increase the safety of the area for students and staff. Hopefully, much of the work will be completed in the school holidays.

Cybersmart dates / times

My apologies for causing some confusion about the times of the Cybersmart presentations that will be held at school on Monday 10th December.

Student presentations will be held during the school day. A special presentation for staff, parents and community members will start at 5.00. This will allow you to ask questions as well as learning about ways of dealing with an issue that is gaining in strength and invasive possibilities. ***I strongly urge everyone who has any association with children or young people to attend this meeting – it could be the difference between being able to really help and having no idea of what to do in a crisis.***

Community Centre Appeal

Thanks to those who have contributed to the Community Centre appeal to make Xmas hampers for local families. You can still donate any non-perishable item. Send them to Mrs McLarty and we will pass them on to the Community Centre.

Maureen Jarvis

You are invited to a special workshop for staff and parents on Monday 10th December from 5.00 to 6.30pm in the school library. Parents from our local primary schools are also invited to attend this workshop.

SPORTS REPORT

What a difference a week makes. One day it's hot and windy then the next it's back to winter!! With the warmer weather now here to stay though it is important to remember that our sports uniform does not include black t-shirts or rolled up shorts/skirts. Here is a short multiple choice quiz (let's see how you go?). When should students get changed out of their sports uniform on Thursdays?

- A) As soon as the 3:15 bell goes,
- B) In the bus bay at 3:16,
- C) Outside the pool change rooms before going back to school wet,
- D) When they get back home.

If you chose D congratulations you passed!! Unfortunately a lot of students obviously don't realise that the end of sport bell is not the end of our duty of care and that they are still our responsibility until they return home and this includes staying in uniform until then.

Well done to the following students for their personal best efforts at sport last Thursday: Cody Argent, Elizabeth Sinclair, Olivia Everett, Jackson Dew, Brandon Aubin, Tyron Moore, Ben McLaughlin, Travis Taylor, Liberty Berthold, Maddison Falconer, Georgia Bannister, Anna Gehrig, Ryan Maginnity, Beau Redhouse, William McInnes and Joshua Gregory.
F Fardell (Sports Organiser)

CAREERS NEWS

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

The end of the year is a good time for Year 10 to revisit their Work Experience employer or try out another workplace. The same process applies for Work Experience as it did earlier in the year. Students need to request a placement with an employer (it can be for as long as the employer is willing to have the student) and then see me to get the necessary paperwork to ensure they are covered by insurance.

For students who are hoping to secure full time employment in the near future, evidence of investigating work and having some knowledge of the industry will certainly help in applying for jobs. A positive Employer Report is also invaluable.

Some students are already at Work Experience and this is an extract from an email I received this week from an employer –

“As you are aware, Crystal Oliver is spending some time at Bronzewing Farm carrying out work experience with Thoroughbred Racehorses.

I would like to place on the record my observations.

This young woman is first and foremost a credit to her family and to her teachers.

She displays a wonderful work ethic and, enormous enthusiasm for the tasks at hand.

Not only is her work ethic outstanding, she has a lovely pleasant personality, she is polite and generally a pleasure to have around the stable complex and the farm.

She is a breath of fresh air in a society that is generally declining. She is the type of student that younger students should look up to and use as a role model.

However having said all of the above, her attitude, manners and ethics must be attributed to her parents and teachers.”

Congratulations Crystal.

PBL AWARDS ASSEMBLY.

On Wednesday 21st November Dungog High School held their second PBL Awards assembly for 2012.

This is part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning scheme where students are recognised for outstanding achievements in each faculty or subject area as well as in sport and school based areas. The PBL year advisors awards which were presented, are those earned by students who have achieved 5 or more merit awards from 5 different faculty areas in the school. These include sports awards and whole school awards. Students can earn these awards by being recognised by their teachers as having achieved an outstanding result or performance in their particular areas of study.

When the students have received three year advisors awards, they then move up to a Distinction Award and there were an impressive amount of these higher order awards given out on the assembly. The awards presented on assembly began with Ms Rowley and the students from year 11.

The recipients were:- Amanda Clarke, Alexandra Styles, Brandon McKillop, Aimee Harris, Isabella McInnes, Ellen Maytom.

The year 10 awards were presented by Ms Daffy and these went to - Distinction Awards:- Rigby Vane-Wood and Billy Jack Taylor.

Highly Commended:- Hannah Inwood, Annemieke Boland, Tahan Ellicott, Stephen Bridges, Rhiannon Dennis, Robyn Hoddle, Ian Morris, Annie Mc Donald and Joel Fletcher

Year 9 were away on an excursion to Melbourne and Ms Sykes has awards to present to them upon their return.

In year 8 the awards were presented by Mr Corcoran to:- Sophie Bale, Lucy Neilson, Molly Wallace (X2), Campbell McDonald, (x3)- this also saw Campbell receive an Award of Distinction, Tristan Beisler, Brett Eyb (X2), Daniel Muddle, Sophie Merrick, Anna Gehrig and Grace Maher.

And year 7 saw the most awards of the day with 54 students receiving a year advisors award and Distinctions going to the following:- Alex Cant, Nelson Eyb, Jamie Black-Hobbs, Shayley Anderson, Dylan Holloway, Hayley Boon, Melissa Bridges, Jessica Pillidge, Ian Parsons, Shannon Cummings, Ashleigh Fordham, Laura Inwood and Harry Boorer.

There were so many of these that Ms Gavin presented the Distinction awards on stage and the Highly Commended were asked to be recognised by being upstanding at their seats.

Congratulations go to all the students with awards. As we all know, the work and behaviour displayed by these students has to be of outstanding quality, sustained over a period of time to achieve recognition at this high level.

The PBL award scheme is continuing to be very successful with many postcards as well, being awarded to students and members of the community for their commendable contributions to the successes of Dungog High School.

The recipients were then invited to a morning tea that was held in the meeting room at the front of the school. Towards the end of the year we will be hosting an excursion to the pool and a barbecue for those students who have had no negative entries on the Risc behaviour program.

Many thanks to those teachers, parents and students that have contributed over the last semester (half year) to the great amount of awards given out.

Jennie Kun



Year Nine Melbourne Camp

In the early hours of Monday morning, 86 Year Nine students, Mr Curran, Mrs Amos, Mrs Bowen, Mr Dives, Mr Wilson, Mrs Nelson and Mrs McKinna began the journey to Melbourne from Dungog High School.

Once all arrived to the YHA Melbourne Metro, the group travelled into the heart of Melbourne and experienced a river cruise up the Yarra, where they were able to take in the sights of Melbourne and catch up on some well earned rest. From that point on the group had tours of The Old Treasury Building vaults, night tours of The Old Melbourne Gaol, Eureka Skydeck, Science Works, The Planetarium, The Chinese Museum, The Melbourne Cricket Grounds, The Melbourne Aquarium and Etihad Stadium. The group also experienced the culturally diverse Night Markets and throughout the week frequented the Victoria Markets, Bourke Street Shopping precinct, DFO and Southbank.

The group also travelled to Ballarat on the Wednesday and went to Sovereign Hill where they went on underground mine tours, saw gold pours and were able to pan for gold. Mrs Amos and Mrs Bowen were amazed how quickly gold fever struck the students as when one student found some gold, almost everyone in the group joined in, with most actually finding gold.



The Melbourne camp was an amazing experience and I must congratulate all the students who attended for their outstanding behaviour. Everywhere we went, the staff received positive comments about the behaviour of our students and how thoughtful they were of others.

I would like to thank Mr Dives, Mr Curran, Mr Wilson, Mrs Nelson, Mrs Bowen and Mrs Amos for all their tireless work and sleepless nights, but without them the camp would not have been such a success. I must also take this opportunity to thank all the staff who remained at Dungog High and helped cover the classes and duties of the staff who attended. A special thanks to Mr Brown who not only taught his own lessons and playground duties, but also filled the role of Mr Dives.

Mrs McKinna

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

- 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 5.00-6.30pm
- 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

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 8 : 26th to 30th November

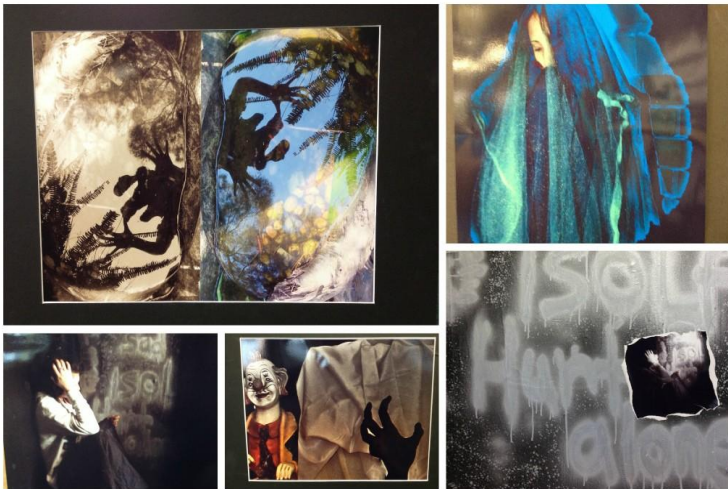
Mon T Schumacher, M Gibbs, J Holmes, B Beaumont
 Tues J Kellner, B Reeves
 Wed M Milburn, L Morris, K McDermott
 Thurs S Kiddle, J Czapiewski
 Frid D Marquet, L Dries, L McInnes, M Townsend

Week 9 : 3rd to 7th December

Mon J Chant
 Tues D Dykyj, C Bridges, K Nairn
 Wed C Wheeler, L Lovegrove
 Thurs J Saunders, K Falconer
 Fri N Pearce, R Nicholson, J Parkinson, V Sanderson

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>



Dungog Tennis Centre

January 2013 SCHOOL HOLIDAY
 TENNIS COACHING CLINIC

Tim's Mobile: 0431188367

Post: P.O. Box 2411 Greenhills, 2323.

When: 24TH & 25TH January 2013
 (Thursday and Friday)

- Where: Dungog Tennis Centre**
- Cnr Mackay and Lord St Dungog**
- Time: 9.00am to 10.30am per day**
- Price: \$40.00 per child (total for 2 days)**
- Ages: 4 years to 16 years**
- Standard: Beginner to intermediate**

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Singles Tournament Day

Friday 25TH January 2013

Time: 10.30am to 3pm

Age: all welcome

BOOK NOW! PHONE OR SMS: 0431188367
DON'T MISS OUT



Year 10
Visual Arts

