

Dungog High School News



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Term 4 Week 10

10th December 2012



Principal.

Year 7 Orientation Day

Last Wednesday was the culmination of a great deal of work that has been done over the past three terms by the Transition Team: the 2013 Year 7 Orientation Day. All the students who will be coming to the school next year were able to meet each other and spend the day in a range of activities that show them what being part of DHS will be like.

Students were divided into small groups and led by DHS year 9 and 10 Peer Support Leaders – this is the first day of the program that will continue next year, giving the new students an older student they can relate to and learn from. The students had mini lessons, became an audience for performances and generally moved around the school getting used to its difference from their primary school.

This was a very successful introduction to high school. My thanks to all the staff and students who worked so hard to give the new students the best introduction possible – and achieved it

Year 12 Formal

A beautiful night, superb dresses, hairstyles, suits, parents and grandparents, friends, an atmosphere of real happiness and achievement. What an outstanding night! Well done to the students who worked to have this night roll out so smoothly and successfully.

Head Teacher Positions

The HSIE and English Head Teacher positions have not been filled at this stage. They will be re-advertised early next year. Current relieving Head Teachers will remain in place until the selected HT is determined.

Canteen concerns

I have asked Mrs Edwards to remove some items from the canteen because of problems they were causing for staff. The Sunnyboy ice-blocks and one of the icy-poles will no longer be sold after current stocks are finished. The Sunnyboys were being taken into class after lunch, against the classroom rules – these are solid ice-blocks and take a while to finish. Students were buying them late in lunchtime, not finishing them and arguing with teachers to be allowed to bring them into class. The blue ice-blocks have caused a significant litter problem in the school, with the plastic wrapper being put everywhere except the nearest bin.

We have also experienced students being rude to volunteer canteen workers about these items – I put a much higher value on the canteen volunteers than on any item sold there. My decision to remove these items from the list does not mean students have no ice-blocks to purchase – just not the ones that have caused problems.

Status of Student Reports

All student reports will be issued either late this week or, more likely, early in the last week of term. If you know that your child will not be at school to receive their report, please send in a stamped, self-addressed **A4 size** envelope to the school and we will post it to you.

Any reports not collected or posted before the end of the school year will be available at the start of the 2013 school year.

PBL Rewards Days

As a reward and recognition of students ***who have not had any negative reports*** on the school's behaviour management system in 2012, a series of special reward afternoons have been planned. Students will go to the pool for a free afternoon of swimming and a barbecue – this is a thank you to the many students who have shown the school's PBL values of **Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best** throughout the year.

Well done all students who are invited to these afternoons.

Thanks for a Great Year

This is the last newsletter of the year. Thank you to all the parents and community members who have helped us to make Dungog High School the outstanding school that it is. We are coming up to a difficult and challenging time in education, when the Gonski reforms to school funding may pass government approval and give us more certainty about what funds we will receive to educate our young people. We are also entering the era of Local Schools, Local Decisions – and the real meaning of that and its impact on this school will become clearer over the next year.

In the meantime, I wish you and your family a happy and safe Christmas, New Year and holiday season. We all need a refreshing break and I trust you will enjoy it.

Important Dates

Wednesday December 19th: School finishes for students

Friday December 21st: school finishes for staff

29th January 2013: staff return

30th January 2013: years 7, 11, 12 return

31st January 2013: all students return

Maureen Jarvis

PRESENTATION DAY

Dungog High School Annual Presentation Day will be held in the MPC at 10.30am on 12 December. Parents and friends are invited to attend to celebrate our students' achievements.

SPORTS REPORT

Welcome to week 10 and our last week of sport this year!! We hope that all students have enjoyed sport this year and it has been a pleasure to organise it for the vast majority of students who do their personal best every Thursday afternoon. Remember this Thursday most students will be going to Dungog pool for sport so bring \$3, swimmers and a towel. Board shorts are NOT part of our sports uniform so please don't wear them to school but instead bring them in a plastic bag. Any student who doesn't have their swimmers or \$3 will be playing a game of cricket on Bennet Park.

Water Polo, Aqua-Aerobics, Fishing and Flashmob will run as normal.

Congratulations to the following students for their personal efforts at sport last week: Melissa Bridges, Matthew Parish, Eloise Hitchins, Caitlin Muddle, Claudia Tull, Kirsty Wand, Thomas Everett, Chloe Badior, Sophie Bale, Makayla Bowden, William Cook, Rowena Dillon, Breanna Humphries, Chloe Robinson, Alexis Neilson, Brooke Muddle.

Finally it would be great to see you all at Presentation Day on Wed 12th Dec and congratulations to all those award winners but particularly Rhianon Denniss and Rigby Vane-Wood for being Sportman/woman of the Year for the 3rd year in a row!! (also well done to Murray house for winning the House Cup). Have a safe and happy Xmas holiday.

F Fardell (Sports Organiser)



Year 7 Pottery

English Faculty News

Year 7 Spelling Championship

On Thursday, 13th December, year 7 will compete in an inaugural Spelling Championship. At the moment, contenders are being chosen from class groups, with the competition words being drawn from the Year 7 class lists. Two contestants from each class will compete, with two reserves in case of absence. All students have been given a chance to participate, and challenge for the opportunity to take part in the final Championship.

In the event of a final tie, unseen spelling words will be used to determine the winner. This has been an enlivening exercise, with students already competing enthusiastically to be in the final heats.

Nothing Matters More Than Reading

Mrs Shumack has initiated a movement titled NMMTR - Nothing Matters More Than Reading - to stimulate student interest in this valuable skill. She has started something of a groundswell, with students keen to name their favourite books, and recommend them to others for holiday reading. Classes have been surveyed, with the recommended books added to lists on a noticeboard near the English staffroom. This display has attracted interest, and hopefully will encourage students to visit the library for holiday reading to improve their skills and find new pleasure in reading.

Public Speaking

Junior public speaking has been concluded, with the winners as follows:-

Year 7 First - Chelsea Gallagher; Second - Melissa Bridges; Third - Shayley Anderson

Year 8 First - Sophie Bale; Second - Melanie Rumbel; Third - Zac van Dam

Year 9 First - Jack Riley; Equal Second - Thomas Everett and Tyra Hayden; Third - Sam Neilson. Highly commended - Maeve Shumack; Mel McLarty;

The standard of speaking was impressive, and the students who took part are commended for their willingness to participate.

Year 12 HSC Results

Year 12 students can access their HSC Results on Wednesday 19 December and their ATARs from 9am on Thursday 20 December on the relevant websites.

We always celebrate the Results and ATARs with a Results Breakfast and would like to invite all Year 12 to attend on Friday 21 December at 8am in the MPC.

CAREERS NEWS

2013 HSC RULES AND PROCEDURES

This booklet has been issued to all students in Year 11. Every aspect of the HSC is explained in this booklet including information about assessments, completing courses, examination details and HSC results.

This information is also available online on the Board of Studies website.

PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATES

Last week, Year 11 students were presented with their Preliminary Certificates from the Board of Studies which records their progress to date.

Students who are studying VET subjects, also received a Statement of Attainment which listed the competencies they have achieved.

How to Request RoSA credentials

RoSA (Record of School Achievement) credentials will only be sent to eligible Year 10 school leavers at the end of this year. To be eligible a student must have:

- attended a government school, an accredited non-government school or a recognised school outside NSW
- completed courses of study that satisfy the Board's curriculum and assessment requirements for the RoSA
- completed Year 10.

For Year 10 students leaving the school system this year, hard copies of the RoSA credentials will be sent to the student address

supplied by the school to arrive on or before Friday, 14 December, provided the Board is notified by 30 November.

Online results

Online records of courses studied and results will be made available for schools to see from 10 December.

Students will be able to access, print or download results on [Students Online](#) on the Board of Studies website, <http://studentonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/>, from 12 December. Students can use their school-provided email address to activate their [Students Online](#) account.

MADD NIGHT THIS WEEK



This Wednesday night we will be holding a MADD Night...that is Music/Art/Drama and Dance. This will be a great night of a variety of performances with students ranging from Year 7 to our very New Year 12 classes.

In collaboration between the Creative Arts departments, Drama students will combine with Music and Art to present an Asian based play

'The Story of Rama and Sita'

The performance will contain Music from BALI performed by Year 7 students who have been working on authentic Balinese melodies on various percussion instruments and Balinese flutes called 'Sulings' which have been imported for the occasion.

Students from the Year 10 Drama class will perform and narrate the play and costume masks have been made by Year 9 Art students specifically for this performance.

We are hoping that the inclusion of Asian studies in the CAPA area will allow us to present more Music, Drama and Art in the future. As well as this performance there will be Drama, Dance and Music for the rest of the night.

MADD night commences at 7pm in the Dungog High Multi Purpose Centre at a cost of \$4 per adult and \$2 per student/child. Of course the students performing will gain free entry.

Come along and enjoy the show...it should be fun!!!!

FLASH MOB DANCE

This Thursday the sports group 'Flash Mob Dance' will once again travel to Newcastle to perform at various venues in the City.

The idea of 'Flash Mob' is to go to a crowded place and suddenly burst into dance....we should do this well!!! Students have been dancing this term for Sport and have been working very hard in sometimes very hot weather to complete three dances for this occasion.

'LIVE SITES' in Newcastle have once again supported this event by subsidising the bus which is excellent.....Thank you to Newcastle!

The dances this year feature a 'Bollywood' theme and a little touch of Katie Perry's 'Firework' and MC Hammer's 'U Cant Touch This.' Good luck to the students involved.

The year in the Support Class has been busy and huge amounts of fun!

Last week was International Disability Day and our students enjoyed a day out Monday at Sailability on Grahamstown Dam sponsored by



Port Stephens Council. A puppet show with morning Tea in The Doug Walters Pavilion Tuesday sponsored by Dungog Council. A fun time was had by all.

Highlights of the year included Bryce Lloyd winning two gold medals at the Transpacific games for Special Olympics and Jai Darr winning three gold medals at the Special Olympics Youth Nationals. While Melissa Nelson and Dylan Saunders competed in sailing events throughout the year winning many gold and silver medals.



To celebrate Christmas, the support Class has put together a hamper to raffle in the last week of school. Tickets are available from the support Class.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and look forward to a successful and fun filled 2013.

From the Support Class.

Newcastle W Jets coaching visit

Last Tuesday two representative soccer players from the Newcastle W-Jets visited the school. Students who had previously been involved with the either the school's open or Junior Girls soccer team were invited to attend the coaching session with the W-Jets Players.

This was a great opportunity to experience the type of training the W-Jets players are involved in order to play for a professional sporting team. It was also fantastic experience for our students to realise some of the opportunities for women in sport.

The day was extremely hot but it didn't deter the girls from practicing some fitness and skill drills with the W-Jets players. They also had chance to find out more about what it was like to play for the team and how they had become involved in the sport.

A big thanks to Angela Salem and Tori Huster from the W-Jets for giving up their time to visit us. They did a great job and the students enjoyed the experience along with receiving free tickets to the next home game.

The visit was organised in conjunction with Northern NSW Soccer. Tony Wilson

Coming Events

Dec

- 10 'CyberSmart' 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
Swimming Carnival Day 1 during sport.

Feb

- 5-8 Drama Excursion to Sydney
- 5 Uniform Shop open
- 12 Uniform Shop open
- 18-22 Yr12 Construction Work Placement
- 7 & 14 Swimming Carnival Days 2 & 3 during sport

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 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 10 : 10th to 14th December

Mon	K McDonald, N Turner
Tues	R Arkinstall, T Cushway, M Pritchard
Wed	A Howton
Thurs	L Tull, P Argent
Fri	J Wilkinson, S Biesler

Week 11 : 17th to 19th December

Mon	S Hallett, N Eyb, M Herbert
Tues	G Edwards, C Everett, S Hooke
Wed	L Wand, S Hitchens

SEAHAM NETBALL CLUB

REGISTRATION DAYS

Saturday 9th February 2013

Saturday 23rd February 2013

Seaham Public School 10am – 12noon

Uniforms available on the day.

For further inquiries contact either Tracey Marks,
Registrar on 49886979

Or Clinton Bridge, President on 4988 6921.

New players to SNC will need to bring along their birth certificate.