

Dungog High School News



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Term 4 Week 9

3rd December 2012



Principal.

International Disability Day, Monday 3rd

On Monday this week we are celebrating the International Disability Day. This is a day that is set aside to remind everyone that people with disabilities also have many *abilities* – and it is our abilities by which we define ourselves.

Our Special Education students and staff will be marking the day practicing the skills they have been learning during their sports days – sailing on Grahamstown Dam. Many of us will wish that we could be out there with them, particularly after the heat of last week.

Year 7 Orientation day

On Wednesday 5th December we will be welcoming our new year 7 students and parents to their Orientation to High School Day. We hold this day each year to allow all the incoming students to have the opportunity to meet each other and become familiar with the school and its routines.

Many of these students have already spent time at the school for various reasons: we run special days for students from small schools, have hosted Education Week activities for students from all our local primary schools and have invited primary students to take part in programs managed by different faculties, such as PDHPE. The Uniform Shop will be open on this day and book packs will be available for purchase from the Canteen.

Peer Support Camp

One of the most important features of the Orientation Day and the ongoing support of the new year 7 students is the Peer Support Program. Students from years 9 and 10 volunteer to work closely with a small group of year 7 students and help them through the transition to high school. The support is intensive through term 1 then becomes more as-needed. I have discussed the program with senior students who have told me that they stay close to their peer support students throughout high school, providing an extra layer of help to their group as they go develop.

I had the opportunity to visit the year 9 and 10 students in their Leadership Camp last week. They spend a week at Shoal Bay Caravan Park with a team of teachers, learning how to work as leaders in supporting the younger students. The program has been in place for a number of years and has been refined through experience to the high level it is at present. It is a very impressive program and the students were working hard to learn all they needed to do their best. Equally impressive were the students themselves – it is very special to be able to watch young people maturing and taking on responsibility; this was very much in evidence in the short time I was able to be with them.

Special thanks to the staff who manage the camp and the program. Ms Rowley, Mr Francey, Ms Daffy, Ms McLarty and Mrs Trappel.

New HT PDHPE

Mrs Michelle Wilson has been confirmed as the new Head teacher PDHPE. Mrs Wilson has been relieving in this role since the transfer of Mr Jim Papworth last year. She now has the responsibility of continuing the effective management of this very successful faculty and taking it forward with her own leadership. She will be an excellent leader for this faculty.

Cyber Smart Seminar Monday 10th

A reminder that the seminar /presentation on cyber bullying and what staff, parents and community members can do to challenge its increasing hold over many of our young people will be held in the school library on Monday 10th December. It will commence at 5.00pm and will finish by 6.30. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Presentation Day Wednesday 12th

Our annual Presentation Day will be held on Wednesday 12th December, commencing at 10.30am. This is the culmination of the year's work and acknowledges those students who have excelled in academic courses, sport and development to maturity. All community members are welcome to attend.

Uniform Shop Opening times

The Uniform shop will be open on Wednesday 5th (Orientation Day) and Tuesday 11th. This will allow an extra opportunity for parents to purchase any items their children will need for the new school year.

Inappropriate clothing at school

Students have been informed about the requirements for wearing appropriate uniform and the sanctions that will be applied if they fail to do so. Recent warm weather has led to some female students wearing inappropriate short shorts to school. These are fashion items and not for school wear.

If a staff member makes a complaint to me about any item of clothing worn by a student, I have to respond. I have had a number of comments lately about the shorts – if a teacher's job is made more difficult because of the inappropriate nature of a student's clothing, then that teacher has the right to exclude the student from their class. I have sent students home to get changed or had a parent bring in a change of clothing. If this was not possible, the student remained with me or the DP for the day; their uniform will be checked the next day to confirm that it is appropriate for a classroom.

Please ensure that your student wears uniform and that what they wear is appropriate – no short shorts, blouses unbuttoned to mid chest, boys' shorts exposing underwear.

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

SPORTS REPORT

What a hot one it was last Thursday! It sure felt hotter than the 33°C that was predicted. If it is that hot again this week then all sports will be transferred to Dungog pool for sport. Of course it is important when you are exercising in the heat to wear a hat and sunblock, drink plenty of water and rest in the shade when not playing. It is still very disappointing to see the lack of hats being worn out on the sporting fields even on hot days like last Thursday.

Congratulations to the following students for their personal best efforts at sport last week: Cameron Hawes, Ella Duncan, Kate Papadopoulos, Georgia Bannister, Ashley Fordham, Brooke Redman, Sam Salter, Jordan McFadyen-Pritchard, Anna Gehrig, Courtney Wevers, Jarod Ford, Sarah Boland, Anneke Maiden, Gus Lawrence, Nathan Keen and Nikisha Cooper.
F Fardell (Sports Organiser)

CAREERS NEWS

EARLY ENTRY TO UNE

Congratulations to Year 12 students Olivia Buckley, Stephanie Hodges, David Muddle, Sophie Simmons and Georgia Snowdon who have all been offered admission to the University of New England at Armidale. In Term 3, they had all applied for Early Entry by completing application forms at school and having them endorsed by the Principal.

The Early Entry Scheme acknowledges that exam and assessment results do not always reflect the true abilities of some Year 12 students and therefore accept that principal's and teachers' recommendations are another guide to success in tertiary education. The Scheme also acknowledges that some Year 12 students may have been disadvantaged educationally, socially or physically and this provides another means of entry to the University.

These offers mean that these students do not have to worry now about their ATAR results and whether their Rank will be high enough to get into University in 2013.

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEE SUCCESS

Kimberley Farley has been a School Based Trainee at Dillons Real Estate this year. She decided at the end of Year 10 in 2011 that this would be part of her career plan to work in the Real Estate industry. With this in mind, she approached Dillons and explained to them about School Based Trainees – they usually work one day a week in the workplace and attend school on the remaining four days. As well, they undertake to complete the relevant vocational subject for the industry. In Kimberley's case, she enrolled with OTEN (TAFE by distance) to study Property Services and this counted as one of her subjects for Year 11.

Recently, Kimberley was offered a full-time traineeship with Dillons based on her excellent work attitude and commitment. We wish her well in the future and are sure that she will be successful in whatever she chooses to do.

We would like to thank Dillons for taking on Kimberley. She has been their first School Based Trainee and her success is also due to their support.

If you are in Year 10 and would like to know more about School Based Traineeships, see Ms Smith (Careers).

PHIL & MARY ATKIN - OUTWARD BOUND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Phil and Mary Atkin lived in Dungog for 50 years, from 1946 until 1996. They raised their family of six children in Dungog. Both Phil and Mary were active in contributing to various community organisations. They made major contributions to Rotary, Red Cross, Dungog Hospital Board and Ladies Auxiliary and Legacy.

In memory of their parents' life in Dungog, and in gratitude for what they themselves have gained from the community of Dungog, Phil and Mary's family, along with Outward Bound Australia, have established a scholarship in their parents' name. The scholarship allows for attendance at an Outward Bound Challenge Course. The scholarship is awarded to a person who is:

- ✿ a resident of the Dungog Shire
- ✿ at least 17 years of age at the time of application, and who demonstrates a commitment to:
 - making positive contributions to the lives of other people
 - his/her own personal development.

Year 11 students have all been sent an email with additional information about how to access this Scholarship and need to submit their name to Ms Smith (Careers) before the end of the week.

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.

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://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/>, from 12 December.

Students can use their school-provided email address to activate their [Students Online](#) account.

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

Dec

- 3 International Disability Day – Spec Ed students to Sailability
- 4 Spec Ed students to puppet show at Doug Walters Pavilion
- 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 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

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

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>