

Dungog High School News



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Term 4 Week 8

25th November 2013



Principal.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

As we are aware, the Commonwealth Government DER program that gave laptop computers to all year 9 students in NSW DEC schools has closed. The laptops that were available to this year's year 9 group are on loan from the school and will be returned later this year or early next year. We have been discussing the next step in our use of digital technology and, like most schools, **will be moving in 2014 to a BYOD model.**

The BYOD model builds on the systems that have been developed in the school and will allow students to use a device of their own choice in class. The existing pool of laptops from the DER program will be available as backup or to assist students where families have difficulty managing the cost of a device. We expect that some students will prefer to use their own laptop or tablet rather than their DER laptop; we will be happy to move these laptops into the pool available to other students.

There is no preferred model or type of device under BYOD, but certain features will be required to make the device compatible with the school's wireless system. With Christmas coming up, many parents will be thinking of a device as a good present for their child. To make this easier, I have attached information from the DEC that gives you the requirements for a laptop or tablet that will be compatible with the school's system.

Further information will be available as the DEC develops its response to these changes, particularly around internet security and the sites that students can access while at school. There will be contracts developed, probably similar to the ones that we have used with the DER programs, ensuring that student and parents are aware of the responsible use of laptops and tablets in school. I have seen these in draft form and expect that they will be available to us next year.

Fortunately for us the position of Technical Support Officer (TSO) has been extended into next year and its further continuance is under discussion at government level. We have been very conscious of the excellent work that Mr Smith has done with the DER laptops and generally with the school's IT program. He will continue to work with the many devices we have in the school – but will not be involved in the BYOD program. All devices brought to school under the BYOD program are the responsibility of the student: eg ensuring batteries are charged, assistance with software and hardware concerns.

Special Religious Education (SRE)

A full outline of the SRE program that operates at DHS for years 7 to 11 has been sent to us. It is now available for you to look at on the school's website.

You can get to this website through <http://www.dungog-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/special-religious-education-sre>

White Ribbon Day

Monday this week is White Ribbon Day. It is a day to think about the prevalence of and ways to prevent domestic violence. This is often a

hidden crime but it has huge effects on families and our community. At school, we are very aware of the effect on children and young people and do our best to counter it.

We will be taking our 6 School Leaders to the White Ribbon Day breakfast on Wednesday this week; we have invited Sarah U'Brien from the Dungog Community Centre to speak to all students at our Wednesday assembly.

If all families spoke about what this day is about, and the way domestic violence harms all the people involved, it could bring more understanding and perhaps a change of attitude.

Maureen Jarvis

STUDENT ACHIEVER OF THE WEEK AWARD

This week's recipient is: Lillian Hooke of Year 7. Nominated by PDHPE faculty for always aiming for her personal best, gives 100% across all areas of PDHPE, also encouraging others to be active and healthy.



Lillian will be receiving a certificate and a \$25 voucher.

Careers News

PILOT CAREERS

Basair in conjunction with Hunter Valley Aviation is holding an Information Evening 7-9pm on Thursday 5 December at the Harbourview Function Centre. Registration is required - www.basair.com.au

Hunter Valley Aviation is holding an Open Day on 7 December 9am-4.30pm at Cessnock Airport.

Take the controls and experience what it's like to be a pilot. 30 minute Trial Instructional Flights will be available on the day for \$90. An information session on becoming a pilot will also be held from 11.30am-12pm, followed by a free BBQ lunch. More information on 49 916 500 or www.huntervalleyaviation.com.au

OFFICE NOTICE

Due to the school's End of Financial Year Process no monies will be paid or taken on Friday 29th November and Monday 2nd December.
Please ensure all monies due are paid before this day.

Direct deposit bank details

BSB: 032-001 Account No. 140079

Reference: please quote **student** name and name of excursion or subject name. e.g. J Citizen Melb exc; Wood fees

Coming Events**NOV**

- 25-26 Volleyball Group to Bathurst
 28 Canteen Volunteers' Christmas Dinner
 29 National Young Leaders Day

DEC

- 4 Orientation Day Y6 – 7 in 2014
 4 Uniform Shop open 8am – 4pm (Wed)
 SRC Trivia Night, 5.30pm – 12 am
 10 Uniform Shop open 8am – 4pm (Tues)
 11 Annual Presentation Day, MPC, 10.30am – 12.00pm
 12 Newcastle Now, Flash Mob Dance
 18 Last day of Term for students
 19 Staff Development Day
 20 Staff Development Day

Jan

- 20-21 Uniform Shop Open, 8am – 4pm
 28 Term 1 begins - Staff only attend
 29 Year 7, 11, 12 students attend
 29 Uniform Shop Open, 8am – 4pm
 30 All students attend.

DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN**Roster****Week 8 : 25th to 29th November**

- Mon S Hallett, N Eyb, M Herbert
 Tues J Kellner, B Reeves
 Wed M Milburn, S Inglefield, K Mitchell, J Holmes
 Thurs S Kiddle, J Czaplewski,
 Fri S Crouch, C Easdown, R Kirkby

Week 9 : 2nd to 6th December

- Mon T Schumacher, M Gibbs, J Ross
 Tues
 Wed C Bridges, K Nairn, A Ellicott
 Thur K Eyb, J Saunders, K Hudson
 Fri D Marquet, L Dries, L McInnes, M Townsend

Christmas Giving Tree

Every year Dungog Shire Community Centre has Christmas hampers which they distribute to local families doing it a bit tough. This season Dungog High School is asking you to contribute to the hamper with in-date items of non perishable goods.

This is a great cause which you can involve the whole family in and we are inviting everyone to participate.

Let's all have a Merry Christmas this year!



Hamper donations are welcomed under the tree in the foyer at Dungog HS. Items needed by Wednesday 18th December.

NSW Government Schools Term Dates 2014	
Term 1 for school staff	<u>Tues, 28 January 2014</u> - <u>Fri, 11 April 2014</u>
Term 1 for students	<u>Wed, 29 January 2014</u> - <u>Fri, 11 April 2014</u>
Term 2 for school staff	<u>Mon, 28 April 2014</u> - <u>Fri, 27 June 2014</u>
Term 2 for students	<u>Tues, 29 April 2014</u> - <u>Fri, 27 June 2014</u>
Term 3 for school staff	<u>Mon, 14 July 2014</u> - <u>Fri, 19 September 2014</u>
Term 3 for students	<u>Tues, 15 July 2014</u> - <u>Fri, 19 September 2014</u>
Term 4 for students	<u>Tues, 07 October 2014</u> - <u>Wed, 17 December 2014</u>
Term 4 for teachers	<u>Tues, 07 October 2014</u> - <u>Fri, 19 December 2014</u>

[School development days](#) occur at the beginning of Terms 1, 2 and 3 and the last two days of the school year.

[School speed zones](#) operate on all gazetted school days, including school development days.

SKATEBOARD HUBS HUNTER

HUNTER STREETWISE
SUMMER 2013/14

COME AND LEARN TO SKATE AT THE DUNGOG SKATEPARK WITH SKATEBOARDING AUSTRALIA. SKATEBOARDS AND HELMETS PROVIDED IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE!

SAT 7TH DEC
10-12PM

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FREE EVENT

REGISTRATIONS REQUIRE PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND EVENT UPDATES, VISIT SBA.ORG.AU/HUBS

NO WHISTLES NO BOUNDARIES

#SBA2014

BYOD Device Requirements Checklist

Wireless Connectivity

Wireless Connectivity is key to BYOD devices in schools!
Devices must support **5Ghz** dual band wireless or 802.11 a/b/g/n (Make sure it supports both 'a' and 'n')



Operating System

To ensure the latest programs and software are compatible, we recommend the current or previous version of any operating system. E.g. iOS 6 & 5 for iPads/iPods

Battery Life

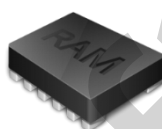
Minimum 5hrs



Devices need to last the school day, we recommend a minimum of 5hrs battery life

Memory and RAM

16 GB Storage 2 GB RAM



To be able to store and process data effectively these minimum specifications are recommended

Hardware Features

Camera & Microphone



These are necessary to ensure students can participate in 21st century learning activities, a stylus or keyboard may also be useful

Screen Size

Reasonable Size



Ensure the screen is of a reasonable size to enable ease of use throughout a school day

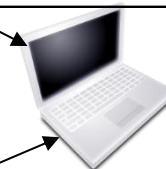
Other essential considerations

Casing: Needs to be tough and sturdy, can it be dropped without breaking?

Weight: Is the laptop light enough for your child to carry each day?

Durability: Consider the overall durability of the device, are the keys and inputs sturdy

Look for a tough and thick outer shell



Remember this device is expected to last several years

Accessories



Carry Case: A Carry case or skin is essential in protecting your device and can provide ergonomic advantages

Insurance: Devices can become lost or be broken easily at school, make sure your policy covers these eventualities

Warranty: Make sure you consider purchasing extra warranty to reduce future repair costs as these devices will be used extensively