

Dungog High School News

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Term 4 Week 7

17th November 2014



Principal.

P&C meeting

We usually have only one P&C meeting in term 4 each year, so it was good to see a core of parents and friends of the school at last week's meeting. There were three presentations that P&C members said they appreciated and enjoyed.

The first two presentations were to show the P&C how the funds donated for particular programs had been used. Ms Archer and Mrs Neilson spoke about the Business Studies Enterprise Day, which is now in its second year. The P&C had donated \$1000 to get this program up and running. It has proven to be a great success with the year 11 Business Studies students and the rest of the school. The students worked in groups of 4 to come up with a business idea, create the product, research the market, gain sponsorship and then sell the product to the rest of the school on the Business Enterprise Day. Any profits made on the day were donated to a charity of the students' choice.



The second presentation was by Ms McLarty. She outlined the Peer Tutor Reading Scheme; the P&C has provided \$2000 to cover the cost of the TAFE course that the reading tutors complete to gain qualifications to work in this program. Not only do these students gain the recognised TAFE qualification, they give freely of their time to help younger students to improve their literacy and numeracy. This has been a very successful program over a number of years and has achieved some outstanding successes for our students.

Ms McLarty also thanked the P&C for funding the Student of the Week program – one student is selected by the executive and staff each week for showing by their actions that they understand the school's values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best. Each of these students is noted in the weekly newsletter and gains a \$25 voucher. By recognising and rewarding these students, the P&C is helping them gain confidence and showing other students the type of actions that we value.

The third presentation was about where we are up to with our Strategic Plan. This Plan will govern the school's operation for the next three years. Many people have contributed to its development, and the P&C will be consulted further as it is nearing completion.

Dungog Year 10 Class of 84 Reunion

A group of ex-students recently held a reunion in Dungog and spent some time on a trip down memory lane around the school. This week I received a letter from the organisers – they had all had a wonderful weekend, loved the new look of the school and were grateful for their tour guides – Val Cross, Denise McKinna and Ros Gavin.

They also donated a cheque to the school. We will use this donation toward the refurbishment of the old school bell – I have seen some recent photos of it and it is looking amazing. We are waiting for a plinth to support it and then it will be placed in the school foyer.

Congratulations to present and past students



Melissa Nelson, who graduated from year 12 in 2012 has been selected to represent Australia in the World Special Games in Los Angeles next year - she is one of the two sailors from NSW selected to compete. This is an outstanding achievement and we congratulate her and her family, Annette and Gary, for the hard work they have put in over a number of years. Melissa started sailing as a sport when she was at school; Special Education students still go sailing as part of their sport so maybe we will see others following in Melissa's footsteps.

Dungog High School Vision : *Dungog High School educates individuals to be contributing members of a modern global society. It provides a positive working and learning environment where people feel valued and are responsible, knowledgeable citizens.*

- We focus on respect, responsibility and personal best
- We encourage initiative, innovation and leadership
- We value individual differences

- We respond to our local, national and international contexts and student needs
- We provide a range of experiences that challenge individuals to explore and interact with the world.
- We provide a broad, responsive curriculum focussed on excellence.



Billy Jack Taylor is one of this year's year 12 graduating class. His Industrial Arts project has been nominated for inclusion in this year's InTech exhibition as part of the Working with Wood Show. This nomination is an honour for any student. We congratulate Billy Jack for an outstanding project as part of his HSC study.



Sunsafe Policy

As part of the school's Sport Policy, we encourage all students to be Sun Safe during sport. Sun screen is available and students should bring a hat with them if they are doing an outside sport.

I have asked all staff to be extra vigilant in this hot weather to ensure students don't put themselves at risk by spending long periods in the sun without any cover. Can I ask all parents to remind their children to bring hats and sunscreen on sport days.

When students are involved in PE lessons outside the classroom, they are always encouraged to use the sunscreen that the staff provide.

Maureen Jarvis



Our School Presidents representing Dungog High at the Remembrance Day Service

STUDENT ACHIEVER OF THE WEEK AWARD

This week's recipient is: Gus O'Brien Cavanough Year 10

Gus is a positive role model for all students at DHS both within the classroom and wider community. On a recent trip to Sydney for a year 10 History excursion Gus showed extreme respect to our guide and survivor of the holocaust Olga. His sensitivity to the nature of the excursion and historical knowledge is to be commended.

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



CAREERS NEWS

YEAR 9 & 10 SCIENCE EXPERIENCE AT UNE

Over the summer break, UNE will be hosting the ConocoPhillips Science Experience. This three day camp is for current Year 9 and 10 students and designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of hands-on science activities under the guidance of Scientists who love their work.

It is being held from the 13th through to the 15th of January 2015, on campus. Further information and registration application is available at <http://www.scienceexperience.com.au/> Sponsorship: The event is sponsored by Rotary International. They will assist with covering the registration costs if a student approaches their local rotary club and applies for sponsorship to attend the event.

Accommodation: Students are welcome to stay on campus for the two nights during the event, for a charge of \$80. This will include all their meals and social activities during that time.

Congratulations Zoe

Year 7 student Zoe Butler was recently selected in the U12's Girls Northern NSW Futsal State Team to play in the AFA Futsal National Titles from Sunday 11th – Wednesday 14th January 2015 at Penrith Indoor Centre.

Zoe has played the past 2 years for the Hunter Hawks U12's Girls team competing at the Northern NSW Football State Championship held in Coffs Harbour and recently decided to give Futsal (indoor soccer) a try. After playing in a recent 3 week selection tournament in the Hunter, Zoe received notification of her selection in the Northern NSW team.



Health Information

- Aerosol Deodorant/body spray

Out of concern for the health of a number of our students, **no aerosol deodorant or body spray is to be used at school** (this includes inside and outside of buildings, in the bus bays, on the bus, in the playground etc.) We have many students who are affected by the deodorants/body sprays, some to the extent that their airways will close up and may result in a medical emergency. Please use alternative deodorant (eg. Roll on) if needed and students are strongly encouraged to bring their sports shirts/clothes for PE lessons/sport, that they can change into/out of.

- Sun Safety

Students are strongly encouraged to wear hats and use sunscreen when they are out in the sun. Over the past few years we have had a number of campaigns to reinforce the Slip, Slop, Slap, Slide and Seek message, including tickets for sunsafe students to win prizes, poster competitions (the winning posters are up around the school reminding students to be sunsafe), house competitions etc. Sunscreen is provided and encouraged to be used for all outside PE lessons and is available for sport and at break times. It is a concern, the number of students who choose not to bring and wear a hat (many who say they do not own a hat) and who do not choose to apply sunscreen. We have applied for a grant for extra shade at school (through the Cancer Council), although this year were unsuccessful (over 300 schools applied) and we are looking at alternative funding to assist in creating more shady areas in the school, combined with other strategies to create a more sunsafe environment. We are continually looking at ways to encourage students to take responsibility for their own health and be sunsafe.

- Health Care Plans

Health care plans have started to be sent out for updating or confirmation that details have not changed. They will continue to be sent out over the next few weeks. We ask that you please check these and send them back in with any necessary changes, or signed to confirm they are correct. Thank you to the families who have already sent them back in. If your child has a health issue that we are not aware of, please contact the school so that we can send the required paperwork home and work toward creating a health care plan for them. It is important for us to have the appropriate information for the best care for your child.

Mrs M Wilson
(Head Teacher PDHPE/CAPA)

HSIE Site Study Excursion

Year 7, 8 and 10 History students have been busy over the last couple of weeks attending their compulsory Site Study excursions. The HSIE site study excursions are a compulsory part of the History and Geography syllabus for all students in Years 7 to 10. Students who do not attend these excursions are required to complete an independent site study research project during their own time.

Year 7 and 8 students spent the day in Sydney attending two wonderful programs run at The Big Dig. The first program is called Cesspits and Old Rubbish and teaches the students how archaeologists work to uncover evidence about society. The second program revolved around Aboriginal Dreaming in and around The Rocks.

Year 10 students also spent the day in Sydney. They had two excursions on the day. The first was to Sydney Aquarium where they were able to explore the different areas and examine all the different types of water life on display. The second excursion was a little more emotional for the students as we visited the Sydney Jewish Holocaust Museum. The students listened to Olga, who is a survivor of the Holocaust, who told the story of her life and experiences during World War II. The students then had a guided tour of the Museum.

The students had a great time and were excellent representatives for the school.



Positive Behaviour for Learning

Dungog High saw the last PBL Awards Assembly for 2014 held in the M.P.C. on Wednesday the 12th November. Once again, there was an impressive amount of students receiving awards this term which shows that our PBL values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best are being upheld by the students in a wide range of events, subjects and activities.

The recipients this term are:-

YEAR 7

YEAR ADVISOR'S AWARDS:- Jack Fisher, William Eveleigh, Emily Geale, Scout Northam, Clare Richardson, Alesha Leayr, Liam Key, Sarsha Venables, Markayla Whitbread, Savannah Sanderson, Daniel Vasic, Daniel Rumbel, Harry Garrett, Hope Rolls, Miracle Urban and Matthew Edwards

THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:- Jack Fisher, Scout Northam, Clare Richardson, Alesha Leayr, Liam Key, Hope Rolls, Miracle Urban.

YEAR 8

YEAR ADVISOR'S AWARDS:- Tara Tolhurst x 2, Alexander Clayton x 2, Hannah Lynch, Ziz O'Brien-Cavanough, Louis Williams x 2, Hannah Long, Evie Bradshaw-West x 7, Thomas Hudson, Allissa Redman x 2, Eliza Gallagher, Olivia Hannan, Harry Flynn x 4, Abigail Pritchard x 4, Annie Shumack x 3, Shannon Smith

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:- Evie Bradshaw-West x 2, Harry Flynn, Abigail Pritchard, Annie Shumack

YEAR 9

YEAR ADVISOR'S AWARDS:- Ian Brockwell, Ellie Huckstadt, Cameron Hipwell, Gus Lawrence, Melissa Bridges, Eloise Hitchens, Ian Parsons.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:- Ellie Huckstadt, Cameron Hipwell, Mel Bridges, Ian Parsons.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:- Cameron Hipwell

YEAR 10

YEAR ADVISOR'S AWARDS:- Kiarni Griffiths, Tristan Beisler, Brett Eyb, Ashley Taylor, Claudia Tull, William Hickey, Olivia Key, Gus O'Brien Cavanough.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:- Ashley Taylor, Olivia Key, Gus O'Brien Cavanough, William Hickey.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:- Rachael Pace, William Hickey, Zac Van Dam.

Congratulations go to all the above students for their commendable efforts this term. Well done and have a great break.

J.Kun.



Schools Cup Volleyball

Four Dungog High School teams competed in this tournament. Open Girls, U/17 Boys, U/15 Boys and Girls.

Both of the older teams achieved medals, with the 17's Boys winning gold and the Open Girls winning silver. A great outcome for both teams who have shown an improvement because of their dedication to training.

The juniors participated in their first tournament and came away with valuable lessons in how to play volleyball. The junior boys were particularly pleased to win their first sets against other schools.



Guest Speaker – Lorin Nicholson

On Monday 10th November, the school was lucky enough to have Lorin Nicholson visit the school and speak to both staff and students. Lorin was born with a condition which has meant that he is legally blind and has been for his entire life. As a child his sight was about 10% that of a person with perfect vision. As a child Lorin learned to play the guitar despite his vision and has overcome a great deal of adversity in his life.



While at the school Lorin spoke to the SRC about his life, played a few songs and spoke about leadership and what it means to be a leader. The students found this to be very useful and enjoyed their time with Lorin immensely.



Lorin then spent some time with one of our students who suffers a visual impairment, before addressing the entire school. Lorin spoke about his life and the wonderful things he has achieved, such as riding his bicycle across Australia, as well as some of the less pleasant parts of his life, like being bullied at school.

Some students were even given the opportunity to experience what it is like to have a vision impairment with the aid of a pair of glasses that were painted with small holes that were blurred. I tried on these glasses and could not even make out the shape of my own hand right in front of my face.



Once again, Lorin played a few songs for the students which was a pleasant way to spend the afternoon.

SOME CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 4 2014					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	17 November Yr10 PASS Excursion	18 November Yr 12 Formal	19 November Peer Support Camp Spec Ed Swimming Prog Junior AECG Culture and Country	20 November Peer Support Camp Spec Ed Sport Program Yr8 Outdoor Rec Paddle Boarding	21 November Peer Support Camp
8	24 November Yr9 Melbourne Excursion	25 November Yr9 Melbourne Excursion Yr11 Anc Hist Study Day Uniform Shop 8am-4pm	26 November Yr9 Melbourne Excursion Spec Ed Swimming Prog	27 November Yr9 Melbourne Excursion Spec Ed Sport Program AECG Meeting	28 November Yr9 Melbourne Excursion Junior AECG Culture and Country
9	1 December	2 December	3 December Yr6 Orientation Day Uniform Shop 8am-4pm Sp Ed Swim Program Junior AECG Country and Culture	4 December Spec Ed Sport Program	5 December
10	8th December	9th December Uniform Shop 8am-4pm	10th December Murrook Camp Annual Presentation Day 10.30am MPC	11th December Murrook Camp Y9 PASS excursion Special Ed Sport Program	12th December Murrook Camp Sexting & Cyber bullying workshop.

France and Italy Tour – April 2016

A reminder to all interested staff and students that your booking form, insurance form, passport/birth certificate and deposit must be paid to the office no later than **21 November 2014**. Given the overwhelming expressions of interests we received for the tour from the five schools invited (Dungog, Mount View, Gloucester, Bulahdelah and Francis Greenway), the number of travellers will be capped at a maximum of 50 – placement on the tour will be according to the date we receive your paperwork and payment. If you need another copy of any of the documentation or if you have any questions, please see Ms Archer in the HSIE staffroom.

DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN

Roster

Week 7 : 17th to 21st November

Mon K McDonald, J Chant, K Viners
 Tues G Edwards, C Everett, S Hooke, L Kearney
 Wed C Wheeler, L Lovegrove, L Wallace
 Thurs M Muddle, H Urban, K Rowe
 Fri J Wilkinson, J Saunders, A Endersby

Week 8 : 24th to 28th November

Mon S Hallett, N Eyb, J Pevy, L Hunt
 Tues G Edwards, C Everett, S Hooke, L Kearney
 Wed M Dew, F Pike
 Thurs K Eyb, K Hudson
 Fri S Crouch, R Kirkby, K Salter,

