

Dungog High School News

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School Hours: 8.55am-3.25pm; Office Hours: 8.30am-3.30pm during school terms

Term 4 Week 8

24th November 2014



Principal.

Year 12 formal

It was a real pleasure to attend the 2014 year 12 formal last week. The venue was the

Merewether Beach House, a beautiful place for the students to make their last night of celebration together. Many teachers, parents and friends were present, making it a family and school celebration. Boys and girls – no, young men and women – looked wonderful and were obviously very happy to be in each other's company on this special night.

Congratulations to Mrs Susan Judd and her team – it was a very special event that was full of joy.



HSC Early Entry

We have received information from one university that some of our year 12 students have gained early entry to their university courses. This is the first of what should be a representative group of universities making these offers. It is a huge relief for the students, who know that they have already been accepted, pending their HSC results. Well done all the students who applied – it is always worth the effort and is a great result.

Melbourne excursion

The year 9 Melbourne excursion starts this week – students and staff fly to Melbourne very early on Monday and return on Friday. We have organised this excursion for a number of years, and it has been extremely popular with students, who are often surprised at the extent of their learning through the very many experiences that they have in this great city.

This is not a mandatory excursion, but it offers a great deal to the students – visits to the science museum/planetarium, the Victorian Parliament in the week leading up to their state election, Sovereign Hill gold-rush recreation and many other highlights.

I will emphasise that this is not a holiday for students – if it were, the school would not be doing it. The aim of the excursion is to provide life experiences that broaden the understanding of our students. We expect them to enjoy their time together and have fun, but this is not the primary purpose of the excursion.

I thank the teachers who have given up their own time with their families to allow our students to go on this excursion. This is not “part of their job” but an additional imposition that they do not have to agree to. At DHS we are very fortunate that our teachers do respond strongly to the needs of their students and allow long excursions like this one to happen.

Peer Support Camp

Last week a number of year 9 and 10 students were involved in a camp that prepares them to help our new year 7 students settle in to high school next year. The students become Peer Support Leaders; they are learning about leadership, working with their peers, negotiating for students with other students and staff, helping the year 7 students understand what is expected of them in high school.

This is a big responsibility for our students and they have, as usual, come through brilliantly. Congratulations to the teachers and students who were the trainers on this camp, giving the new leaders a real insight into helping and leading others.

Maureen Jarvis

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.

STUDENT ACHIEVER OF THE WEEK AWARD

This week's recipient is: James Jenkins Year 10

James consistently applies himself to tasks in class and produces quality work. James wrote an enjoyable and clever piece of creative writing, which both impressed and entertained. Well done James.

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

**CAREERS NEWS****TAX FILE NUMBERS**

The Australian Taxation Office has decided not to continue The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015 - The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN. Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC27248'

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC22604'

Dungog High School Year 7 2015 Orientation Day

Dear Year Six Students,

You are invited to
Dungog High School's Orientation Day 2014.

Time: 9:15am – 3:25pm

Date: Wednesday, 3rd December, 2014 (Week 9)

Where: Dungog High School

Travel: Year 6 students may wish to travel to school on the school buses. Bus companies are aware this maybe the case.

Program: General Information Session in the MPC (Students, parents/caregivers and teachers)

Meet your Peer Support Leaders and Groups

Recess 1

Peer Support Activities

Recess 2

Mini Lessons

Lunch

Various activities such as Music and Drama Performances

What you need to bring: pens, notebook, lunch/recess or money for canteen (see information book for prices)

Parents & Carers are welcome to attend.

In the morning session, there will be a welcome and introduction to the school. The Transition Coordinator will then explain the transition process, outline school policies and support networks.

There will be a tour of the school and time to discuss any concerns with Executive.

Uniform and book packs will be available for purchase on the day.

SOME CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 4 2014					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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	8 December	9 December Uniform Shop 8am-4pm	10 December Murrook Camp Annual Presentation Day 10.30am MPC	11 December Murrook Camp Y9 PASS excursion Special Ed Sport Program	12 December Murrook Camp Sexting & Cyber bullying workshop.
11	15 December Y9 HSIE excursion to Wet N Wild	16 December	17 December Last day for students	18 December Staff Development Day	19 December Staff Development Day

DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN**Roster****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,

**Week 9 : 1st to 5th December**

Mon J Ross, C Butler, F Hack
 Tues J Kellner, R Wevers, A Moss
 Wed M Milburn,
 Thurs L Tull, M Ince,
 Fri D Marquet, L Dries, L McInnes, M Townsend



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Families that receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or other eligible government payments can receive \$1000 basic dental treatment for children aged 2-17 years.

For eligibility phone Medicare 132 011
 For appointments call us today!

Sailability Port Stephens is running a "Learn to Sail" course at Grahamstown Dam, Grahamstown Road, Medowie, from Tuesday to Friday, 13-16 January 2015.

Age c.10 and up. cost: \$45 (Family up to 3 \$60).

Children with disabilities especially catered for.

Bookings essential.

Enquiries: 49817509 or

sailwithrichard@gmail.com

WEP Student Exchange – A Once-In-Lifetime Opportunity!

Ever wondered what it would be like to live in another country and to swap your vegemite sandwich for a pop tart or croissant? Applications for WEP Student Exchange Programs to over 25 countries around the world are now open for programs starting from July 2015 onwards. Choose from more than 100 short and long-term programs, designed to fit into your Australian schooling. Find out more today!

From Emily in France:

France has been amazing so far! I love everything and even though there is still a huge language barrier I've slowly started to understand more and more. The Paris Orientation was beautiful and I was so shocked that we actually managed to cover a lot of places in such a short amount of time.

The Australian and French schooling systems are definitely different from each other. All of my teachers are incredibly nice and understanding. I think in my first week I had a mini freak out because I couldn't understand one word but being able to easily participate in Math, English and Gym has definitely helped and reassured me. I've even done a few tests for different subjects and actually managed to answer parts of it.

I've made quite a few friends, friends of my host sister and friends of my own. They've all been incredibly nice and try to speak English as well as French to me. Although I can't understand what they say half of the time it's still nice to hear them talk.

I absolutely love my host family; they are nothing short of perfect! My host sisters are absolutely hilarious and my host parents are always trying to help me. The family has been very welcoming and they are trying to help me out all the time but they've also integrated me into their lives. We all went to Dijon last Saturday actually.

Request Program Information Now

Whether you wish to go overseas or host an exchange student in your home, request an information pack today to find out more about WEP's not-for-profit student exchange programs.

Visit: www.wep.org.au

Phone: 03 9598 4733 / 1300 884 733 (cost of a local call)

Email info@wep.org.au

In the picture: WEP exchange students from around the world during their orientation program in Paris



STALL HOLDERS WANTED

FUNDRAISING FUN DAY
Car show ,stalls,auction,and much more

DATE -17th January 15
TIME-9am to 2 pm
PLACE STROUD SHOW GROUND
Stall cost \$20 or \$25 powered
For any enquires contact
JULIE-on 0447653477 or email
Baby4x4@bigpond.com

Application form will be sent out on request

Brenton Teasdale is 30 years old Brenton has motor neuron disease come join us to raise money for brenton and his family and MND

THANK YOU TO THE STROUD LIONS CLUB FOR SUPPORTING THIS EVENT

**Saturday
December 6th
at 6:00 pm**

You are invited to join in
a combined churches event

Nine Lessons and Carols

in St. John's Anglican Church Stroud

A family friendly service led by

The Rev'd Chris. Garland (St John's)
The Rev'd Stephen Harris (Stroud Baptist Church)

Music will be led by the Stroud Choir
under the direction of Fran Carter

Assisted by the Stroud Brass Ensemble
under the direction of Oliver Wheeler

Organist: Jennifer Bullay

A Sausage Sizzle follows the carols. All are welcome



Stroud Seals Swimming Club will be taking a break this season!

To all our swimming club friends enjoy your break, Merry Christmas and keep safe, see you late 2015 for the 2015-2016 season.

We guarantee we will all be refreshed and ready to have the best season ever.

We are on Facebook please 'Like' us

Stroud Seals Committee

Book a stall at our Twilight Fair!
Saturday 13th December 2014

Opp the Rotunda, stall set up from 2:30pm
More details contact Karen 0414863045

Christmas Carols and Twilight Fair

Saturday 13th December 2014

This year we are having a Twilight Fair in conjunction with our Carols.

Stroud Brickthrowing Committee invite you to book a stall! Stall fee is £20.

Twilight fair will commence at 4pm stall set-up will be from 2:30pm.

Enjoy the Carols & Stroud Wind Ensemble from 6pm - 8pm.

Stall enquiries: Karen 0414863045



Stroud Lions Club have been hosting this wonderful event for many many years for our Stroud Valley Senior Citizens.

When you next see current Lion President Margaret Waters, ask her about the 'early' days of this much loved luncheon.



Stroud Lions Club



Invite you to our Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon

Stroud Country Club
Saturday 6 December at 11.30am

Transport is available on request.
Please notify us when you RSVP if you have any special dietary requirements.

RSVP by Wednesday 26 November
President Lion - Margaret Waters 0457 179 990
Secretary Lion - Jackie Versace 0413 132 915