

# Dungog High School News

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School Hours: 8.58am-3.20pm; Office Hours: 8.30am-3.30pm during school terms

Term 4 Week 6

9th November 2015



Principal.

## HSC exams and appeals

2015 HSC examinations are now officially completed. Appeals for all students who applied individually have been forwarded to BOSTES; I sent an appeal for all students based on the critical incidents we went through earlier this year that will have effects for an unknown time into the future. We should learn the outcome of all appeals in December.

## P&C meeting

The final P&C meeting for the year will be held on Thursday this week at 7.30 in the school library. Everyone is invited to attend and will be welcomed.

## PBL Assembly

Our last PBL assembly for the year will be held this Friday at 10.00am in the MPC. Parents of students who have achieved Principals and DP awards have been invited to attend. This assembly is a showcase for all the students who are living the school's values of respect, Responsibility and Personal Best. It is a credit to every one of them to be on the stage to receive their award and it has been a real pleasure to see the numbers steadily increasing over the year.

## Aspirations Survey Outcomes

On Friday last week Ms Smith, the Careers Adviser and I were invited to attend a meeting organised by Newcastle University's Faculty of Education. The topic was the first stage results of the Aspirations Project, which DHS has been part of over the last 4 years.

This project aims to understand what makes young people choose a particular career path. The project team has worked with the same group of students – over 5000 from many different city and regional schools – as they progress over 4 school years. We have had students from year 7 – 12 complete the survey each year.

The results will not be published this year, but the results as discussed were informative. For most young people, what they see around them, modelling from parents and family members, advice from school are all part of the decision making process. There are trends and fads – popular TV shows have influenced young people at different times – and sometimes young people make choices that have no apparent source.

The most critical outcome for us is that young people do watch what the people closest to them do and often follow without thinking if it is right for them. The need for them to talk to others, think carefully about their own interests and what they are good at and look around at what is available and possible were highlighted by many of the teachers and researchers present at the meeting.

I had to think of my own son, who had no real idea of what he wanted to do after school and is now working in a career that we did not know existed when he left school. Many young people will not know what they want and, given the rapidly changing careers and jobs outlook, keeping an open mind is not a bad idea – except for the stress it creates for parents.

*Maureen Jarvis*

**Dungog High School  
P & C Meeting  
Thursday 12th November 2015  
7.30pm in School Library  
All welcome.**

## From the Office:

### > Want to make a payment?

#### Parents Online Payments

Go to the schools website, <http://www.dungog-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/> and the **\$ Make a Payment** link will be on the front page. By selecting the link you will be taken to a secure Westpac Quickweb payment page.

There is an instruction manual on the website <http://www.dungog-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/schooling-costs>

*Please cease depositing directly into the school's bank account.*

### > Parent Portal (Sentral)

Sentral's parent portal provides parents with 24/7 access to important information about their child/children.

To use the Parent portal, you will need to register as a parent user. Each parent has been sent a letter from the school by Mr Curran, our Sentral Coordinator, explaining this simple process and providing you with a unique access code. You cannot register without this code. If you did not receive a letter, or if you lose your registration access code, you can contact the school for a new one.

You will be able to register for the Parent Portal at any time after receiving the letter.

### > Student Letterbox

To save students lining up and waiting to hand in notes or pay for excursions, fees, etc we have started a new system with a 'Student Letterbox'. Students can drop the following in the Letterbox:

- permission notes,
- absence notes,
- correct monies with permission note in a **sealed envelope**, and
- early leaver requests – (**note** all Thursday early leaver requests must **FIRST** be signed by the Deputy).

If a student does need change and/or a receipt to take home they will need to stay in line, or come back later to collect it.

**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.

### Hand, Foot and Mouth disease

We have been notified of a case of Hand, Foot and Mouth disease. This is a very common viral disease of childhood which is easily passed from person to person. It usually causes a mild illness. It is not at all related to the foot and mouth disease that affects animals.

Good hygiene is the best protection: wash hands with soap and water after going to the toilet, before eating, after wiping noses, and after changing nappies or soiled clothing.

Avoid sharing cups, eating utensils, items of personal hygiene (for example: towels, washers and toothbrushes) and clothing (especially shoes and socks). Thoroughly wash any soiled clothing.

Ensure the mouth and nose are covered when coughing and sneezing. Wipe the nose and mouth with tissues, dispose of used tissues and then wash your hands.

**Children with hand, foot and mouth disease should be excluded from school until their blisters have dried.**

For further information please call your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055 or visit NSW Health website <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au>

### CAREERS NEWS

#### EQUISTART STUD TOUR DAY

Sunday 15 November

Hunter Thoroughbred Breeders invite all current Year 10 students & parents as well as school leavers to attend a Stud Tour Day if interested in a School Based Traineeship or full time Traineeship in Equine Agriculture. Lunch provided for \$10 p/p.

Book now and reserve your seat on the bus by calling 0488150133 or email [careers@htba.com.au](mailto:careers@htba.com.au)

### RSA & RCG

Dungog Community College will be running a Responsible Service of Alcohol course on Friday 4 December and a Responsible Conduct of Gambling course on Friday 11 December, at the Dungog Bowling Club - 8.45am-3.15pm.

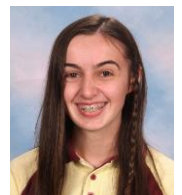
The cost for RSA is \$170, but for DHS students including those who've just finished Year 12 it is \$150. The cost for RCG is \$125, and combined RSA & RCG is \$230. Note that this fee includes the \$70 cost for the photo card.

For further information and to book go to [www.dungogcommunitycollege.org.au](http://www.dungogcommunitycollege.org.au)

### Student Achiever of the Week Award

**This week's recipient is:** Tara Tolhurst Year: 9

Tara Tolhurst is a keen History student who is motivated by her own love of learning. Tara is a great example for all students because she simply wants to find out as much as she can. For the Year 9 History research task about an aspect of the Industrial Revolution Tara wrote an outstanding report based on a huge range of sources. Her impressive effort for this task exceeded what is expected of a Year 9 student. Tara is a polite and attentive student in every lesson.



*Tara will receive a certificate and \$25 voucher.*

### Peer Support Camp 2015

Peer Support camp this year was an amazing experience for all those involved. After an introduction featuring a video made by past students discussing what they got out of the experience, the intrepid group embarked for a leisurely yet damp cruise of Nelson Bay. The leaders braved the cold water conditions and the rain to take on the boom and begin the vital bonding process that only a camp of this nature can provide. After a brisk hike back to Shoal Bay Caravan Park, the training sessions began. The unique aspect of Dungog High Schools Peer Support program is that the students essentially take complete control of the training of their peers with only the occasional advice from the organising teachers.

The camp provides students the opportunity to work with and lead their peers in a relaxed learning environment away from school. The students explore the features of leadership, how to communicate effectively and develop their understanding of how to initiate and maintain positive relationships. The students enter the camp as individuals but leave as a highly organised and supportive team.



### Uniform Shop Manager Position

This position will be available from the start of 2016.

The Manager is responsible for

- Opening and closing
- Ordering stock
- Managing the proceeds of sales
- Liaising with Daylight Sportswear company and DHS
- Other responsibilities as required by Daylight and DHS

Position description:

- Hours of business - alternate Tuesdays 8am to 4pm; additional times e.g. start of summer and winter seasons, orientation days
- Banking of monies
- Managing stock levels
- Salary of \$23.74 per hour is paid by Daylight

Application for the position is by presentation of CV to Principal, DHS, at close of business on Wednesday 11th November 2015.

Congratulations go to all of the students involved. The facilitators did an amazing job preparing their peers. Miss Gageler along with her helpers; Taylor Darlington and Emily Everett, organised bountiful supplies of sumptuous food. Mr Francey running the camp for the first time would like to acknowledge the amazing support he received from Ms McLarty, Miss Daffy, Miss Gageler and Melody McLarty. Well done everyone for making this Year's camp a memorable one.

### HSIE Faculty Report

#### 2016 European Study Tour

All students who are attending this tour need to ensure they have their permission note and passport to Ms Archer by 20th November. Emails have been sent in September and November with vital information about this tour – if you have not received these please see Ms Archer as soon as possible.

#### Year 8 Medieval Show 16th November 2015

The compulsory year 8 site study excursion is being held next Monday at school. It is a requirement of the HSIE syllabus that students undertake some form of excursion. If the compulsory excursion is not undertaken students are required to undertake an alternate task. Any student in Year 8 who has not paid by Thursday Recess will be required to do an alternate task. If you are unsure of whether you have paid for this excursion or need a new permission note please see Ms Archer as soon as possible.

### YEAR 12 PARTIAL ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES.

These procedures are based on:

- Schools OH&S requirement to know "who is on campus at any given time?"
- School and staff "duty of care" requirements
- Historical precedent
- Manageability and required documentation
- Understanding that Year 12 students will use the added flexibility to constructively enhance their education.

These procedures are regularly reviewed and may be changed throughout the year to better meet the needs of our students, school or community. Please note that a positive public perception of Dungog High School benefits all our students. The privilege to have partial leave may be revoked on an individual basis if a student misuses it. Failure to comply with the procedures will result in disciplinary action.

#### THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF PARTIAL LEAVE ARE AVAILABLE FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS.

1. **SPECIAL ACTIVITY:** (This includes medical appointments, RTA appointments, family access to local businesses for out of town families. Does not include going to the shops for lunch, visiting friends etc.) This leave is for recess, lunch times or periods with no classes as confirmed with student timetable.
  - Student takes signed note from a parent outlining a valid reason for the leave to the office, before school on the day of the leave.
  - The office staff refers the student to the Deputy Principal if they are not sure it fits guidelines. On urgent occasions the Deputy Principal will phone parents to obtain verbal permission.
  - Student receives a leave pass. If student is returning to school they need to report to the office on their return.
2. **IN TOWN (Dungog) STUDENTS GOING HOME FOR LUNCH.**
  - Student supplies the office with signed note from a parent.
  - Receives and carries a "Lunch Pass" with them.
3. **IN TOWN (Dungog) STUDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE A TIMETABLED CLASS ON**
  - May sign-out/ sign-in in the "Sign-out Book" if:
    - Student has given a signed long-term note from parents to the office.
    - Student has given a current copy of their timetable to the office.
    - Student is going home to study, student is not to go down the street or shops.
4. **OUT OF TOWN STUDENTS WITH THEIR OWN TRANSPORT.** (May arrive late or go early but will not be granted leave to go out and return in the same day.)
  - Student must not have classes on.
  - Student has supplied the school office with a current copy of their timetable.
  - Student has given a signed long-term note from parents to the office.
  - Student has completed "Use of Private Motor Vehicles by students" form and given it to the Deputy Principal. If they are travelling with another student, the Deputy Principal must have a signed statement from their parents authorising them to travel with the student.
  - Student reports to the office to be recorded on Sentral to indicate their presence on campus.
5. **STUDENTS REQUIRING THINGS FROM CARS PARKED JUST OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS**
  - Individual students may briefly visit cars if they have a note from a teacher.
6. **PATHWAYS STUDENTS OR STUDENTS WITH VERY FEW LESSONS DURING A DAY.** Occasionally students may only have one or two lessons in a day. Sometimes long-term special arrangements can be made for them not to attend on that day if the student:
  - Negotiates arrangements with the teacher of the periods they do have on and then supplies the office staff with a note from the teacher.
  - Has supplied the school office with a current copy of their timetable.
  - Has supplied the office with a long-term signed note from parents.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON SPORT.** Thursday afternoon sport is not a rostered part of the Year 12 school week. Year 12 students may leave the school grounds at the completion of period 4. If they wish to leave prior to period 4 they must follow one of the above procedures for partial attendance.

**Definitions:**

- School grounds/ School campus - Area that is fenced/gated around main school buildings. Does not include Eloiza Street or Dowling's corner shop.
- Long-term note. - A note outlining an extended time frame, eg. Term four, all 2016 (a new note will be required in 2016 if the timetable changes).

**Who can sign notes?**

- Students of any age who live in the family home with one or more parents require a parent/guardian signature.
- Students 18 years of age or over who live independently from their parents may sign their own note if the school has been officially notified of their situation.
- Students under 18 years of age who live independently from their parents will require the signature of a guardian the school has been officially notified about.

**SENIOR STUDENTS' USE OF PRIVATE TRANSPORT.**

- Students who drive cars to school must complete a "Use of Private Motor Vehicles by Students" form and give it to the Deputy Principal.
- Students who travel in cars with other students must supply the Deputy Principal with a signed statement from their parents/guardian authorising them to travel with the student.

**STUDY PERIODS AT SCHOOL**

- All students are to be in the Library or COLA opposite Special Ed area completing work or study during their study periods.

SOME CALENDAR DATES FOR Term 4					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	9 November	10 November Yr8 'Valid' Science Tests	11 November Sp Ed Swim Prog CTown	12 November Yr9 SRE P & C Meeting, 7.30pm School Library	13 November SpEd to Dungog Show PBL Assembly Country & Culture
7	16 November Yr 8 Medieval Show, MPC	17 November Uniform Shop 8am-4pm	18 November Sp Ed Swim Prog C'Town Year 12 Formal	19 November Yr 8 SRE	20 November Country & Culture Small Schools Transition Day
8	23 November Yr9 Melbourne Excursion	24 November Yr9 Melbourne Excursion	25 November Yr9 Melbourne Excursion Sp Ed Swim Prog C'Town	26 November Yr9 Melbourne Excursion	27 November Yr9 Melbourne Excursion Yr10 SRE Country and Culture
9	30 November	1 December	2 December Sp Ed Swim Prog C'Town	3 December Y6 Orientation Day Uniform Shop 8am-4pm Flash Mob Dance Group to Charlestown	4 December Country and Culture

**DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN****Roster****Week 6 : 9th to 13th November**

Mon P Garrett, J Hipwell  
 Tues J Kellner, A Moss, N Paterson, J Huntress  
 Wed C Wheeler, L Lovegrove,  
 Thurs J Czaplowski, R Rolfe, K Flannery  
 Fri D Marquet, L Dries, L McInnes, M Townsend

**Week 7 : 16th to 20th November**

Mon K McDonald, J Chant, K Ross  
 Tues A Field, C Briggs, M Gibbs  
 Wed F Pike,  
 Thurs M Muddle, K Rowe, S Simmonds  
 Fri N Pearce, K Watson, K Fisher



*Due to the change in the structure of the school day could Canteen helpers please be here by 9.30am. If you are unable to be here by that time could you please let Margaret Edwards know, by phoning the school on 49923022.*

**Country Women's Association NSW Educational Grants**

The Hunter River Group of the Country Women's Association of NSW has available two (2) Educational Grants for 2015. They are as follows:

1. **Hunter River Group Educational Grant:** to the value of \$500.00 is awarded to a student(s) entering tertiary education, whether TAFE College or University, and must reside within the bounds of the Hunter River Group (Murrurundi in the north, Belmont in the south,



Merriwa to the west and Nelson Bay to the east). Mature age students may also apply.

2. **Jean Latham Educational Grant.** To the value of \$300.00 is awarded to a Year 11 student(s) entering Year 12 and residing within the bounds of the Hunter River Group.

Every application will be reviewed by a panel of CWA, Hunter River Group Executive.

Application forms are available from your local Dungog-Clarence Town CWA Branch Secretary, Sandy White, Phone No. 0418237949.

**Applications must be returned to that Branch no later than 11th December 2015.** Late applications will not be accepted.



Dear Friends and Supporters of the James Theatre

There's only a few weeks to Christmas, but the entertainment at the James Theatre continues through, with a couple of special additions to our film program.

**The Nightingale (G)** Sunday, 15 November, 7 pm

**Bridge of Spies (M)** Saturday, 21 November, 7 pm

**The Dressmaker (M)** Saturday, 28 November, 4 pm and 7 pm

**Macbeth (MA15+)** Sunday, 13 December, 7 pm

**The Nightingale** is the beautiful story of an old Chinese farmer living alone in Beijing, who sets out on a long journey with his spoiled granddaughter to honour the promise he made his late wife to take back the bird that is now his only companion in the city. A sweet film about bridging the generation gap, by French director Philippe Muyl, *The Nightingale* was China's official entry in the 2014 Oscars. Part of the Dungog Film Society 2015 program, it screens at **7pm on Sunday November 15.**

In **Bridge of Spies**, Tom Hanks stars as the American lawyer recruited by the CIA on a near-impossible mission to negotiate the release of a captured U-2 pilot shot down over Russia at the height of the Cold War. This much anticipated historical drama from DreamWorks Studios marks the return of Steven Spielberg to the director's chair. One screening only, on Saturday November 21 at 7pm.

**The Dressmaker** is the story of glamorous femme fatale Tilly (Kate Winslet) who returns to her home town in the bush after many years in Europe to right the wrongs of the past. With her sewing machine and high style, she transforms the women of her small town and exacts sweet revenge on those who did her wrong. Directed by Jocelyn Moorhouse (*Proof*, *How to make an American Quilt*) it has a stellar Australian cast including Liam Hemsworth, Hugo Weaving, Judy Davis and Sarah Snook. See it at both 4pm and 7pm on Saturday 28 November.

And in December we'll have a special screening of the modern masterpiece **Macbeth**, from the director of *Snowtown*, Australian director Justin Kurzel. This critically acclaimed adaptation of William Shakespeare's play stars Michael Fassbender and Marion Cotillard. This is a special bonus for Dungog Film Society subscribers – it's been a good year, so this film is only \$10, if you've hung on to your subscription pass. (Others welcome to see this classic at the normal price of \$12). It screens at 7pm on Sunday 13 December. And if you've been volunteering or supporting the James Theatre during the year, watch out for details of a thank you barbecue before the film.

For any other details, go to our website. [www.jamestheatre.com.au](http://www.jamestheatre.com.au)  
See you at the James.

## 2016 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Nominations are now being received for the following **AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS** for the Dungog Shire.

- Citizen of the Year**
- Young Citizen of the Year**
- Senior Sports Award** (over 18 years of age)
- Junior Sports Award** (18 years of age and under)
- Volunteer Service to Sport**

The Australia Day awards provide the opportunity for recognition for the many residents who enrich the Dungog Shire through community service and outstanding achievement. Achievements can be a single outstanding achievement in the last year, or numerous achievements over many years.

Nominations forms are available at the Dungog Shire Council office, Dungog Chronicle office, Dungog Licensed Post Office, Gresford Foodworks, Gresford PO Store, Vacy Cafe, Paterson Country Cafe and Clarence Town Licensed Post Office and other locations within the Dungog Shire.

A form can also be emailed to you by contacting the Dungog Chronicle via email: [janelle.oneill@fairfaxmedia.com.au](mailto:janelle.oneill@fairfaxmedia.com.au)

Completed nominations need to be lodged with the Dungog Chronicle office no later than 4pm on Friday, December 4, 2015. Persons who have been nominated previously but who have not won an award are eligible for re-nomination.


**Local Land Services**  
**Hunter**

## Torryburn Green Army Project Information Session

Register your interest now!

*Following on from the April flood, would you like some assistance with:*

- ☒ Fence repairs?
- ☒ Weed control on river banks?
- ☒ Replanting trees on river banks?
- ☒ Removing flood debris?

Hunter LLS has successfully secured the services of a Green Army team to support Torryburn landholders recover from the April storm /flood commencing at the end of November 2013.

The Green Army is a hands-on, practical environmental action program that supports local environment and heritage conservation projects across Australia.

Come along to a half day information session to learn more about the Torryburn Green Army project and to register your interest to have the Green Army undertake work on your property.

### WHAT IS THE GREEN ARMY?

The Green Army is a six-month programme for 17-24 year olds to train and work in the environment.

Green Army projects include restoring native vegetation, heritage restoration, protecting animal habitats and regenerating wetlands in urban, rural and remote areas.



**Sunday 15 November 2015**

**Time:** 10am – 1pm

**Location:** Gresford School of Performing Arts Hall)

**Cost:** Free

(morning tea and lunch provided)

**To register or for further information:**

**Book your place by Thursday 12 November.**

**Online:**

<https://hunterlls.wufoo.eu/forms/torryburn-green-army-project-information-session/>

Alternatively, contact Skye Moore, Hunter Flood Recovery Officer, Hunter Local Land Services on (02) 4938 4956



## High Tea INDULGENCE


**DESTINYHAVEN**  
HELPING WOMEN STEP INTO THEIR DESTINY  
**FUNDRAISER**


**SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2015**

AT  
**DUNGOG CWA HALL**

### INDULGENCES:

Special guest speaker  
inspirational Michelle Barnett,  
co-founder of Girl Friday,  
a charity committed to helping raise funds to  
help women in refuges prepare for employment.

A selection of prizes to be won  
through raffle tickets sold  
& a live auction on the day

**TIME:** 2pm - 5pm | **DRESS:** Semi - Formal attire  
**COST:** \$45 per person **RSVP:** Friday 16th Nov 2015

**FOR ENQUIRIES OR BOOKINGS  
PLEASE CONTACT JULIA ON  
(02) 4996 5558**

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