Welcome to Term 3 and our new look newsletter. Many thanks to Julie Hartigan for this very professional layout and to Ruth McCabe for putting it all together.

Three Way Conferences are currently in progress and are again proving to be a valuable process for information exchange between school and home.

Education Week combined with Book Week are the ‘big ticket’ items coming up next week with our Open Day on the Wednesday and the Dungog Community of Schools Presentation the next day at Dungog High, commencing at 4pm. We are hoping for a good attendance with our Ensemble performing. We hope to have all Ensemble members there in school uniform with the girls in their winter tunics if possible. Please find an invitation to our Open day at school.

It is that time of year when the Department of Education requires the school to put in the anticipated enrolments for 2016. If you know of any new Kinders or new families who will be joining our school next year, please encourage them to phone the school to advise us of new enrolments. We need to keep our numbers up to maintain the 4 classes.

Procedures are in motion for the selection of the permanent teacher vacancy at the school for 2016. A panel comprising myself, Julie Hartigan as the parent representative, Shayne Taylor as the staff representative and Leigh Ridgeway as the representative of the Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group will meet over the next two weeks to make this important selection. The position will commence at the beginning of the 2016 school year.

Kind regards,

Pauline

“Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers.”

Happy Education Week!

Happy Book Week!

School Planning Snippets

The third strategic direction from our school plan responds to parent input suggesting ways of improving home/school communication. Our new newsletter format is one response to this feedback from surveys and focus group meetings held last year. We hope you find it easier to read and helpful in keeping you up to date with school happenings. You can access the newsletter also on the school website if your hard copy goes astray.
VALUES
Lucia Merchant, Harrison Sellens, Ebony Briggs, Tess Hartigan, Brooklyn Bidner, Monica Lawrence, Lucas Hill, Jack Laurie

SCHOOL MERITS
K/1 – Hamish Mead, Ethan Crouch
1/2 – Josie Hodges, Verity Spinks, Mary Briggs
3/4 – Katie Curtin-Edwards, Liza Kelehear
5/6 – Jada Laurie

GOOD LISTENER AWARDS
Joey Galvin, Billy Huckstadt, Jaxon O’Connor, Cameron Jupp

SPORTS AWARDS
Mia Wilton, Chase Hoffman, Kaitlin Horn, Kayden Atkins, Ethan Crouch, Harrison Sellens, Ella Osmond, Billy Huckstadt

LIBRARY AWARDS
Liza Kelehear, Layla Turnbull

SPELLING CHAMPIONS
William Craig, Hayden Wilson, Brodie Huckstadt, Bailey Conn, Taylah Joliffe

JULY
Wednesday, 29
Open Day from 10.00am
Mad Hatter’s Tea Party
Book Fair from 11.00am

Thursday, 30
Education Week Ceremony at Dungog High 4-6pm

Friday, 31
Zone Athletics @ Woodberry Oval

AUGUST
Monday, 3
Video Conference K-6

Tuesday, 4
Stage 2 Public Speaking @ Paterson PS

Wednesday, 5
Early Stage 1 Public Speaking @ East Maitland PS

Friday, 7
Stage 1 Public Speaking @ Tenambit PS

Monday, 10
5/6 excursion to Canberra

Tuesday 11
K/1 Performance @ CWA International Day

CANTEEN ROSTER
FRIDAY, JULY 24
Amanda Silver
Lyndell Osmond

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29
Kristy Duncan
Sylvia Lawrence

FRIDAY, JULY 31
Mel Thiecke
Rob Thiecke

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2
Elly Turner
Nikki Jupp

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7
Belinda Joliffe
Amanda Davis

P&C NEWS
Mad Hatter’s Tea Party
Remember to get your tickets by tomorrow Friday 24 July, $6.00 per child. This is a lunch only event. Kids can either bring recess from home or order it from the canteen.

Morning tea will be provided at the canteen for parents, friends and family.

Can’t wait to see all the fun mad costumes and hats that you will have made.

Kristy & Sylvia

NEXT P & C MEETING: Friday, August, 21 10am-noon
Get well soon Mr. Taylor!

If you haven’t already heard Mr Taylor tore his Achilles tendon playing soccer.

We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him back at school.

Special thanks go to the Billy Cart Derby Committee for their generous donation towards the restoration of our historic school bell. We are now investigating further fundraising opportunities to have our bell restored to its original polished brass state.

Private Vehicle Conveyance Subsidy

Transport of NSW has been reviewing PVC subsidy claims for accuracy because it has introduced a new computer system and this has caused a delay.

This has also deferred for a short time, the attendance days collection process for all schools.

We understand this overall will lead to a delay of several weeks compared to the usual processing time.

Transport for NSW has advised us they are apologetic for the inconvenience.

Mark your calendar, book the babysitter and gather your friends. The P&C is hosting another fabulous night of fundraising entertainment on October 17.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for more information.

What happens in Vegas ...
We’ve been busy buttering hot toast with the relaunch of the Breakfast Club last term. Fruit and warm milk are also very popular with the kids in the morning. It’s very satisfying to provide those hungry little faces with something to eat to ensure their school day is off to the best possible start.

We are very excited to have gained a new sponsor for the program with a formal announcement coming soon. As always, we are very grateful to the continued support by Gresford FoodWorks and St Vincent De Paul Society.

If you are looking for an easy way to contribute to the school, please consider becoming a Breakfast Club Volunteer. Volunteers need to open the canteen at 8:30am, provide toast, sliced fruit and milk, then simply wash up after the 9:00am bell sounds. The Breakfast Club is currently open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday but ideally we would like to open for the kids every morning.

With the announcement of a new sponsor, it is an exciting time to be a part of this initiative. Please consider volunteering. It doesn’t need to be mums.... there must be some Dads, Aunties, Uncles or Grandparents out there with a spare 45 minutes to give to the kids. Please contact Nicole Carter at the School or Donna Tucker on 0407 401 798 if you would like further information.

“Sometimes I’ve believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast.”
Alice in Wonderland

School Sporting Events
Great sportsmanship was shown from our soccer players at the knockout competition last week. We didn’t win but the play was outstanding against much older opponents. All looked smart in their new school socks provided by the P&C. Thanks to parents who provided transport and the cheer squad; and to Mr. Stewart for taking up the coaching role. Special mention goes to Ella Osmond for her brave play in tackling much bigger opponents.

Congratulations to all!

Professional Learning for staff has been in the areas of literacy, special education, behaviour management and quality teaching.

“Change is inevitable, adapting is optional.”

Volunteers Needed
Our hard working reading tutor, Mrs. Jupp is in need of reading volunteers on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please contact the school if you can spare an hour or two on these days.