



**Dunedoo Central School**  
**Newsletter**  
**9th December 2019**

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*An invitation to*

# *Award Night*



on

**10<sup>th</sup> December**

**at 7:00pm**

**in the school hall**

*Our annual school Award Night is an opportunity to recognise students who have worked hard throughout the year to maintain a high level of academic achievement, as well as success in cultural, sporting and other school events throughout the school year.*

*We look forward to seeing you at Award Night supporting the students of our school.*

*Mrs. Donna Lane  
Principal*



*An invitation to*

*Year 6*  
*Graduation Assembly*

*Friday 13th December*

*9:30am in the School Hall*



CANTEEN AVAILABLE

# Infants & Primary DISCO

Tuesday 17th December 2019  
6:30pm to 8:00pm  
in the School Hall

Students **ARE NOT PERMITTED** to leave the Hall & must be collected by a parent/carer at 8pm.

Cost: \$3ea or \$7 per family  
Theme: **ZOO JUNGLE**



# Secondary Social Night

NOW SHOWING



Tuesday 17th December 2019  
8:00pm to 10:15pm  
Cost: \$3ea or \$7 family  
in the School Hall

Feel free to bring a bean bag and wear comfy clothes

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**  
AVAILABLE AT BOTH EVENTS





# Principal's News

Welcome to Week 9, Term 4!

**BlazeAid**—Last week Mrs Lindy Piper and Mr Joseph Currall accompanied our students: Sam Bennetts, Ella Hickson, Hallie Hogden, Ned Inder, Harry Magklis, Laura Moorhouse, Paul Sweeney and Anthony Turner to Wingham to volunteer for BlazeAid. We are all so proud of these students for volunteering their time to assist others in need. As a community we all know how grateful we are to those wonderful people who are willing to assist others when in need. As a school, if we can teach our students to be great citizens, willing to volunteer and give assistance to others, then we have done our job well!

This morning I received a letter from Margaret Baker complimenting our students. "I was a volunteer working with the BlazeAid team at Wingham last week when a group of students from your school attended to offer their help after the recent bushfires. I would like to say what a wonderful group they were. I was privileged to work alongside some of these kids & was impressed with their enthusiasm, their co-operation, & willingness to take direction & work hard. They were a credit to their families & their school".

Again, our students have been recognised from people outside of our community for their efforts. Well done to all involved. Thank you to Mrs Piper and Mr Currall for providing this opportunity for these students and thank you also to Mr Greg Piper for assisting with transport.

**Step-Up Dance**— Well done to all of our students who were involved in the Step-Up Dance Concert last Thursday evening. It was a fantastic showcase of some of our very talented students!

**Reports**—Reports were issued last week. If you would like to discuss your child's report with their teachers, please contact the front office to make an appointment.

**Visiting Author**—thank you to Mr David Currall for conducting writing workshops for students from Years 3 to 8 last Friday. This was an invaluable opportunity for our students to work with a published author.

**NSW CHSSA Sporting Blue**—Congratulations to Georgie Lane on receiving a NSW CHSSA Sporting Blue at ANZ Stadium, Homebush last Friday. This award is in recognition of Georgia's outstanding achievement in Squash in 2019. This year Georgia won the Open Girls Individual Squash Championship for the 2nd year in a row; she Captained the Western Region Open Girls Squash Team winning Gold at the State Carnival for the 4th year in a row and she Captained the Dunedoo Central School Squash Team winning Gold in the State Knockout for the 5th year in a row. Georgia was also named Captain of NSW Open Girls Squash Team to compete at the Trans-Tasman Squash Series in Tauranga, New Zealand. From this team she was selected as part of the combined QLD/NSW team to compete against NZ in the Test Match. Only 63 students from across the state received a Sporting Blue this year—this award being the highest award you can achieve in School Sport. Congratulations Georgia!

Have a great week and I look forward to seeing you at Award Night tomorrow night!

*Mrs. Donna Lane*  
Principal



# TERM 4

## WEEK 9

### Monday 9th December

- Infants Intensive Swimming continues all week

### Tuesday 10th December

- Award Night

### Thursday 12th December

- P&C Meeting at 7pm

### Friday 13th December

- Yr. 6 Graduation Assembly & Big Day Out
- Wear representative gear - PSSA, CHS, WSSA

## WEEK 10

### Monday 16th December

- SRC end of year Trip to Dubbo

### Tuesday 17th December

- Infants/Primary Disco & Secondary Movie Night

### Wednesday 18th December

- Last day of school for students

### Thursday 19th December

- Staff Development Day

### Friday 20th December

- Staff Development Day



**Thursday  
mornings  
from 8:30am**



# Canteen

Hello & welcome to week 9.

I hope you all had a great weekend.

Due to the Canteen having renovations during the holidays, there will be certain items that will be unavailable for the rest of the term as I will not be reordering stock. These include Potato Pies, Pizza Rounda's, Chicken Chippees, and fruit. Apologies for any inconvenience.

We will have price reductions on all stock, starting sometime this week, to clear all stock (excluding uniform) - this includes chips, Paddlepops, yoghurts, TNT Fizz & drinks.

I have plenty uniform in stock. If you require anything, give me a ring or call in between 9am-10am or 1pm-2pm.

Thank you

*Sherri*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11th Dec	Jozelle Green	Yr. 3
11th Dec	Mia Gallagher	Yr. 7
12th Dec	Sophie Kensit	Yr. 7
13th Dec	Imogen Murphy	Yr. 5
13th Dec	Brentley Williams	K

*Wishing you a wonderful day*



# STUDENT ATTENDANCE

If your child is running late for, or not attending school on any particular day, we ask that you contact the front office to notify us of their absence / late arrival.

# PRIMARY SPORT

Primary students will be participating in Swimming for Friday sport each week.

Please ensure they have their swimwear, towel, hat & sunscreen each week.

Students without a Season Ticket will be required to pay \$3.50 pool entry each week.

Non-swimming students will still attend the pool with their peers.



# LIBRARY NEWS

with Miss Besgrove

Welcome to our beautifully decorated Library. Thank you to all the students who helped to set up the Christmas tree and decorate the Library, it looks wonderful.

**BORROWING HAS FINISHED FOR 2019. PLEASE KEEP RETURNING LIBRARY BOOKS, TEXTBOOKS AND ANY SCHOOL RESOURCES YOU MIGHT HAVE.**

# ACE Rewards



ACE rewards will take place on Wednesday afternoon.

**Infants Level 3** - Bring your own device (if you wish)


**Infants Level 4** - Park visit or Disco in the hall (weather dependent)

**Primary Level 3** - Computers/Bring your own device

**Primary Level 4** - Pool (please ensure they bring their swimmers, towel and entry money)

# Infants & Primary

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS



Welcome to Week 9. We have a busy week with lots happening!

We are looking forward to Award Night on Tuesday night so that we can acknowledge student performance this year.

On Wednesday morning Kinder to Year 6 will be completing a Bike Safety session from 9:15am until recess. It would be great if bikes, scooters and helmets could be brought to school so that students can build safety confidence for the school holidays.

Intensive swimming continues this week. It's wonderful to see the progress everyone is making already. Swimming will go off with a bang on Friday with a mini carnival. Children can buy something from the shop on Friday at the end of the swimming activities. Any money owing from the cancelled first day of swimming will be returned on Friday to the children as well. Please see Mr. Kline or myself if you would like a different arrangement.

Next week we will be moving into our 2020 classes to get to know our classroom and teacher.

Have a wonderful week.

**Ms. Michelle Gavin**

*Assistant Principal Infants*

First and foremost I must mention how wonderful the Personal Research Project (PRP) presentations have been from our Year 5 and Year 6 students. This time around students have really shown careful planning and consideration for ways to engage the audience, resulting in all students being actively involved in learning. Some PRP's have been quite comprehensive, and we have gone beyond the anticipated timeframes for presentation - but this is a great thing, as it reflects wonderful effort and preparation, which are the main goals for the whole initiative.

Reports arrived home on Friday, and parents are urged to seek an opportunity to speak with your child's teacher if you have any concerns or would like to discuss reports. We are looking forward to Wednesday's Bike Safety activities, which is one part of a fun but busy week. Look at our calendar for events coming up. Enjoy the last full week of school for 2019 everyone!

**Mrs. Georgia Shephard**

*Assistant Principal Primary*



Dear Infants Parents

To mark the end of the Intensive Swimming Program, we shall host a mini-Carnival.

**Friday 13th December from 11:15am**

Our little swimming superstars will display how much they have progressed during their two weeks of Intensive Swimming.

We hope to see you all there.

# Visiting Author - David Currall

DCS students were fortunate enough to have author, David Currall, visit our school last week and students took part in writing workshops.

Everyone enjoyed the experience and created unique stories to share.







# INFANTS INTENSIVE SWIMMING



# What's happening this week

## Kinder to Year 6

**KINDER:** Infants Intensive Swimming has been a huge success so far. The children continue to be very excited and the weather couldn't be better. You are all invited to our mini carnival this Friday where the students will be able to show off their swimming abilities. The canteen will also be operating on the day if you would like to send in some pocket money for a treat.

Don't forget that Award Night is on tomorrow night. All of Kindergarten will be receiving an award so I hope everyone can come along. Award Night commences in the school hall from 7pm and students are to arrive by 6.45pm wearing full school uniform.

Reports went home with students last Friday. If you would like to discuss these, please let me know so we can organise a time before the end of the school year.

A big thank you to Lynn and Colin Brydon for the loan this term of our class pet; Charlie the Kakariki. The children really enjoyed looking after Charlie and his cheerful chatter will be sorely missed.

The school disco is on next Tuesday night (Dec 17th). The theme, chosen by Year 6, is zoo/jungle animals. It should be a fun evening and the Earlybirds have also been invited to get a glimpse of Big School activities before they start next year.

Have a great week!

**Mr. Ben Kline - Classroom Teacher**

**YEAR 1/2:** Thank you to all the children who have returned their home readers to school. We will continue to read in class every day for our last 8 days of learning.

We are reviewing all Year 1 and Year 2 concepts so that each student feels confident heading into the new year.

Everyone is excited about creating a Christmas themed room and we are counting sleeps until Santa!

Have a great week!

**Ms. Michelle Gavin - Classroom Teacher**

**YEAR 3-4-5 S:** Our flexibility in changing timetable and activities has improved as we focused on PRP's last week.

Students seem to have enjoyed learning from each other, and it's a great way to demonstrate interests and strengths. Particular mention must be made of those who have been asked to change their days/times to cater for the needs of peers. Nadine, Shelley and Tiarnie have been wonderfully patient and considerate. As we head into the final full week of school, I am incredibly proud of the progress students have made, and their work throughout last week is a reflection of how much we have grown and matured.

Enjoy your week.

**Mrs. Georgia Shephard - Classroom Teacher**

**YEAR 3-4-5 G:** The countdown is on!! Welcome to week 9.

We have another busy week ahead of us - with award night, bike safety, PRP's and the year 6 Graduation.

The students have Christmas themed homework this week, in which they have to complete tasks to gain points - this requires an adult signature and they can win a prize, so please do not sign off unless they complete the task!!

PRP's are still going strong and we are seeing some fantastic presentations.

I hope everyone was pleased with reports, if anyone has any questions please don't hesitate to see me.

Have a great week!!

**Mrs. Tammy Gallagher - Classroom Teacher**

**YEAR 6:** Hello and welcome to Week 9 of Term 4 – there are only 8 more school days left for students in 2019! This week looks

like being a very busy week for Year 6: Tuesday – Annual Award Night in the School Hall Starting at 7pm, Wednesday – Bike Safety Day with activities organised by Year 6 during the morning session and on Friday – Year 6 Graduation Assembly at 9:30am in the School Hall and Year 6 Big Day Out to Dubbo at the conclusion of the assembly (Year 6 students need to return their permission note and \$10 no later than this Thursday so they can participate in the Big Day Out). Congratulations to all students who presented their PRP last week. The feedback from Mrs. Shephard and the peer markers reflected the effort each of you put into finishing off your PRP this term.

Have a great week everyone!

**Mr. Adam Honeysett - Classroom Teacher**

**YEAR 6 MATHS:** this week in maths we will start our final topic on geometry. We will be looking at types of angles, measuring and calculating angles. No homework sheet due this week but we will draw the raffle tomorrow.

**Mrs. Cathy Gallagher**

# Infants & Primary Weekly

## A W A R D S

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

### WEEKLY MERITS

KINDERGARTEN - MR. KLINE					
K	Angus Roberts	A fantastic result in his end of year Reading assessment.	K	Benji Chapman	Excellent work with numbers in Maths.
			K	Indi Myott	Wonderful enthusiasm during swimming lessons.
YEAR 1/2 - Ms. GAVIN					
2	Lucas Tisdell	Excellent attitude in learning.	1	Lachlan Batty	Independent work habits.
			1	Xander Howard-Allison	Fantastic effort in story writing.
YEAR 3/4/5 - MRS. GALLAGHER					
4	Brayden Stanford	Being respectful to others every-day.	5	Jozelle Green	Always being attentive and prepared for work.
			5	Kailan James	An improved approach to learning.
YEAR 3/4/5 - MRS. SHEPHARD					
4	Robert Watton	Working consistently hard to achieve goals.	5	Tiarnie Batty	For being attentive in class and behaving responsibly.
			5	Charlie Stuart	Always working hard through PRP tasks.
YEAR 6 - MR. HONESETT					
6	Chelsea Green	A happy student is always willing to help others.	6	Erica Stuart	Being engaged in learning in every subject.
			6	Riley Fagerstrom	Excellent Spelling results in Week 8 Spelling Test.
LIBRARY & COMPUTERS					
5	Shelley Cox	Excellent participation during Library lessons.	6	Georgie Gillard	Working independently in Technology.
			1	Emily Sawyers	Fantastic art work with Mrs. Milsom

# Secondary News

Timetable  
**WEEK 1**

## Secondary Afternoon Study

Afternoon study has concluded for the year.



# CAREERS

with Mrs. Fergusson



Hi I am Kyle Smith from Dunedoo Central School and I have been completing School to Work with Brett Yeo at 'Wattle Vale'. Every week I work Friday from 8am-5pm during the school term. During last school holidays I worked for Brett for one day doing calf marking.

I have:

- Fed cattle
- Fixed a pipe
- Fenced
- Changed the tyre on the tractor
- Moved feeders
- Rock picked

Through the School to Work program I have learned the following employability skills:

- Work independently
- Use time and resources wisely
- Think independently of solutions
- Learn with others
- Get on well with others

I would like to say a big thankyou to Brett Yeo and his family for taking me in and letting me work out there and also a big thankyou to Chris Roach for helping me learn the ropes and teaching me everything I know.



Hi I am Shaun Roach I have been working with Henry Armstrong I have been working with him since half way through year 9. I complete this program on Thursdays during the school terms, I have also worked with him through the holidays.

I have:

- Moved Cattle
- Fixed Pipes
- Drenched Sheep and Lambs
- Mothered Sheep and Lambs
- Fenced
- Sighted Fences
- Stick picking
- Helped repair a ball joint on the ute
- Changed tires on the ute
- Sprayed burrs
- Filled and dug holes
- Lamb marked
- Ear tagged cattle
- Burr cutting
- Weaned calves and lambs

Through the School of Work program I have learned the following employable skills:

- Work with others cooperatively
- Work independently
- Identify problems
- Learn from mistakes and accept advice

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Henry and his family for providing this experience. I have really enjoyed working on a farm with adults and being treated as an equal.



Hi I am Shanara and I'm in year 11 and I have been participating in School to Work at the Dunedoo Preschool this year. I have been working with Robyn and Amy and the four year olds every Wednesday.

I have:

- Helped with tying shoes
- Planned activities such as helping cut out paper shapes
- Helped sort toys
- Helped tidy the store room, and
- Helped design the feature wall for the Preschool Performance

Through the School of Work program I have learned the following employability skills:

- work with others cooperatively
- be willing to work in a team
- identify and solve problems sensibly
- improved self confidence

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Robyn and the staff for providing this experience. I have loved working with the kids and the staff and I look forward to continuing this next year.



Last week 8 students, together with Mr. Currall, Mrs. Piper and Greg Piper, travelled to Wingham to volunteer with Blaze Aid and help farmers. This was an amazing opportunity for us as students and we thank Mr. Currall, Mrs. Piper and Greg for taking us and, putting up with the boys singing.

Each day commenced at 7:30am and we were put into 2 groups and travelled to farms that had been affected by the fires. Our main task was pulling down damaged fencing and helping to re-fence.

Mrs. Piper's group had the mammoth task of re-fencing on a hill—they got plenty of exercise.

Mr. Currall's group were a little more fortunate that the farm they visited wasn't so badly affected.

Each day was host to a different location and the majority of farmers were still in shock following the fires.

Our working day ended at 3:30 each afternoon and Ned entertained everyone with his nightly poetry readings.

Blaze Aid are an incredible organisation and their army of helpers have supported and assisted so many families in the aftermath of fires and floods - we were fortunate to have them spend 6 months in Dunedoo following the Sir Ivan Fire.

We enjoyed our week with Blaze Aid and particularly loved Macka Lash's Companion Dog.

Memories and moments from the crew:

Mrs. Piper - *I had hoped that our students would step-up to his challenge. They exceeded my expectations. Well done team!*

Mr. Currall - *This was an outstanding effort by our students who went above and beyond.*

Ned - *I have discovered a talent for reading poetry.*

Paul - *I enjoyed the conversations with the Blaze Aid crew.*

Harry - *The food was amazing and I has very happy to help.*

Hallie - *The people were all really nice.*

Sam - *They need more helpers.*

Laura - *Everyone was so friendly*

Anthony - *I appreciate how Lash taught me how to do stuff.*



Saturday 14th  
December

Presented by Dunedoo  
Coolah Landcare

1.30pm

Meeting Room at Old  
Westpac Building,  
Dunedoo

Gold Coin donation

Contact: Sharon Nott 0428 859 509



# PILLIGA RISING

"A heartbreaking, exhilarating tale  
of a community unified in defence of  
land and livelihood"

-Elizabeth Farrelly  
Sydney Morning Herald

IF GAS CAME FOR YOUR COMMUNITY, WOULD YOU RISE?

**D=NDY**  
C I N E M A S

**BALANGARA**  
F I L M S

  
**Wilderness  
Society**  
Life. Support.





# Has Your Business Got Talent?



We are seeking your business to enter  
the Talent Quest at our annual

## **Lions Christmas Carnival**

Entries may be Singing/Dance/Drama

*(but must be PG)*

**Saturday 21st December 7:00pm**

at the Dunedoo Sports Club

**Prize money:**

**1st Place \$100, 2nd Place \$50**

*Entries due by Monday 16th December*

*RSVP: Donna Lane/Todd Gallagher*



# **GIRLS**

# **RUGBY 7'S**

**Dubbo Junior Rugby Club invites all girls aged in the U13's, U15's, U17's to join a Friday Night Rugby 7's Competition.**

- **14 Week competition and training**
- **Registration Cost \$100 Includes training shirt, shorts and socks (Active Kids Voucher Accepted)**
- **Registration opens 1st February 2020**
- **Merchandise/welcome days Friday 7th & 14th February at Golden West Holden 4.30-6pm**

**For any inquiries please contact Rachel Williams - [thomasandrachel@bigpond.com](mailto:thomasandrachel@bigpond.com)**