



### Calendar

Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Talent Quest
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	P&C Meeting 6:30pm
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Captain's Speeches
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Music Recital 9:30am
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Presentation Night 6:30pm
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Choir Greenhills
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Musical
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 6 Day Out
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Students Last Day
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Staff Development Day
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Staff Return
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> Day for Years 2 – 6 Kindergarten Best Start Testing
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> Day for Kinder & Year 1

### School Accounts

All accounts need to be finalised by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November as Friday 28<sup>th</sup> is the last day of the school financial year.

### Valler Cup- Debating Competition

Our team participated in the final of this competition today against Largs P.S. at Largs Public School. The topic for the debate was "***That cooking shows are bad for your health***" and we were the affirmative. Both teams presented convincing arguments during the debate, but our team was judged the winners. This means Iona Public School retains the Valler Cup for the fourth consecutive year. Well done Bethany, Lucy (named the best speaker of the debate by the adjudicator), Asher and team advisor Chelsie.

### P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday night, 26<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 pm. Please put that date in your diaries.

### Kidspreneur Projects

Our Year 6 students are continuing their Kidspreneur projects; chocolate making; rhubarb with menus—LGT Gardening group and card making. They will be selling some of their products over the next few weeks, so please take the time to have a look at their quality products and help them with their fundraising.

### Talent Quest - Reminder

Our Year 6 leaders have organised a Talent Quest for tomorrow, 21st November during lunch time. It's all for fun with many children practising their acts around the school in readiness for this show.

### Meetings

I attended a School Planning meeting today at Morpeth Public School, and I am attending another Small Schools Principal's Meeting tomorrow from 12.00, again focusing on planning, but incorporating some common ideas from the small schools perspective.

### Science and Technology Survey

Attached to this week's newsletter is a science and Technology survey, devised by the school teaching staff, which will assist us with our future planning, as well as being a part of our 2014 Annual School Report. ***We would like this survey returned by Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December.***

### Parent's Collecting their children

As a means of ensuring the safety of our students, our school has a policy that all students must remain under the COLA until a parent/caregiver comes to collect them. To maintain our duty of care, students are not permitted to leave the grounds unaccompanied. Could you please support the school in ensuring the safety of all students by reminding your children that you will come into the school to collect them?

### Staff Development Day (no. 2)

The staff will be participating in another 3 hour session this afternoon, this time focusing on the 2015-2017 School Management Plan, utilising the data from last week and the extra information I gained at today's meeting at Morpeth. As mentioned last week, this is in lieu of the last day of term, that being Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December (thus the school will be closed that day). The children will finish the term on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, with the staff finishing on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### Leader's Speeches

Our Year 5 children will be presenting their Leader Speeches on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### Quality Work Folders

Could you please ensure your child/ren have returned their quality work folders to school so that we can start organising them for binding at the end of the year.

### Christmas Hamper

P & C has once again provided a collection basket for contributions to our "Christmas Hamper" which is generally presented to the Salvation Army each year. The basket will be placed in the entry foyer of the Admin area where it will be convenient to receive your most welcome donation.

### Hot Dog Day

On the last Friday of term, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December we are having a hot dog day instead of normal canteen. Hotdog and either a milo smoothie or a popper for \$5.00. All orders and money need to be returned no later than Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

 Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to make a Christmas centerpiece.

Get creative these holidays with a fruit and veg inspired centerpiece for your Christmas feast!

The picture on the right uses layers of baby tomatoes, rosemary and cheese but you could use:

- Layers of thinly sliced green and red capsicum, with slices of carrots in between
- Baby tomatoes and basil
- Kiwi fruit, watermelon, rockmelon
- Use mixed berries: blueberries, strawberries, raspberries.

If you have fruit + veg on your table, you'll be surprised how quickly it will be eaten.  
For more inspiration – like us on Facebook – details below.  
*Merry Christmas!*

For more information visit  
[www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au)  
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## A SNAPSHOT FROM DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL - NO. 2 - Week 7

Hello Year 6, when you come to Dungog High School next year you will study many different subjects (in many different rooms and with many different teachers!). The subjects you will study are: English, Maths, Science, PDHPE, HSIE, Design and Technology, LOTE, Music, and Visual Arts. This gives you a chance to find out which subjects you really enjoy and are good at. In Year 8 you will get to have some choice in your elective subjects. There will be lots of people around to help you work out your timetable so that you know where you are meant to be and where you should be going. Don't be afraid to ask for directions or assistance. Students and staff will be more than happy to help. There are 6 periods in the day, so there is a lot to fit into the day!

It's a great idea to use your diary to keep a copy of your timetable in, write down any homework or assessments and to remind yourself of anything else that is happening that is important to you.

If you like to sing, dance, act, draw, paint, or construct we have something for you. Dungog High School students are known not only for their academic achievements but also for their involvement in extra-curricular activities. This year we have had many students participating in extra activities, to extend themselves in their interest areas and academic abilities. These include activities such as: Maths and Science competitions, displays for Science week, Engineering challenges, Public Speaking, Debating, High Achievers Camp and Short Story competitions.

We also participate in Starstruck each year, Drama competitions / camps, Music performances at local events and assemblies, Cattle Judging, Improvisation Challenges, and fundraising events. Whatever your interests may be, there is a wide range of activities available for you to extend and enrich yourself.

Mrs Judd ☺

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotdog with:

tomato sauce                  BBQ sauce                  no sauce                  (please circle)

Milo smoothie                  or                  popper                  (please circle)

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