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Hot Dog Day
On the last Friday of term, Friday 12\(^{th}\) 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\(^{th}\) 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.

2015 Leaders
We held our elections last Monday, with our Year 5 students speaking very confidently and creatively, presenting their case for being Captain. As a result, Georgia and Asher are our new School Captains for 2015, with Amy our Student Council President.
Upcoming Events - Reminder
We have these dates in the Calendar section of the newsletter, but I would like to further emphasize the following dates and activities;
**Musical Recital:** 9.15 am in the Woodville Hall on Tuesday, 9th December for all our musicians—drummers, recorders, keyboard and guitar players

**Presentation Night:** Wednesday night, 10th December starting at 6.30 pm. This will be a shorter night, as we are having our musical on the following Monday. Our Presentation night includes all our class awards (everyone receives one), major awards, Leader’s and Captain’s inductions, P&C and school reports, Graduation awards, choir performance and a performance from K/1.

**School Musical:** This will be held in the Woodville Hall on Monday, 15th December starting at 10.00 am. All children are involved, and since this is the only activity happening at the time, everyone should be able to see and hear the performance more clearly this year. The performance lasts a little less than an hour.

**School Choir at Greenhills:** Our School Choir, under the tutelage of Ms Hamer are performing at the Greenhills Shopping Centre on Thursday, 11th December at a time yet to be announced.

* Very Important Information*
As is our traditional practice, at the end of the evening on **Presentation Night**, we will also be having a visit from a jolly old man in a red suit. Parents are asked to supply a gift ($15.00 value maximum), for their own children, to be placed under the Christmas tree for our special visitor to hand out to each child. These can be secreted with Mrs Mahony or a teacher before the night.

- **We will still be collecting a gold coin donation on the night as our contribution towards the maintenance of the Woodville Hall. Although our P&C contribute to the hall, every little bit helps, so please support this cause as we do use the hall quite extensively.**

School Basketball Post
Yesterday we had a working bee to erect a new basketball post on our multi-purpose court. This post was very kindly constructed by Peter Kell, who has been associated with our school for many years. It is also a Year 6 gift to the school. I would like to sincerely thank our helpers for the morning, Steve Durrheim, Andy Bird, Kevin Clement, Paul Corocher, Pat Lannen and our General Assistant, Rodney Crocker. We have to order a backboard for the new basketball post before the project is finished. The following photos show our men hard at work—thank you again.
Science Experiment
4/5/6 have been studying Earthquakes and Volcanoes over the last few weeks. On Tuesday, the children enjoyed their learning thoroughly under the tutelage of Mr Pat Jones, watching their volcanoes erupt after adding baking powder, water, vinegar and of course, red dye. They worked beautifully, as the following photos indicate.

![Volcano Eruption](image1)

![Children Working](image2)

![Christmas Party](image3)
**Awards Week 6**

**Merit Awards** were presented in: K/1

- **Seth D** for telling fantastic maths stories
- **Zali** for great interpretation of weather map
- **Riley** for fantastic skipping
- **Nash** for fantastic maths skills

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- **Zac** for always putting 100% effort into all activities
- **Fang-Chi** for great work in maths
- **Jona** for working well in all areas
- **Joel** for great reading response to sail’s text

**Merit Awards** were presented in: K/1

- **Eaden** for being a caring and considerate friend
- **Oscar** for playing fairly in soccer

**Peer Nominated Citizenship Award**

- **Zoe** for being a caring and considerate friend
- **Chelsie & Amy** for being exceptionally helpful peer support for new kinders

**Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award**

- **Amy** for supporting the younger students at the Talent Quest

**Library Award**

- **Keeley** for being quiet in the library

**Environmental Award**

- **Phoebe** for volunteering to help in groups

**Healthy Food Award**

- **Kyan** for eating a variety of healthy foods

**Birthdays:**

- Gabby turned 10 on 3rd November
- Katelin turned 8 on 18th November
- Joel turned 8 on 23rd November
- Tilly turned 7 on 24th November
- Nyah turns 12 on 4th December
- Lily E turns 7 on 5th December
- Fang-Chiao turns 7 on 8th December
- George turns 6 on 18th December
- Bailea turns 12 on 27th December
P&C News
With tradition, we will be holding a lunch on the last day of school for anyone who is interested. I have booked a table at Largs Hotel on Wednesday 17th Dec at midday.
At this stage, I have reserved 20 places and will need to confirm this closer to the day.
This is always an enjoyable afternoon to catch up one last time before we pick up the kids and head off for the Christmas break.
This is offer is open to everyone, so please let me know if you want to come.

A SNAPSHOT FROM DUNGOG HIGH - NO. 4 - Week 9

Hello Year 6,

I am really looking forward to Week 7, Term 1 next year (Monday 9th - Wednesday 11th March 2015), when we will go on an exciting adventure together to the Great Aussie Bush Camp. This camp is a tradition for Year Seven students at Dungog High School. The camp will have loads of fun activities planned for all of us. It will help us get to know each other and ourselves better. For three days we will be participating in activities such as kayaking, rock climbing, archery, and the Giant Swing, which I am sure, will set more than one pair of knees shaking!

What is a Bay? Until I arrived at Dungog High School I had never heard of the term bay used in reference to where people sit. You may or may not have heard about it yourself. At Dungog High students tend to sit in their friendship groups in different little areas of the playground which are called 'Bays' during lunch and recesses. When you are in Year 7, there is a special area set out specifically for Year 7s. It's a great place to start out if you do not have somewhere to sit, or don't know anyone else that you would like to sit with. You never know you might find some new friends and end up sitting there for the rest of the year!
Another great place to start out in is in the Barn. It has lots of seats and is undercover, so you won't get wet when it rains and you will be protected from the sun. Of course you can move around the playground and sit with different people when you like, there is somewhere for everyone!

Mrs Judd 😊
PATERSON RIVER NETBALL CLUB

Registration Dates for Season 2015

Saturday 31st January 2015 10-12pm and Wednesday 4th February 2015 3.30-6pm at the Paterson School Library.

Follow PRNC www.patersonrivernc.nsw.netball.com.au or like us on Facebook "Paterson Netball Club". Contact us patersonnetball@gmail.com or PO Box 136, Paterson NSW 2421.

Hot Dog Order

Name: _____________________________________________________________

Hotdog with:

- tomato sauce                      - BBQ sauce          - no sauce            (please circle)

Milo smoothie                        or                      popper                 (please circle)

Orders and money ($5.00) need to be returned no later than Monday 8th December

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RE: Preparation Program for Children to receive the Catholic Sacraments in 2015

Dear Parents,

This is an invitation to families who would like to prepare their children for the Catholic Sacraments of Initiation: Confirmation and Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2015.

We will be holding FOUR parent information sessions in early February for the eight Catholic parishes of the Chisholm Region: East Maitland; Maitland; Largs; Paterson; Morpeth; Dungog, Clarence Town; Gresford; Lochinvar; Beresfield and Rutherford. The first of which is on:

- **Tuesday 3rd February 2015**: 7:00pm St Pauls Church Rutherford
- **Wednesday 4th February 2015**: 7.00pm OLOL Church Beresfield
- **Thursday 5th February 2015**: 5.00pm St Mary’s Hall Dungog
- **Thursday 5th February 2015**: 7.00pm St Joseph’s Church East Maitland
- **Friday 6th February 2015**: 10.30am Corcoran Centre, Morpeth

If you wish your child to prepare for their sacraments in 2015, it is essential for you to attend the first two parent information sessions in the program. If you are unable to attend the first two information sessions, please contact the appropriate team member (after these first two information sessions have been completed in 2015 all other families seeking preparation for their children for the sacraments will need to wait until the following year). These initial information evenings will include a complete overview of our preparation process. These are parent information nights only; children are not required to attend.

After this initial introduction to the process, and if you feel as a family you are ready to commit to the process you will be invited to attend the second parent only meeting. At this meeting a more detailed explanation of the process will be given and resources needed to support you during the preparation process will be given out.

We look forward to meeting you and providing support to you and your children in this very important part of their journey in faith.

Yours sincerely,

Father Paul and the Regional Sacraments of Initiation Team

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**PARISHES (established)**

1835 East Maitland – 1841 Maitland – 1871 Morpeth – 1875 Dungog
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

In order to organise the music teachers' time for next year's lessons, we need an idea of the number of students who are interested in learning an instrument at school next year in elective music lessons.

Students may choose either guitar or keyboard, not both, lessons for which are conducted during school time on Tuesdays (keyboard) and Thursdays (guitar). Guitar and keyboard lessons are only open to students in Year 2 and above. Keyboard students will need to purchase a textbook which Mrs Tuyl usually sources – approximate cost will be $15/book. Small group ability-based lessons for guitar and keyboard cost $10/week and fees are payable at the beginning of each term. All lessons need to be paid for, even if the student is absent. Teachers do try to add extra time to subsequent lessons where possible to make up for lessons missed. Some students choose to have individual lessons which can be arranged with Mrs Tuyl or with Mr Loi. Cost for these is $20/week.

Drum lessons will again be offered with Col Hatchman. These will run on Friday mornings before school, from 8:45 am – 9:15 am. If your child wishes to learn drums, Col will supply the bucket drums for the lessons, but students will need to purchase a pair of drumsticks, which will cost approximately $15.00. Lessons are $10/week plus a $1.00/week hall levy (paid separately to the school). These fees are also payable in advance each term.

Finally, Ms Hamer (and Mrs Tuyl for the Opera House performance group) will again be teaching recorder to students who wish to learn. There is no charge for these lessons.

Any students who wish to undertake any of these lessons must make a commitment to practise their instrument regularly, otherwise they are wasting the tutor’s time and their parents’ money.

If you wish your child to be part of this program, please complete the election form below. Parents may wish to attend the school Music Recital next Tuesday to see how far the students have come under the program. I need this information returned by Friday, 12th December.

Yours faithfully,

Gail Hamer
Classroom Teacher

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Child’s Name: ........................................... Please tick your child’s choice

Guitar       or       Keyboard

Small group lesson/ Individual lesson   Small group lesson/Individual lesson

(Please circle your choice of small group or individual lessons for the above)

Drums

Recorder

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