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Who will be DCS's Hugh Jackman??!

We have all been working really hard bringing our performances and characters to life for our biennial production, and are so excited to perform for you! Tickets are still available at the Front Office for the Night Show on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm. Come and join the show!



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# Principal's Report

Welcome to Term 4, Week 6!

**The Road to the Greatest Show**: We are looking forward to the biennial DCS production, 'The Road to the Greatest Show'. Students and staff have been working hard on their performances. Please make sure you get your tickets for next Thursday night from the Front Office.

**Evacuation Drill**: Last Friday we practiced a 'Shelter in Place' evacuation drill as part of the requirements for our Bushfire Emergency Plan. All students moved to the hall with their bags in a timely manner.

DCS Personalised Learning Plans: In the coming days, secondary students' DCS Personalised Learning Plans will be published to the Parent Portal on Sentral as a trial moving forward into 2026. This means each parent will be able to access only their own child(ren)'s plan. The learning plan has been developed by the student in consultation with their Year Advisor, with each student identifying individual goals for themselves. Please take the time to review your child's plan, discuss it with them and contact the school if you have any questions or concerns. New plans will be created in 2026 to support continuing growth.

**Attendance**: As we head into the end of the school year, it remains important that students attend school every single day. School is the best place for students to learn as well as to build social connections and life-long skills. Students should be at school every day during the school terms, until the end of term, unless they are sick or are absent for a justified reason. Consistently going to school has countless benefits – from learning, to creating social connections and improving wellbeing through access to support and quality education. Thank you for working with us to support regular attendance, and we look forward to a successful and enjoyable end of term.

Recall on educational sand products: The Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC) has issued a recall on some decorative coloured sand products, supplied in various colours, that is used for open-ended art and craft activities or sensory play. The products are being recalled because testing of some samples have shown they may include tremolite asbestos (a naturally occurring asbestos), which is a prohibited substance in Australia. You can find more information on the product recall on the ACCC website: www.accc.gov.au.

Have a great fortnight!

Mrs Cathy Gallagher Relieving Principal



# Dates for your diary

#### **Term 4 Week 6**

### Term 4 Week 9

#### **Tuesday, 18th November**

Year 10 Deportment Day

#### Wednesday, 19th November

Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Day

#### Thursday, 20th November

Earlybirds—Full day

#### Friday, 21st November

· League Tag Gala Day: K-2 and St Michael's

#### All week: Infants Intensive Swimming

#### Thursday, 11th December

- Year 6 Graduation—9am, School Hall
- Year 6 Big Day Out—Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre

### Term 4 Week 7

#### Wednesday, 26th November

Matinee Performance, 12.30pm

#### Thursday, 27th November

Night Performance, 6.30pm



### Term 4 Week 10

#### Monday, 15th December

SRC Day Out

#### Tuesday, 16th December

Award Night

#### Wednesday, 17th December

Transition Disco—Primary from 6pm,
 Secondary from 7.30pm

#### Friday, 19th December

· Last day of term for students and staff

### Term 4 Week 8

#### All week: Infants Intensive Swimming

#### Wednesday, 3rd December

• Primary CPR—Year 5/6

#### 2026

#### Tuesday, 27th - Friday, 30th January

Staff Development Days - NO STUDENTS

#### Monday, 2nd February



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## WEAR 3

Celebrating 2025 with these outstanding

students. Thank you, Year 2, for a great year!

















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#### **Year 7 French**

This term, our Year 7 students have been exploring French hobbies, sports and food. A highlight of their learning was getting to taste some delicious French cuisine, including camembert and brie cheeses, brioche bread and crepes. These experiences have brought the language and culture to life in a fun and engaging way.

As this article is being written, our students are currently sitting their Yearly Exams. We wish them all the very best of luck.

Looking ahead to the last half of the term and the final weeks of the year, students will be learning about various French celebrations. This will lead into an exciting unit on how the French celebrate Christmas and their unique traditions. Wishing everyone a wonderful end to the school year!

### Year 5/6 French

This term, our Year 5/6 students have been diving into the delicious world of French cuisine. They have explored traditional dishes of France and had the exciting opportunity to taste some classic French delicacies, including camembert and brie cheese, crepes and brioche. The students' reactions to trying the cheeses were certainly interesting and added to the fun of learning about French culture.

As we approach the end of the term and the school year, students will be discovering traditional French celebrations, including how Christmas is celebrated in France.







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### Year 9/10 Design & Technology

What are three ways to join metal together? Welding, brazing and popriveting. With that in mind, the students have been learning the basics of MIG and 'Stick' (Arc) welding. They are making a metal trivet frame and a metal figurine.



#### **Year 11 Construction**

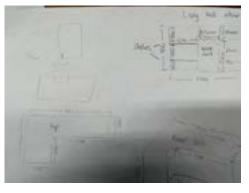
Boys have been busy making a panel door, tool carry-all and now a small dog house . . . I'm sure any small dog would be proud and thankful to have such a classy home!



# Year 11 Industrial Technology Timber

Year 11s, no sorry: Year 12s are now into the full swing of starting their portfolios. All three students have chosen to make a bar of differing proportions and layout. One of the early processes is to draw it to full size on MDF to see if this is what they really want to make, and see how well it comes together. Wishing the students all the best for 2026.





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## Year 16 Department Day

One of the highlights on the Year 10 school calendar is our annual Deportment Day. Today, Year 10 students came to school dressed in work attire, and were guided through various workshops designed to enhance presentation and personal skills. They learnt various life tricks and tips, such as cooking a meal, personal hygiene and how to iron a shirt, before being treated to a formal meal organised by Penny Copelin. The afternoon session involved being privy to insights from local business leaders who shared their experiences as school leavers. Thank you to Ryan Beckingham and Millie Rawling for giving your time to the next generation, to Penny Copelin for her culinary prowess and to Mr Kline and Jake Besgrove for their personal presentation tips. Thank you also to Mrs Mayes for organising another Deportment Day to remember!







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## Careers with Mrs Mayes

#### FARM VEHICLE SAFETY PROGRAM

Last week Year 10-11 Agriculture and Primary Industries students attended a 3-day Farm Vehicle Safety Program at Dubbo TAFE. The program included the operation of side-by-side utility vehicles, two wheel bikes and quad bikes. Students gained knowledge in the safety of themselves, others and the vehicles while operating. They performed TCLOC pre start checks, experienced drills and active riding where they considered their body position on turns and slopes, hill starts, rocks, sand and uneven terrain.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the days and would like to thank the TAFE trainers Andrew and Scott, as well as the parent and teacher volunteers for driving them each day.

### WHITE CARD

Congratulations to all students who successfully achieved their White Card yesterday with Mr Louwen. We are very thankful and grateful to Mr Louwen for squeezing in the course before the end of the year.











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## Blackstock Clarke Shield



A team of squash enthusiasts headed to Parkes for the annual Blackstock Clarke Shield last week. It was a wonderful day of squash, camaraderie and tenacity, with everyone playing some great points.

Congratulations to Jed Gallagher and Zac Johnstone who won the gold medal in the team competition and to Jed who also won the silver medal in the individual competition. Thank you too to Jess Ewin for

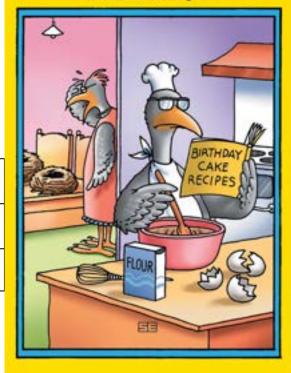




Lindy Piper	20th November	Staff
Maree O'Brien	22nd November	Staff
Belinda Hogden	30th November	Staff

Wishing you all a babulous day!

"George... our babies!... our babies have gone!



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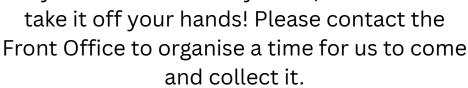


## THE ROAD TO THE GREATEST SHOW





Do you have an old basketball hoop with an attached backboard at home gathering dust? If you don't want it any more, we'd love to take it off your hands! Please contact the





## **Community Noticeboard**



**Dunedoo Sports Club** SATURDAY 20th DECEMBER LIVE MUSIC Kicks off... 5pm







Sleigh Rides Show Bags Fairy Floss Jumping Castle Pirate ship Horizontal Bungee Knock 'em downs









SLUSHIES POPCORN





Hams & hampers to win



BBQ, COLD DRINKS, TEA, COFFEE

!!CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION!! Celebrate the Christmas spirit Decorate your business, home, fence or garden for your chance to win prizes! WINNERS ANNOUNCED 20.12.25

### DUNEDOO AWA

FRIENDSHIP MORNING TEA

With A Christmas Flavour

AT DUNEDOO ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL

THURSDAY 20th November FROM 10AM

ALL WELCOME

We can pick you up and return you home

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You can be gay, straight, single, partnered, young ar senior. We welcome carers of any sexuality and gender identity/expression. To become a faster carer your ability to care for and nurture a child is what matters.

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If you have a spare bedroom and time to share, we'd lave to hear from you.

Call us today on 1300 592 227 to start your foster care journey.



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Synapse Reconnections online relaxation and dancing for Carers, Friends, Family - Carer Week

About the event

A critice group for carers & family of people living with brain injury. These bimonthly groups give you a space to share your experiences, challenges, victories, tips, and bricks with other carers.

Take some time out in a supportive space with people who understand what it's like to care or live with someone impacted by brain injury.

Please be mindful that this group is for carers & family. If you are living with a brain injury, touch base with our team to find a reconnection group that's best for you.

Date

18<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Time

2.00 pm to 3.30 pm

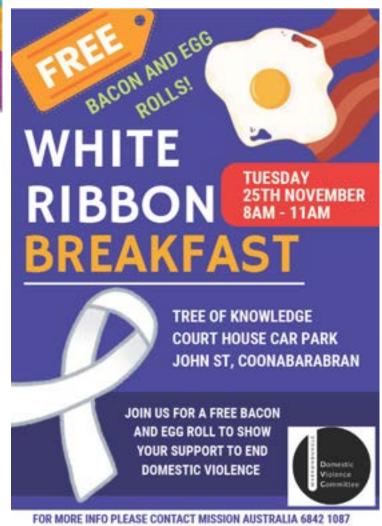
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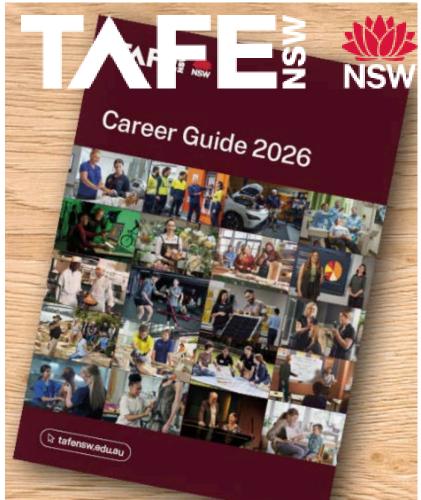
Online (Zoom)

Wew our events page for more details and register here. Register here to receive your reminders and zoom link.

RSVP: <u>rhoward@synapse.org.au</u> Information & Referrals 1800 673 074

SYNAPSE





The 2026 TAFE NSW Career Guide is now available.

You can access the guide here

Ready to kickstart your future?

TAFE NSW is hosting a series of Information Sessions for courses starting next year!

Explore your study options
Register online
Discover the pathway that's right
for you

Don't wait - start your learning journey today!

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#### Raise a Glass to History: The Night Frank Ryan Sleepwalked

Step back 100 years for an evening of stories, wine, and reflection at the Dunedoo Museum. Discover the poignant tale of Frank Ryan — the 29 year-old Stock and Station agent and local footballer who tragically sleepwalked over the Dunedoo Hotel balcony.

Enjoy a special reading of a poem by local writer Jane Smith, capturing the mystery and humanity of that fateful night in our town's past.

Dunedoo Museum

Mednesday 3rd December

@ 7:00 - 8:30 pm

T Bring a glass - nibbles provided

Gold coin donation

Register your interest with Melissa – 0422 390 119

Join us for wine, conversation, and a moment to rediscover Dunedoo's forgotten history.