2013 has been the most successful YouthRock for Duval. All three bands: Salute To Sundown (Toby Brown, Jake McFadyen, Shane Roach and Josh Targett - pictured above), I Took The Crown (Cooper Hague, Harrison Lawlor, Jack Wallace and Callum Argent-Schutz) and Hazel Bair (Kyle Donnan, Alma Geesink-Anton, Emily McDonnell, Courtney Sim, Ellen Vince-Moin and David Wilson) all performed extremely well, demonstrating great song-writing skills.

Salute To Sundown made it into the Grand Finals and won a day's recording at a top Sydney studio valued at $1,000. I Took The Crown won the Regional Award for the State and received the same prize. All three bands spent months writing and rehearsing for YouthRock and should be congratulated on their efforts and achievements.

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A very warm welcome back to term 2! As I mentioned at our first Assembly, this is going to be a busy and bustling term. However I would actually like to start by thanking those students who turned out during their holidays, in immaculate uniform, for the Anzac Day Parade, as well as the staff members who supported them on the day. The students looked magnificent and were truly wonderful ambassadors for our school!

Once the term actually got underway, the staff held two very productive School Development Days. On Monday 29 April they participated in sessions on ‘A Vision for Duval High School’, plus an overview of our continuing development of Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) at Duval, and finally a very interesting workshop about Project-based Learning with Bianca Hewes (a joint initiative with Armidale High School). On Tuesday 30 April, the faculties participated in local and regional activities to assist them in preparing for the new Australian Curriculum, which begins its implementation in 2014. Both days were invaluable in laying the groundwork for Staff Development for the remainder of this year. We welcomed all students back to school on Wednesday 1 May to new and revised timetables, but everyone has now settled back into the daily routine of teaching and learning.

On the same day, I was privileged to attend a special Armidale Community of Schools (ACOS) Farewell Lunch for our Regional Director, Mr Jim White, and our School Education Director, Mr Phil Jones, both of whom are retiring towards the end of this term. This was an important opportunity for the local public school principals to thank Jim and Phil for their hard work and support over many years, and to recognise their long and distinguished careers. On behalf of our respective schools, it was a pleasure to acknowledge Jim and Phil’s support of public education and devotion to the education success of the children of the New England region. Both men’s personal connection to the Armidale area was recognised by the presentation of framed panoramic photographs of the city as a token of our esteem.

Last Friday, Year 12 attended a very successful UNE Open Day, coordinated by our wonderful Careers Adviser, Mrs Lana Hardman. A highlight of the day was the performances by our successful YouthRock bands, which were much appreciated by the young people in attendance. Congratulations to Ms Hilary Pearson and the bands: ‘Salute to Sundown’ (Toby Brown, Shane Roach, Josh Targeett, Jake McFadyen); ‘Hazel Bair’ (Emily McDonnell, Ellen Vince-Moin, Alma Geesink-Anton, David Wilson, Kyle Donnan, Courtney Sim); ‘I Took the Crown’ (Cooper Hague, Jack Wallace, Harry Lawlor and Callum Argent-Schutz from AHS), and soloists Matt Campbell and Callum Dowling.

Yesterday we also held our Community ‘Yarn-up’ for the Aboriginal Education Officer’s position at Duval High School. The workshop was led by Pam Widders and Annie Austin from the Aboriginal Employment Unit of the DEC, and a number of interested applicants attended. The position is being advertised on the DEC’s website at www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au (under Aboriginal Education Officer), and also in the Koori Mail.

Could I also remind all parents and friends of the school about the special P&C Meeting being held on Wednesday 15th May from 6.15pm in the Staff Common Room. The guest speaker will be Mr Alun Davies, NBN Coordinator & Regional Communications Advocate, who will give a presentation on the NBN and its benefits for schools. Also in attendance will be Mrs Dianne Marshall, Director, Technology for Learning & Digital Education Revolution Programs of the Department of Education and Communities, local political representatives, candidates and other dignitaries.

Finally, with the weather starting to turn a bit chilly there has been a small issue with students choosing to wear various coloured “hoodies” to school, rather than the correct school uniform jumper or sloppy joe. I’d like to remind parents that hoodies are not part of the school uniform and that no matter what your children insist, it is not okay for them to be worn to school! Contrary to what I was told by a rather enterprising young man in the playground yesterday, the fact that a hoodie may be green does not make it part of the uniform!

Stafford Cameron
Our Bands Rock - Continued from page 1

We would also like to thank Mick McFadyen and David Hague for driving the bus and for all the parents who helped and supported us through YouthRock.

As a further note, all the bands, along with Matt Campbell and Callum Dowling, performed brilliantly at the recent UNE Open Day in front of 1200 students.

Last year’s Grand Finalists, Fresh Nelson, are still performing. Look out for them around town and listen to them on JJJ Unearthed.

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2013

Congratulations to our Choir and Dancers for making it into Schools Spectacular for the 30th Anniversary. We are still waiting to hear about the remainder of our audition entries.

ENGLISH FACULTY NEWS

What are you reading?

Year 7 are commencing a shared novel and students are reading Holes or Hitler’s Daughter or Boy Overboard or Parvana.

Year 8 are reading Trash and graphic novels.

Year 9 are reading The Hunger Games or To Kill a Mockingbird or Tomorrow When the War Began.

Year 10 are getting ready for Romeo and Juliet.

There have been lots of new exciting fiction books bought into our library inspired by the new English syllabus that is line with the National Curriculum.

Look out for A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness, Wool by Hugh Howey and Chenxi and the Foreigner.

Debating

The debating year has started well. Our senior debating teams have already competed in four debates, all against Glen Innes High School. The Blue team, consisting of Brittany Singleton, Ciselle Model, Christine Freak and Kieran Maschio are undefeated. Our junior team of Ellen Vince-Moin, David Wilson, Alma Geesink-Anton and Winona Rumble debated Armidale High School on the topic “We should teach mandatory self defence classes” and spoke very well as a team. They were narrowly defeated. It is great to see all our speakers’ skills develop.

Today We’re Alive

A group of about 80 Duval students from Year 8 to Year 12 accompanied by 5 teachers attended the performance of ‘Today We’re Alive’, a 50 minute play about the Myall Creek massacre. This performance was subsidised by the DEC New England Region and was a highly valuable experience for all students, especially those studying Advanced and Standard English for the HSC. It was a wonderfully moving performance and our students were extremely well behaved – a credit to the school and public education!

Study Opportunities for HSC students -

HSC Study Day @ Singleton

Limited spaces still exist! Duval High School will be taking 10 to 12 keen Year 12 students to the HSC Study Day in Singleton on 31 May, 2013.
This day covers most of the HSC courses set for study and the presenters are experienced HSC teachers and examination markers.

Places are limited so Year 12 students wishing to attend are encouraged to pay their money as soon as possible. Cost will be $90.

We have limited places so it's first in. We will be leaving early in the morning from the bus bay at Armidale High, returning late that night.

Pick up the 2013 timetable from Ms Hoddinott.

**Dorothea Mackellar poetry competition is open**


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**DONATE 4 KATE - ODD SOCK SPORTS DAY**

Duval High School once again took part in the annual Odd Socks fundraising initiative, raising over $300. This campaign increases the awareness of sun safety and raises vital funds for melanoma research. Later this term Jo Dolan will visit a special assembly to receive our donation.

Winners of the Craziest/Wackiest Socks went to Emily McDonnell and Ellen Vince-Moin. They will be receiving movie tickets. Well done girls!

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**UNIFORMS UNIFORMS UNIFORMS**

**DHS** - If you have any unused Duval uniform items it would be greatly appreciated if you could drop them to the school office for the Clothing Pool.

**Basketball Uniforms** - We are looking for the return of many basketball uniforms borrowed over the last several years by students in the junior, senior and miniball competitions. We have tried to keep the cost of playing the sport as low as possible by supplying juniors and Miniballers and individuals with a uniform to play in. However several of the sets have been reduced in numbers by students not returning the uniforms at the end of the game or the end of the season. We ask that all past and present basketballers check their cupboards to see if any uniforms have been overlooked. Please return uniforms to 165 Brown Street, The Den (Mon-Wed evenings), or to a teacher you know is involved in basketball (Mr Lacey). Thank you, we appreciate your assistance in this.

Judy Monaghan
Armidale Basketball

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**North West Girls Football**
Sarah Campbell, Fiona Brunckhorst and Anisha Rajanathan were selected on the North West Secondary Girls Football team which competed at the NSW Combined High School State Carnival in Albury last week.

**Lawn Bowls**
Congratulations to the Triples Lawn Bowls team of Justin Bullen, Aaron Kelly and Matt Carey, who had a convincing win over Narrabri to become the North West Regional Champions.

Under 15 Boys Football

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DHS Captain, Sam Munday, teamed up with Brock Whitley in midfield establishing a cohesive partnership early on with a focus on ball retention in the centre of the field. The first 15 minutes of play led to exchanges of possession on regular occasions with neither side able to breach each other's defence.

As the half wore on the centre defensive partnership of Kyle Burton and Alex Oliver was standing strong, however AHS was building periods of time with the ball in danger areas of the pitch and started to penetrate from wider positions. It was this penetration out wide that led to the opening goals of the match, despite the desperate efforts of DHS goalkeeper Adam See. Duval High School were to go to the break 3 goals down.

The second half started off much better for the Duval players as they were able to build on possession through the midfielders of Munday and Whitley and retain possession in the opposition half. Unfortunately DHS was unable to maintain this level of possession.

With the game slipping further and further away from the DHS side, they started to push players forward in order to overcome the goal deficit and AHS counter-attacked with speed and accuracy. At the end of the half DHS had been eliminated from the competition losing 4-0.

DHS coach, Mr Model, was quoted as saying, “It was a tough game for all involved, with every player giving it their all. Unfortunately we were unable to break down their defence to create enough goal scoring opportunities.” Credit goes to Kyle Burton and Alex Oliver who had great games at centre back. Without their efforts the score line may have been greater.

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**ARMIDALE RECONCILIATION BRIDGE WALK**

Sunday 26 May - 12 Noon

Meet near Stephens Bridge in the car park next to Information Centre
Corner Marsh and Dumaesq Streets
Bring a picnic - tea, coffee, sausages provided
Everyone welcome
Walk the Bridge, chat to friends, listen to our Speaker

Local function in recognition of
Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week

Organised by Armidale ANTaR
Australia for Native Title and Reconciliation

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**Keeping Kids In Mind**

Post Separation Parenting Course

Family Relationship Centre
3/150 Rusden St, Armidale
Phone: (02) 6738 7200
www.centacarenewengland.com

Meets requirements for court ordered parents.

Helps parents in high conflict:
- Handle strong emotions better
- Know how conflict affects the kids
- Get tips for parenting during tough times

COST: $50

This course will be held over 5 sessions;
MONDAYS: 20th & 27th May and 3rd, 17th & 24th June.
9.30am to 12.00pm

Bookings are essential and can be done by calling 6738 7200.
The course will only proceed with sufficient attendees.

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**Challenging Kids**

A FREE course for understanding and parenting easily frustrated, chronically inflexible children

Does your child:
- Show extreme behaviour?
- Have intense temper tantrums?
- Refuse to do what they are asked?
- Use verbal and physical aggression?

WHEN: TWO FRIDAYS 24th & 31st MAY
9.30AM to 12.30PM

WHERE: Centacare Armidale
Suite 3/169 Rusden Street
Armidale

COST: FREE – PLEASE BOOK BY
ENQUIRIES/BOOKINGS CONTACT
(02) 6738 7200

“Fatherhood – It’s the best job on the planet”