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Starting off a great week of sport for Duval, on Monday 3 June our school table tennis team travelled to Moree to contest the North West regional final of the Combined High Schools inter-school knockout competition.

The core squad of six Duval students has been training hard since March. Year 12 students Dean Heffernan, Anil Rajanathan, Sam Oliver and Alex Wojno have had to balance HSC study with multiple sporting and other commitments; whilst our younger players, Noah L’Hostis and Angus Gasbarri of Year 8, have won their places on merit, competing with senior students on an equal footing. The whole squad has made great progress in technique, all players able to call on consistent stroke play, utilising ball placement, spin and attacking flair.

(L to R): Sam Oliver, Dean Heffernan, Noah L’Hostis, Anil Rajanathan

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

♦ 19 June, 7.00pm> P&C Meeting (Staff Common Room)
♦ 28 June> Last day of Term 2
♦ 16 July> Students return to school Term 3

We are continuing to focus on cybersafety, in particular the importance of keeping information about ourselves private.
We have also needed strong match temperament and team spirit to win through thus far.

Dean, Anil, Sam and Noah were chosen for the team of four to travel to Moree Secondary College for the final. At number one, Dean made short work of his singles match 3 sets to 0, but Moree’s number two narrowly beat Anil 3-2 to level the match. Sam won convincingly but again Moree drew level after a close-fought match in which Noah went down 2-3. In the doubles we were always quietly confident, however Dean and Sam had to fight for their 3-2 victory before Anil and Noah closed out the match for Duval in more emphatic style. Final result: Duval 4 defeated Moree 2.

Thanks to Moree for hosting the final in an excellent venue and with impeccable sportsmanship. We feel that the Moree students played above themselves to make for a very close contest with a few uncertain moments for Duval; in the same way that we had had to raise our game to win the previous round against Tamworth.

Duval have now earned themselves a place in the State table tennis finals to be held at Sydney Olympic Park on Monday 24 June. Of the ten teams who will be there, James Ruse Agricultural High School must count as favourites given that two of their players have represented Australia in table tennis at the Youth Olympics. Our students are looking forward to the challenge!

Mr J Suddaby

DEBATING AND ENGLISH NEWS

Debating is going well for Duval High School with all year groups now busy in the Premier’s Debating Challenge. Both junior teams have been successful in Round 2 of the competition defeating Farrer and Armidale High, and are now ready to meet each other in Round 3.

Our senior team of Christine Freak, Brittany Singleton, Kieran Maschio and Giselle Model debated Oxley High in the regional semi final and were narrowly defeated. They should be very proud of their successes in and commitment to debating during their time at Duval.

Christine is travelling to Sydney this weekend to represent the New England Region in the semi final of the Sydney Morning Herald Public Speaking Competition. We wish her good luck!

Here are our Year 10 debating team members after they defeated Armidale High: Madeline Reckord, Bethany Jedlicka, Aleisha Singleton, Farihah Islam.

National Literacy and Numeracy week is coming: 29 July to 4 August, and we will be celebrating it at Duval High School. As part of the week, the English Faculty will be running a short story - a very, very short story - writing competition. Students are invited to write a 50 word story (not 49 or 51) based on the images from the book ‘The Mysteries of Harris Burdick’. These images are on show around the school. All students are encouraged to enter this competition. Entry forms will be available in the Library and from the English Faculty office.
CONGRATULATIONS TO........

.........Kasumi Scott (Year 11) on attaining her Black Belt in Kung Fu after 7 years of training with Anthony Kelly. Kasumi said, “Practice is the key to success and that’s what I’ve been doing”.

PD/H/PE NEWS

Dance Eisteddfod Success
A huge congratulations to Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 Elective Dance students for their results at the New England Dance Eisteddfod. Year 10 won the Years 7-10 section and Years 8 and 9 gained equal second. The Duval Dance Ensemble won the senior section with a contemporary piece ‘Tesselate’, and the ensemble also won second place with ‘Cinema’. Year 11 Elective Dance gained third place with ‘Lets Burlesque’. Well done!

Years 11 and 12 Senior PDHPE Fitness Workshop
Last Thursday senior PDHPE students attended a fitness workshop at Sport UNE. Students had the opportunity to get a taste of what a fitness class feels like and how the body uses a range of energy systems. Each student enjoyed the challenge and learnt a great deal about the fitness industry.

Ski Trip
Organisation is well underway for the Duval High Ski trip. Students are required to pay the full excursion costs by the end of this term. For any questions or concerns please contact Mr Peter Harris in the PE faculty.

Sport and Recreation – Kids’ Winter Camps

BushVenture
- Dates: Monday July 8 - Friday July 12, 2013
- Location: Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre
- Age group: 12-15 years

Snow Sports
- Dates: Saturday June 29, 2013 - Friday July 5, 2013
- Location: Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Centre
- Age group: 10-16 years

Important Dates:
CHS Gymnastics - Glendale - August (dates to be confirmed)

Recent Staff Training
'Mental Health First Aid Training’ – Miss Cullen and Mrs Vaughan
‘Write it Right’ – Mr Harris
‘Mind Matters’ – Mrs Vaughan

2013 ARMIDALE EISTEDDFOD ENCOURAGEMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Each year during the Armidale Eisteddfod, the specialist adjudicators are requested to choose recipients of several Music and Speech and Drama Encouragement and Scholarship awards from among the large number of competitors. Two Year 10 Duval students have been selected in this year’s list of awardees:

Encouragement Award for Clarinet – Oliver Bruhl

Encouragement Award for Voice (Senior) – Oliver Bruhl

Scholarship for Potential in Piano – Jol Choct
Oliver and Jol will receive their awards this coming Sunday, 16 June at the 2013 Eisteddfod Gala Concert. This concert will be held in the Old Teachers College Auditorium starting at 2pm, and will showcase some of the wonderful talent seen throughout the Eisteddfod. Congratulations boys.

Staff at both schools have developed a unique opportunity for talented students to combine in developing an original showcase of Music, Song, Dance and Visual Art titled 'Coming of Age'.

This production, featuring songs from a range of popular musicals, will run in the NECOM Auditorium in July and has attracted around 50 students from both schools. The students have helped develop an original production that is set in a Contemporary Arts gallery venue with virtual works of art that ‘come to life’ on stage.