The school celebrated NAIDOC Week with a special assembly on Friday, 19 July. This year’s theme for NAIDOC Week was We value the vision: Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963, which proudly celebrates the 50th anniversary of the presentation of the Yirrkala Bark Petitions to the Federal Parliament. Several of our students were involved in creating and performing a special dance to commemorate the event.

Dates for the Diary

- 24-26 July: ‘Coming of Age’ DHS/AHS Production
- 24 July, 6.00pm: Yr 10 → Yr 11 Information Evening
- 26 July: Interschool Benchpress Competition
- 26 July: HSC Ancient History Excursion (at AHS)
- 29 July - 2 August: Year 11 Ski Trip
- 5-16 August: HSC Trial Examinations
- 7 August, 6.00pm: Yr 8 → Yr 9 Information Evening

In PBL we are looking at cyber safety and specifically about stopping and thinking before posting photos online.
PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Here we are already into the second week of Term 3, and things are starting to become hectic. Year 12, of course, are settling into the final term prior to the HSC – some with the sure and certain knowledge that they have been working as hard as they can to be as well prepared as they can, others with a certain air of quiet desperation. The staff, meanwhile, are working flat out to make sure that everyone is as well prepared as they can be.

Other years are also gearing up for some big events – chief amongst these for Year 10 is the **Year 11 Subject Selection Information Evening and Subject Selection Expo**, to be held on Wednesday 24th July at 6pm in the Staff Common Room. Years 7 and 11 are focusing on their respective excursions – Year 7 on their postponed trip to the Warrumbungles, and Year 11 (or at least some of them) off to the snow.

We have also had a number of causes for celebration in recent weeks, starting with the fine performance of our Open Boys’ football team against Turramurra. I received phone calls and emails from the Principal of their school complimenting our boys on their tremendous sportsmanship, and thanking us for the great welcome the city boys received here in the country. Their coach, Mr Zeke Desiatnik, said, “I would like to thank you and your school for the wonderful experience we had in the New England area over the last two days. Tom and your team were so hospitable and made our long trip so memorable. Last year we had an awful experience in the final 16 with a lot of abuse and food being thrown at us. This trip was talked about by all players to parents and peers today at school and we all agreed that we hope to meet you again in the near future. I must highlight Tom and all his efforts with the dinner, the field, the polite crowd and all the assistance he gave me during the last two weeks.” This is a fine accolade, and we should be proud of all of our players and their dedicated coach, Mr Tom Model.

At the beginning of this term we received the fantastic news that our Dux of the School for 2012, Matt Barton, had been selected as one of only 25 recipients nationwide for the prestigious **Tuckwell Scholarship** to the **Australian National University**. The scholarship was established by the Graham & Louise Tuckwell Foundation to select the best and brightest of our country’s future leaders, and provide them with not only a $100,000 scholarship over 5 years, but to give the winners an opportunity to meet and learn from current political, business and defence force mentors. The selection process was extraordinarily rigorous, stretching over nearly 2 months, and involved written references for Matt from myself and Ms Hoddinott included in the initial 40-page application, and numerous face-to-face interviews with the abovementioned leaders of our society, until finally the 660-odd applicants had been winnowed down to the final 25. This is a fabulous achievement by Matt, and we wish him all the very best in his studies. You can read more about the Tuckwell Scholarship at this link: [http://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/](http://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/)

On Friday 19 July we celebrated our **NAIDOC Assembly**, featuring the up-and-coming talents of our Aboriginal leadership group, especially Karrlie Chatfield, Alice Dennison, Tamarla Smith, Narree Pittman and Matt Carey. The entire assembly was organised by the students themselves with the help of our Acting AEO, Leonie Donovan, and the large crowd was very appreciative of their efforts. Perhaps the highlights of the day were two performances by the Ben Venue Public School Dance Group, welcoming and farewelling the community and special guests. I would like to thank Mrs Karen Watson and Mrs Suzanne Dowling for bringing the students to share the day with us, and our own Narree Pittman, Tamarla Smith and Shannon Smith for coaching the students in their wonderful dances.

**Coming Events**

One of three “Guarantee Gonski” campaign vans touring 23 target electorates across NSW will be visiting Armidale on Wednesday 24 July 2013. The van will be at Beardy Street Mall, Armidale from 11.00am to 12.30pm, Duval High School at 1.45pm, and Armidale City Public School at 3.00pm.

The Armidale Community of Schools Education Week Awards will be held on Monday 29 July at Duval High School starting at 4pm. Students, teachers and parents from all of the ACOS schools will be recognised for their hard work and commitment to Public Education.
A reminder to parents wishing to order our school wet-weather jacket. Please complete the order form included at the back of this newsletter and contact Lara at Independent Sports (formerly Struddy’s) ASAP.

Stafford Cameron

Congratulations to former student, Matt Barton, Dux of the School for 2012, on being awarded a prestigious Tuckwell Scholarship to the Australian National University, Canberra.

NAIDOC Assembly (Continued from page 1)

indigenous students participated in the assembly as well as Mr Jim Maher - Mayor of Armidale. The School Captains also spoke about the Jimmy Little Foundation, which is one of the charities supported through fundraising by the Year 12 prefects. Students, staff and guests were treated to performances by the Ben Venue Public School Dance Group.

WELFARE AND DISCIPLINE REVIEW

As one of the school’s annual reviews we are looking at our Discipline and Welfare systems at the school. The review process is using a number of methods to gather information from all sectors of our school community including surveying the students, parents and teachers. We are also utilising interviews of focus groups and document analysis to create an accurate picture of our welfare system and what we need to do to improve the education and welfare of our students at Duval High.

There is an online survey for parents which can be accessed by clicking on the link: http://web1.duval-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/limesurvey/index.php/835712/lang-en

The response to the survey is anonymous and the time you take to complete the survey will be greatly appreciated in helping us to continue to improve all aspects of the school.

DUVAL P&C NEWS

Duval P&C has again this year been working hard to support the school community and help ensure great outcomes for our children. We have funded things such as Duval football jumpers for sporting teams and student injury insurance, ensuring that our students are covered for accidents and things like ambulance cover which is not funded via DEC. We are in the process of ordering hats to better meet the needs of students and sun safe requirements. A public meeting was held last term on the benefits to the school of the NBN and the P&C, which hosted this meeting, is working hard with the school to enable a trial to be hosted at the school. We have also put money towards many items on our school wish list and encourage submissions to this from staff and students. As the weather warms up we are hoping to host a community outdoor cinema event at the school.

Rachael Sowden
President, Duval High School P&C
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UNIFORMS WANTED!

If any families have items of Duval uniform which are no longer needed, it would be greatly appreciated if they could be dropped into the school office for the Clothing Pool.

DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

Junior debating is continuing during Term 3 with two Duval High School junior debating teams competing in the Premier’s Debating Challenge with Armidale High junior debating teams. Our Year 7 team includes Isabella Andronicos, Tung Nguyen, Bradley Lucas and Angus Lawrence, and in our Year 8 team is Stuart Browne, Tanvee Islam, Zoe George and Brianne Saxby. Both Duval High School teams are undefeated and we look
forward to participating in the final competition rounds with other high schools in our region later in the term. Our junior teams debated with enthusiasm and have shown quickly improving debating skills each time they compete.

In July Christine Freak travelled to Sydney to compete in the final round of The Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Speaking Competition with 23 students from high schools across the state. Christine spoke with passion and conviction about her topic of child soldiers and competed competitively in the impromptu speech section with the topic "Off the Hook". Christine proudly represented our school and exemplified the qualities we promote at Duval of excellence and respect.

The regional final of the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award was held in our library on Friday 19 July. Bradley Lucas and Alma Geesink-Anton participated against students from Oxley High School. Once again, Duval students represented the school with skill and talent and Alma was successful in gaining first place.

We are supported by the talents of ex-student Matthew Barton in our public speaking and debating. Matt is adjudicator and advisor for both public speaking and debating. His feedback to the students has been instrumental in their improvement in this area, and we thank him for his time and expertise.

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 display 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.

**YEAR 7 WELLBEING DAY**

On 20 June 2013 Year 7 Adviser, Ms Armstrong, took Year 7 and Year 9 peer leaders to the PCYC for a wellbeing day. The purpose of the day was to build skills of personal care, resilience, conflict resolution, teamwork and goal setting, all within the context of our school’s core values: Community, Respect, Excellence, Safety and Teamwork. Mr Kelly, Mrs Squires and Mr Ryan also came along for the fun.

Mr Kelly took the group up to the gym around half way through the day to get some exercise. They did all sorts of crazy activities which developed their strength, focus and interpersonal skills. After that Mrs Squires sat every one down and spoke about the nature of harassment and bullying, its impact on the victim, and the policies and processes in place at Duval to counteract bullying. Senior Constable Robyn Smith explained to us the serious implications and heavy legal penalties for cyberbullying. Ms Armstrong
ordered pizza for lunch, which we all enjoyed. After a spot of basketball, pool and punching bags, we headed back to school, pleased that we'd learned so many new skills and made some new friendships.

We would like to thank Mr Kelly, Mr Ryan, Sr Constable Smith, PCYC Manager Paul Salmon and Ms Squires for their great efforts to support us on the day.

_Lachlan Wood, 7C_

Footnote: Ms Armstrong was heard to comment that Year 7 behaved exceptionally well, perhaps the best group with whom she'd ever worked, and that she was extremely proud to be their Year Adviser!

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Table Tennis**

Congratulations to the Duval High School table tennis team who travelled to Sydney to compete in the State table tennis finals held at Sydney Olympic Park on Monday 24 June. Team members Dean Heffernan, Noah L’Hostis, Sam Oliver and Anil Rajanathan were all outstanding ambassadors for the school and should be proud of their efforts at the finals and throughout the 3-day trip.

The state finals are held in the Olympic table tennis hall with ten teams from Sydney and around the state contesting round-robin matches followed by play-offs to decide final placings. Each of the ten schools had won their regional competition, the four schools from Sydney being particularly strong. Thus we were not expecting any easy matches, especially once we knew that Duval had been drawn alongside James Ruse HS, Normanhurst Boys HS, Hurlstone Ag HS and Orange HS in the ‘pool of death’! James Ruse had two youth Olympic players, Normanhurst top players were state-ranked, and Hurlstone’s coach was an Oceania champion!

On the day, our students played creditably in all their matches, especially against top-ranked opponents. Duval were unable to match Normanhurst or James Ruse, but earned a highly satisfying 4-2 victory over Hurlstone Ag to finish a surprise third in our pool.

We then won our first play-off match 4-2 against Warners Bay HS, giving Duval the chance to play for 5th and 6th place against a strong team from Port Macquarie HS. In this hard-fought match our players contested every point and held our own all the way to 3-3 before going down in the final doubles. Normanhurst were eventual state winners over James Ruse in an impressive display of top-level table tennis. Duval had performed above expectation to rank 6th in the state.

Well done Dean, Noah, Sam and Anil.

_Mr J Suddaby_

**Football**

Many thanks to David Doyle for his excellent photos (just a few shown here, more on the school website) taken of the Duval Open Boys Football match against Turramurra High School at the end of last term. Congratulations to all the players and their coach, Mr Tom Model.
North West Equestrian Expo

More results in from this event which was reported on in our last newsletter.

Kathryn Green: 3rd Rider
5th Bend
7th Combined Training

Kathryn was also fortunate enough to team up with three girls from two other schools for the team six bar. The six bar event is one of the largest held with 166 teams taking part. Although all girls made it easily through the first round, an official mix up and a show of nerves saw Kathryn depart the competition in the second round.

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Careers News

Year 10 into 11 2014 Subject Selection
In their Careers classes, Year 10 students are being prepared for subject selection for the senior years of high school. The first most important decision is whether to go ATAR or non ATAR i.e. an academic pathway towards university or a vocational pathway possibly towards a trade.

There are many resources available to assist students in tailoring their HSC to meet their needs. These include:

BOS Board of Studies
For subjects, syllabuses, the RoSA, exams, assessment, dates and events, vocational education, special needs, parent information, online tests, and much more.

UAC Universities Admissions Centre
http://www.uac.edu.au/
For ATAR, bonus points, entry requirements and pathways to uni, common myths about subject selection and scaling, participating uni information, and more.
Year 10 students have access to a copy of the UAC University Entry Booklet in hard copy or a PDF version can be accessed on our website.

Requirements 2016 Year 10 booklet. Of particular relevance is the UAC Schoolink Year 10 page at http://www.uac.edu.au/schoolink/year-10.shtml

Careersworks
www.careersworks.com
Access to this new Careers resource for Duval High School is by password (please contact Careers Adviser for password). This resource provides you with a mountain of information and resources including subject selection, study skills, careers news, events, open days, scholarships, job research and videos, apprenticeships, and lots, lots more – all with colour, vitality and interest for young people and parents alike.

Careersworks is available and recommended for use by all Duval students and their parents - particularly those in Years 10, 11 and 12.
Duval High School Website
www.duval-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/
Useful resources including powerpoints, a short video explaining the ATAR and all the resources mentioned above and more have been uploaded to our website for your convenience. Please visit www.duval-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/click on school years / Year 10 / Subject Selection Information.

DuvalCareers Facebook
https://www.facebook.com/DuvalCareers
I created DuvalCareers Facebook so that our students and parents regularly receive Careers updates and information regarding, BOS updates, UAC Information, Scholarships, Apprenticeship & Trainee, Job opportunities, share upcoming events and what’s happening at school, make announcements and much more.

Please like us on facebook and be part of our careers community.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you require any assistance

Warm regards

Lana Hardman
Careers Adviser
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Duval High School Jacket Order Form

Dear Parents

The official Duval High School jacket is distributed through Independent Sports (formerly Struddy’s Sports Armidale), 151 Rusden Street Armidale. Ph 67712344 or Fax 67712322

This is the order form for this jacket, please note there is only 1 order placed per year for these jackets. We will keep some sizes in store, however once the jackets are sold out there will be no new stock in until 2014.

Cost is $90 per Jacket, size range from XXS-XXXL.

Orders must be received ASAP at Independent Sports (please do not hand in at the school).

Delivery will be within 8 weeks. We will call you on the number you have advised to us on the bottom of this form once the jackets have arrived at Independent Sports.

Payment must be made by either cheque or credit card. Please complete details below.

Cheques must be payable to Independent Sports Armidale.

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Name of student: _____________________________________________ Year of student:___________

Parent’s Name: ______________________________________________ Size: _______________________

Contact phone number during working hours:________________________________________________

Method of payment: Cheque enclosed for $______________ OR

Credit Card - MasterCard/Visa/Bankcard No:______________________________

Exp Date: ___/____. Please debit my credit card with the amount of $_____________________

Name on card:_____________________________________________________

I understand that I have ordered ______ Duval High School Kea Jacket/s for my son / daughter and enclose payment. I understand that once I have ordered this jacket I am not able to get a refund on this item.

Name:_________________________________________________________

Signature:________________________________ Date:____________________

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