School Leaders 2015

Congratulations to our School Captains and Prefects for 2015

(Back) Prefects: Aleisha Singleton, Tamika Cotton, Rachel Dawson, Bethany Jedlicka, Citi Emojong, George Prokop, Max Owen, Jol Choc, Dominic Hornera, Oliver Bruhl

(Middle) School Captains: Eleanor Logan, Sam Munday

(Front) Vice Captains: Madeline Kecord, Thomas Browne

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 13 October - 7 November> HSC Exams
- 23 October> Immunisation Yr 7 Boys and Girls and Yr 9 Boys
- 6 November> Year 6 Orientation Day
- 10-14 November> Year 10 Exams
- 11-14 November> Year 9 Newcastle excursion

We are looking at COMMUNITY and the meaning and importance of reputation.

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PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS (POP)

From **Tuesday, 21 October** it will be possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school’s website by selecting **$ Make a payment**.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students, and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called ‘Other’ to cover items not covered in the previous headings. ‘Other’ can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the **$ Make a payment** you must enter:

- the student’s name, and
- class and reference number, **OR**
- the student’s name, and
- date of birth

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, and these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

On the school website you will find a powerpoint with instructions on how to use POP at [https://edit.pws.det.nsw.edu.au/web/duval-high-school/our-school/schooling-costs](https://edit.pws.det.nsw.edu.au/web/duval-high-school/our-school/schooling-costs) For any further enquiries regarding the Parent Online Payments process please contact Julia Woods, the School Administration Manager.

P&C NEWS

Here we are in Term 4 and the P&C have been making progress on a few fronts.

Firstly, the whole of school uniform review is reaching its final stages, as can be seen in this edition of the *Top of the Hill*. The aim is to create a comfortable, but representative uniform code which has enough options to allow the students to wear it well and correctly all year round. Again, please direct your comments to the P&C via the school office.

A reminder that Duval HS has an app which can provide a handy way to keep in touch with what’s happening and to communicate with the school.

Our successful canteen fundraising has led the P&C to apply for joint funding for a large project/s for Duval. We welcome your input and suggestions. Just direct them to Caroline via the school office.

The P&C fund a level of student health insurance. If you would like to know whether you may be eligible to make a claim or to find out more, please contact Therese or Caroline via the school office.

Finally, our next working bee will be Sunday, 2 November, when we will garden and continue with the front wall. Stay tuned via the app and next newsletter for more details!

*P&C Committee*

SCHOOL UNIFORM REVIEW

The results are in …..

The recent uniform review conducted by the P&C has been completed with feedback from students, parents and teaching staff. An astonishing percentage of students gave feedback through the survey to change the uniform in some particular manner. The table below lists the **possible** new additions to the Duval High School uniform. We hope to have at least some of these modifications take place from Term 1, 2015. The existing uniform for both boys and girls can still be worn and parents are not obligated to buy any of the new items of
uniform. The P&C would like to stress this information is an outcome of the recent surveys and that it has not been confirmed as yet. Parents and carers have until the close of business on Friday, 24 October to register their opinions (for and against) the new items of uniform with the front office. Please refer to the table below on the P&C recommendations for the DHS uniform 2015 and beyond.

V-NECK COTTON BLEND PULLOVER
50% COTTON AND 50% LOW PILL ACRYLIC

FEATURES:
- Classic style, V-neck school jumper, unisex style
- Cotton and low pill acrylic
- Durable, machine-washable and holds shape
- Superior colour retention
- Available in children's sizes 4-28

DHS Uniform Review

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HSC PERFORMANCES

Congratulations to William Harrison (Year 12) on his nomination for OnStage for his HSC Drama performance.

Congratulation to Jol Choct (Year 11) on his nomination for Encore for his HSC Music performance.

SPORTS NEWS

Athletics

Three Duval boys competed at the NSW All Schools Track and Field Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park last week.

Stuart Geddes (Year 9) competed in the 14yrs 800m, 1500m and 3000m. His best performance was in the 3000m where he won the bronze medal in a time of 9:59.11, however he also performed extremely well in his other two events to finish 6th in the 1500m (4:30.67) and 8th in the 800m (2:11.31).

Aaron Iji (Year 7) competed in the 13yrs 100m, 200m and long jump and placed 23rd, 24th and 25th respectively overall.

Turner Lynch (Year 8) competed in the 14yrs 200m and 400m. His best result was in his favoured event, the 400m, where he placed 14th in a time of 57.10. In the 200m he ran a new PB of 28.70 to place 23rd overall.

Well done boys on your achievements.