Waste > Art and Design Winners

The Armidale Dumaresq Council’s Waste > Art and Design competition is an opportunity for regional residents of our community to communicate the waste reduction message using their artistic and creative talents. Visual Arts elective students in Years 8 and 9 took part in this competition, whereby three-dimensional artworks linked to the theme of climate change were constructed using predominantly recycled materials. Resources were gathered from the local waste management facility, art classroom and obliging next-door neighbours, which resulted in a raft of cleverly constructed and conceptually

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

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creative artworks. The exhibition showcased the immense talents of local artists and school students, with three of our own taking out top place in the secondary section. Jannala McNally’s thought-provokingly witty piece Heads in the Sand came in 3rd, Tiarna Styles’ animal activist inspired work Open Your Eyes came in 2nd and Lily Owen’s politically motivated piece Abbott took out 1st. A huge congratulations to our winners and all who submitted works – let’s do it all again next year!

**NEW ENGLAND SINGS! AND CELEBRATION CHOIR**

Over two wonderful weekends in November, many Duval students and staff have enjoyed performing, in the choir and orchestra, contemporary Australian works by composers such as Peter Sculthorpe and Elena Kats-Chernin, in Lazenby Hall and the Sydney Town Hall.

The Celebration Choir also helped raise over $20,000 for Westmead Children’s Hospital Music Therapy Unit. While in Sydney, the students also went to see “Wicked” and “Sculptures by the Sea”. Oliver Bruhl had the opportunity to workshop his conducting skills with Lyn Williams, a renowned conductor of children’s and youth choirs.

Many thanks to the New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM) and Mal Hewitt for their organisation of these two huge concerts.

**YEAR 9 FILM WORKSHOP**

At the end of last term, Duval students from Year 9 English participated with high school students from around the region in a film workshop organised by the North West Film Festival at the Roxy Theatre in Bingara. Students actively took part in inspiring workshops including how to work with a green screen for special effects and how to edit their own films using the latest software. They also enjoyed learning how to

**P&C NEWS**

Many thanks once again to our willing band of workers who mulched, weeded and tidied the school grounds last weekend. We will continue to chip away at it over the next few months.

Plans for the completion of the front wall painting and lettering are in place for the end of this month. A big thank you to Peter Simpson for offering to do this.

The P&C have received support from the DEC to proceed with a joint funding application for the construction of a shed/storage area for Duval. We are hopeful of a successful outcome and the provision of this much needed facility.

Hats for the new Year 7s will be made available again free of charge, and hats for existing students will be available for sale from the school office. Thanks to Bin Niemeyer for organising the hat drive.

With Presentation Night around the corner, a reminder to recipients of book vouchers from last year to please redeem your vouchers!
direct and produce a short film using their mobile phones.

The highlight of the day was the showing on the "big screen" of the short film "Game Over" written, directed and produced by our talented students Stuart Browne and Alex Evens with assistance from Shah Biffin and Marcus Girard. Their science fiction action film received loud applause from the crowd of students and praise and encouragement from the organisers of the film festival. This excursion showed the excellence of our year 9 students and the organisers complimented them on their talent, behaviour and cooperation throughout the day.

Ms Grice
English Department

Outstanding performances from Year 7 students Hadi, Ndani, Vashnavi, Georgia, Amelia and Claire who will no doubt find themselves in key roles in future productions. Other performers who gave stunning performances include Debbie Hyde as Antonia, Josh Gartshore as Valentine. However, the comic trio of Alex Evans, Stuart Browne and supported by Axel Jedlicka will stay with us forever as they stole the show with their banter, their playful slapstick, and comic timing.

Finally, the show would have been 'nought' without the soulful musical arrangements and performances by Ellen Vince-Moin who played Feste in a kind of impresario performance. It was Shakespeare for the crowd, and a joyful experience for all those involved in the workshopping and the development of the piece.

Mrs Walsh

TWELFTH NIGHT PRODUCTION

Twelfth Night hit the stage this year and had an amazing, though brief, season which can only be described as a leap of faith with an outstanding landing. It was, to quote so many of the audience members, 'HILARIOUS'. And that goes for audience and cast. Malvolio, played by Kyle Donnan, had us in stitches, David Wilson, fabulous as Orsino, fell in love with the awesome Emily MacDonnell once he saw her in her 'women's weeds', and Shah Biffin's Sebastien stole the heart of Zoe George's dazzling Olivia. All's well that ends well, as the subtitle goes.

Mrs Walsh

CONGRATULATIONS TO BLACK BELT RECIPIENTS

Georgia Whittley and Emily Marshall received their black belts in Kung Fu after both training for several years. Their instructor, Anthony Kelly, said he was very proud of the dedication and effort they had shown to reach this level.
TABLE TENNIS REPORT

The Duval Table Tennis Knock-out Singles Handicap competition has attracted much interest and is going well. A total of 84 ping pong players (67 students and 17 teachers) signed up to take part and the school gym has been buzzing with activity most recess and lunchtimes. We have regularly had over 30 people in the gym lining up to share the four table tennis tables, practising their skills, playing for fun or watching close-fought competitive battles between a Year 7 and Year 11 student or between a Year 8 ping pong black belt and a less skilled but doggedly determined teacher. The handicap system has made for many close score-lines with a pleasing number of matches going all the way to ‘deuce’ at 10-10. We have had lots of great play and Round 3 is now nearing completion. At the time of writing, 25 competitors remain undefeated including 4 teachers and students in every Year from 7 to 11. They are vying for a place in Round 4 (the ‘round-of-16’) and we are expecting to have an overall winner during the first week of December.

Most pleasingly, the atmosphere in the gym has been terrific throughout. We can roll out the tables, set up nets and get playing in three minutes. All who come to the club respect the high standards of cooperation and sportsmanship that let us have fun and help look after the gym and the equipment. It is great to see such a diverse group of students of all ages interacting in this positive environment. At the end of recess or lunch, everyone helps pack away nets, bats, balls and tables in under two minutes without a word needed - Duval’s PBL values of Community, Respect, Excellence, Safety and Teamwork in action!

Jamie Suddaby

REMINDERS TO PARENTS

If your child is not returning to Duval High School in 2015 please advise the office on 6772 1266 or duval-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au so appropriate arrangements can be made.

The last day of school for 2014 is Wednesday, 17 December. If your child is starting holidays any earlier please advise the office of the dates your child will be absent. Please consider applying for Exemption if your child will be absent for an extended period of time.

Please advise the office on 6772 1266 if your child is absent due to sickness or any other reason.