Outstanding 2013 HSC Results

Alexander Wojno
ATAR 94.55
Band 6
Mathematics Ext 2

Christine Freak
ATAR 93.9
Band 6
English (Advanced)

Brittany Singleton
ATAR 93.4
Band 6
English Ext 1
Mathematics Ext 2
Textiles and Design

Alexander Greenhalgh
ATAR 92.6
Band 6
Ancient History

Kieran Maschio
ATAR 92.85
Band 6
Ancient History
English (Advanced)
English Ext 1

Samuel Oliver
ATAR 91.7
Band 6
Mathematics

Anil Rajanathan
ATAR 90
Band 6
Mathematics Ext 2

PBL CORNER

We are introducing our core values to our Year 7 students. The Prefects will work with Year 7 students during their introductory lessons. All other years will be refreshing how we demonstrate our core values both at Duval High School and within our community.
PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

A warm welcome back to all of our students, parents and community partners to what promises to be yet another busy and exciting year at Duval High School. A special welcome is extended to all of our incoming Year 7 students – they have settled in well and are rapidly learning the routines of their new environment. It is good to see some of them also wearing the Duval High School hat which was presented to them last week as a welcoming gift from the P&C. During the hot and sunny weather which is forecast for the next month or so, it would be good if parents could encourage the Year 7 students to wear this hat whenever they are out in the sun. Shortly we will be holding a welcome BBQ for Year 7 and their parents – stay tuned to our website, http://www.duval-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/ or the Duval High School Smartphone App (available as a free download for both Android and iPhone) for further details!

Parents will have received a note about this already, but just a quick reminder that Thursday, 13 February is the date for our Twilight Swimming Carnival. Students will have a full normal school day, including normal sport, then report to the swimming pool at 3.30pm for the carnival. As this is above and beyond normal school hours, students have been allocated Friday, 14 February as an in-lieu-of-school day, and do not need to attend school on that day. Please make sure your child brings adequate sun-safety gear on the day. Even though the carnival is scheduled in the afternoon and evening to reduce the risks of exposure to the sun, long-range weather forecasts indicate that the day will probably be hot and sunny, so sunscreen, broad-brimmed hats and other forms of protection are essential!

Parents may have been forgiven for thinking that the school had turned into a building site during the last few weeks! Construction of our new disabled access lift is proceeding well, albeit slightly behind the original schedule. We now hope that the lift will be completed by the end of February. (Students are reminded to stay away from the construction zone at all times, for their own safety!) We have also had a team of painters in during the holidays and first two weeks of term, refurbishing safety strips on stairs and handrails, and painting eaves, gutters and downpipes. The school is looking fresh and revitalised already, and this will be enhanced when the P&C and SRC commence their joint school beautification project, entailing some internal and external painting and decorating, later this term. A very visible sign of this project will be the painting of the school entrance wall and bus shelter, and the installation of the new, larger DUVAL letters on the wall.

On a less positive note, even at this early stage of the year some students are having trouble complying with the school’s uniform guidelines. I would like to remind parents that there is a school uniform code, which is outlined in the Duval High School Information booklet, and that we place a great emphasis in our PBL program on students wearing the correct uniform with pride. Regardless of what your children may tell you, black t-shirts, hoodies and jeans have never been, and will never be, part of the school’s uniform. Over the next two weeks we will be having a strict crackdown on uniform offences, and I am sure parents and carers will support the school in this.

Stafford Cameron

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

Congratulations to Matt Carey, 2013 Duval High School Prefect, on receiving the Young Citizen of the Year Award at the 2014 Armidale Dumaesq Council Australia Day Awards.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2014 HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

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DUVAL DANCE 2014

Welcome back to all students! I look forward to another exciting and busy year in the arts.

Students will have a number of opportunities this term to perform and participate in a range of excellent events. The Duval Dance Ensemble will continue into 2014. If new students are interested in joining, they need to audition for a place in this performance group. Auditions will take place in Week 4.

Elective Dance Classes

Students are reminded to bring appropriate dance wear for all lessons. It is important that no student’s ability to perform and/or learn is hindered due to incorrect uniform. The correct uniform is encouraged for safety reasons also, especially the correct footwear.

Duval Dance T-Shirts are available for purchase and can be worn in class time and on excursions. The cost of the shirts is $18. If students wish to order a shirt they need to come and see me as soon as possible.

Important Dates and Events

2. HSC Dance ‘Callback’ Workshops and Performances: Sydney 14-16 February.
3. Dance Camp – Lake Keepit: 7-11 April. If students and parents have any questions regarding the above events please do not hesitate to contact me or drop by the PDHPE office.

Ms Cullen

Congratulations to Jade Fangmeier who competed last week in Equestrian at the Bundarra Show. She did extremely well in winning Champion Rider.

SHOOTING NEWS

During 2013 approximately 14 students participated in Shooting for sport each Thursday at the Loch Abba range with Mr Pringle.

In March our students competed in an International Rimfire Benchrest (IRB) Competition in Coffs Harbour against shooters from many locations. They performed extremely well, however the Coffs shooters came out the winners. Then in November our shooters competed in another IRB Competition here in Armidale against a Catholic College from Coffs Harbour, and Duval came out on top. Also in November Duval shooters participated in an ATA Shoot which was open to shooters of all ages and from all around Australia. Younger shooters were teamed up with two adult shooters and our students’ teams were very successful:

1st place - Melanie Frost
2nd place - Ben Dawson
3rd place - Karl Simpson

This competition enabled Duval students to meet many other shooters, gain more knowledge of the sport, and was a great experience for them all. Our students are to be congratulated for the excellent way in which they conducted themselves whilst representing Duval H.S.

At the end of 2013, the following awards were presented from amongst all the DHS shooters:

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NOTIFICATION OF MEASLES AND CHICKENPOX

ATTENTION: PARENTS AND CARERS

Please be aware that a student in our school is currently receiving treatment which results in a lowered immune system (chemotherapy and steroids), which means the student is more prone to getting ill from infections. As the student is not contagious but has a chronic illness, it is important that he/she participates actively in the day-to-day school program without any major limitations. A major concern is that if this student develops chickenpox, measles or influenza, he/she could become seriously ill. We seek your cooperation in preventing this situation.

If your child has or may have chickenpox or measles, please:

1. Do not send him/her to school.
2. Notify the school as soon as possible.

Thank you.

YEAR 7 WELCOME BBQ
Wednesday, 12 February
5.30pm start

All parents, carers and students of Year 7, 2014 are invited to join members of DHS staff under the COLA.