Weathering the Warrumbungles

Warrumbungles was a great school trip as it taught us resilience, persistence and teamwork. I loved the walks because they were interesting, and when we reached the top all of the hard work was worth it. The sight that stood before us was spectacular - mountains just recovering from the bushfires that only happened eight months before we were there.

After the walks we were all left with battle scars as the rocks and branches bashed at our legs.

Lastly I would like to thank all the teachers and peer leaders who attended and helped us through the good and the bad times. You’re all very good people.

Faith Hall

It was the first night at the Warrumbungles and we had all just gone to bed. My camping friend, Joseph, and I had just got in our sleeping bags and then, BANG! a tree fell down close to the camp. It scared everyone. We all looked out of our tents to see what the noise was. After that we all went to sleep.

Hadi Hussein

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 2 May> UNE Open Day - Year 12
- 5-9 May> Year 11 Half Yearly Exams
- 13-15 May> NAPLAN - Years 7 and 9
- 21 May> Tamworth Careers Expo
- 22 May> Athletics Carnival
- 2-6 June> Year 10 Work Experience
- 5 June> Immunisation Year 7 Boys and Girls and Yr 9 Boys

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PREFECTS REPORT

Throughout Term 1 our Year 12 Prefects and Captains have been working hard to raise money for their chosen charities: SIDS Research and RSPCA. They also put some of their funds towards the school as a gift, where they personally painted, with much help from their adviser, Mrs Rajaratnam, the History/English block stairwell. The Prefects have made it a brighter and cheerier part of the school with very positive feedback from staff and students. The Prefects will continue raising money through BBQs, local markets and other such fundraisers, and all support is much appreciated for these well-deserving charities.

Katie Broomfield
School Captain

SPORTS NEWS

Member for Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall, presenting NSW Government State Representative Certificates to Sam Jenner, N'Dea Rumble and Morgan Rowbottom who have recently competed at state and national levels in their respective sports.

Winona Rumble sang the National Anthem at the Armidale New Citizenship Ceremony at Armidale Dumaresq Council Chambers on 2 April 2014.

Students represented the school at the Anzac March last Friday.

DHS Football Update

U15 Girls defeated O’Connor 4-1
U15 Boys defeated Armidale High 2-1 (pictured)
Open Girls defeated Oxley High 2-1
Open Boys to play Armidale High this Friday

Congratulations teams!
Shaun Butler Rides Armidale Criterium

I went bike riding on Sunday. I raced in the criterium in the City of Armidale. I raced for 20 minutes in the centre of the city. There were about ten of us in my race and I won a $50 gift card from SportsPower.

There was a large crowd that watched on the day, which included Mr Kelly to cheer me on. Mr Kelly said I rode "extremely well and was very determined". Mr Kelly also said Hugh Munday (another Duval student) made a valiant effort to get into first place but was pipped at the post and was awarded second.

Shaun Butler

Basketball Winter Trophy Competition is Back!!

Games for the Term 2 junior basketball begin on Tuesday 6 May, but not all teams have got organized. If you or your team are running a bit late, contact Judy immediately. The competition runs during Terms 2 & 3.

We are looking for more teams and individuals in Years 7/8 and Years 9/10 for both boys and girls.

If you need further information contact Judy Monaghan on 6772 7771 or 0417622859 or catch us on email at armball@bigpond.com.

Game costs for Tuesday night competitions are $6 for junior games, or players can pay $40 for the entire term while annual registration remains at $70 for the year. This can be done at the first game. All IOU’s must be paid before the players take the court.

YEAR 8 MOONEE BEACH EXCURSION

On the 1st April to the 4th, Year 8 went up to Coffs Harbour for an excursion to Moonee Beach. It was a pretty long trip but when we got there it was worth it. We were divided into four groups: the Wobbegongs, Whitings, Sandflies and Seahawks. In each group we did activities which included sand modelling, obstacle courses, orienteering, raft making and a walk around Moonee Beach area. At lunch we would cook our food and once finished we would have a swim in Moonee Creek. Some of us boys even tried fishing and managed to catch a few fish. Every night we would do a number of activities like beach walks, quizzes, scavenger hunts and a movie! We had great fun at Moonee Beach and would like to thank all the teachers and helpers who organised the excursion.

Eliam Galindo

See more Moonee photos on the school website.
On Thursday we went to the Observatory. Firstly we got into three groups, then we all went to different telescopes around the place to see how they are used. The majority of Year 7 and our peer leaders went on a walk up and around Split Rock. While we had a break we yelled down to Mr Craven and the students who stayed behind.

Thank you teachers and parents for letting us come on this amazing excursion.

Emma Murphy, Landy Harvey, Janae Galindo

On skit night, in between acts, Mr Craven was persistent to tell his weird jokes about the Scottish man and the ducks. Luckily that night we had Dominos pizza and everyone tried to shovel in as much as they could before there was no more. Later that night we had to make sure no water would get into the tent. It was a long night of rain.

Milly Randell

On the last night it rained and a tree fell down. It woke me up so I started packing up, but then Mr Craven came and told me it was only 3am so I went back to sleep.

Jackson Cook