Bronze Medal for Lawn Bowls Team

The crowd stood with arms crossed against the frosty morning hoping that the sun would appear from behind the clouds to dry the green. Scanning the names of the players who made up the Pool C opponents of Mitchell, Forbes and Albury, Duval were quietly optimistic, as no big name lawn bowlers came to mind.

The Duval team of Justin Bullen, Aaron Kelly and Turner Lynch introduced themselves to the Albury players. The games were over 12 ends which meant teams needed to do their thing consistently. Promisingly in the first game, Duval slowly pulled away in the scoring but disaster struck, when nearing the final ends, the boys went down 7 on one end due to an excellent drive from the opposing
And so we come to the end of another productive and industrious semester at Duval High School. They say that as you grow older time seems to pass more quickly. I’ve never believed that, but on the other hand I’m not sure exactly where the last six months went either. My thanks and congratulations to all the students who have participated so well in the vast array of educational, sporting and cultural opportunities we have offered so far this year, and to the marvellous parents who support them. Needless to say, those students who have been working hard and doing all of the tasks set for them by their teachers will be well rewarded when this semester’s reports arrive in the mail. If this is you or your child, good job! Others may not be so happy. All I can hope is that those students learn something from this experience and make a better effort next term. Reports will be mailed by this Friday for delivery during the first week of the school holidays.

I also wanted to take the time to compliment those students who wear perfect school uniform every day, despite the cold weather. They comprise the majority of students we recognise in our PBL system – the ones who do the right thing, turn up for school every day, wear their uniform with pride, and get on with the business of learning in class. Well done to each and every one of you!

Parents will have observed that we have been doing a lot of work around anti-bullying during the last month. Sadly, cyber-bullying is a major issue for all schools in the 21st century, and we are finding that girls in the junior years are experiencing this problem regularly. When the school is made aware of a problem, every effort is made to resolve it as quickly as possible. This involves a range of staff and procedures including the Year Advisers, Boys’ and Girls’ Advisers, Welfare Coordinator, Head Teachers, the Deputy Principal and myself. We are also utilising the services of our local Police Liaison Officers, who have spoken to year assemblies about this issue, and who delivered a parent information evening on Tuesday, 24 June. We are currently also considering adopting a new program from Queensland, Stymie, which allows students, parents and community members to make anonymous notifications of bullying and harassment. Further information on this program can be found at [www.stymie.com.au](http://www.stymie.com.au).

Finally, two very important events are coming up soon. Our annual NAIDOC Ceremony will be held on Friday, 27 June in the school gym, and will feature dancers from Duval High School and Guyra Central School, poetry reading and a guest speaker. Parents and community members are cordially invited to attend, and we will be holding a sausage sizzle for all students and guests following the assembly. We will also be celebrating Education Week during Week 3 of next term, with a presentation ceremony to be held at Armidale High School on Monday, 28 July starting at 4.00pm.

Enjoy the school holidays and we look forward to welcoming the students back for a fresh term of teaching and learning on Tuesday, 15 July.

Stafford Cameron

P&C NEWS

Many thanks to everyone for supporting our Canteen’s Red Day last Friday - it makes the extra effort all worthwhile! Funds raised enable the school to purchase items and support our students across a range of disciplines and endeavours.

Please take time to fill in the uniform survey (link below), so that the choices which are made regarding the school uniform represent the opinions of school community, as widely as possible.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-82YXm1LOZCHWspyA3TmejhkPtbuaZ55kqwgr3Afnak/viewform?usp=send_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-82YXm1LOZCHWspyA3TmejhkPtbuaZ55kqwgr3Afnak/viewform?usp=send_form)

A possible summer dress design referred to in the survey:

We are having a working bee to further the improvement of the school grounds on **Sunday, 6 July from 10.00am.** Please bring gardening tools, wheelbarrows, shovels, etc. Hope to see you there! Please call Caroline or Susie via the school office for any enquiries.

We hope you enjoy a rest over the holidays, and
look forward to seeing you at the next P&C meeting on **Wednesday, 16 July at 7.00pm in the Staff Common Room.**

**P&C Committee**

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skip. There were too few ends remaining to make up the difference and surpass Albury’s score. The 12th end result: an 11 all draw.

A new game strategy was required now: Duval had to win the next two games by larger margins than Albury to ensure a place in the semi-finals the following day. The boys faced Mitchell in their second game. After the 12 ends Duval came out ahead with a score of 12-9, up by 3. The shock news was Albury had played Forbes and beaten them by 11! Rallying, the boys realised that they may not match or better last year’s result of third in the State, but they reminded themselves that getting this far was still no mean feat.

After lunch, Duval faced off against Forbes knowing that they had to win, and if possible win by at least 11 to stay in the race against Albury. Albury were playing Mitchell in their final game of the day. The four teams played on rinks adjoining each other so the scores were visible to all. After a tense 12 ends, Duval had beaten Forbes 13-8, and we thought that our effort was not enough. To everyone’s surprise and Duval’s delight, Albury succumbed to the pressure and went down to Mitchell 14-7, so Duval was out of the woods and into the semi-final the following day!

A new day dawned and the sun was shining. Duval was in the semi-finals with the winners of the other three pools; Warilla, North Sydney Boys High and Sylvania. Many of the players in these teams were known to the boys, indicating that the games were going to be even tougher than yesterday. The games were to be over 15 ends and the first game was to be against Sylvania. At the 13th end Duval were 7 up when once again the boys let their guard down, allowing the Sylvanians to get 7. Unfortunately at that stage there were too few remaining ends to make up the difference and Duval lost 11-23.

The afternoon saw Duval play-off over 12 ends for 3rd and 4th against North Sydney Boys High. The boys were able to keep them at bay, so by the 10th end the boys were 5 up with the score at 12-7. The 11th end saw the boys go 2 down to make the score 12-9 and a bit too close for comfort. The boys needed to keep their nerve in the last end of the game. Some great bowling under pressure in the 12th end resulted in Duval going 1 up and a final score of 13-9. Duval was third in the State for a second year running!

Congratulations to the three boys for two days of fine lawn bowling and thank you to Mrs Kelly, Ms Kilarr and Ms Verwayen for accompanying the boys on the trip.

**DRAMA NEWS**

The Annual Shakespeare Festival celebrating the 450 year birthday of The Bard, as well as over 20 years continual running of the Duval Chapter, was held on Wednesday.

Happy Birthday to you Mr William Shakespeare! 450 years, no less. And none the worse for wear at your age. Your plays stood up to the magnificent test of time at the recent Duval Shakespeare Festival held in the Rooftop (couldn’t get the Globe this year). Years 7 through to 11 Drama strutted their hour upon the stage. Witches galore encircled the cauldron, Helena chased Demetrius into the woods with a slapstick laced rolling comic performance, Puck and the Fairy swapped insults, and once again Lucentio and Hortensio wooed the ever coquettish Bianca. Yes, they were all there: Julius Caesar, The Merchant of Venice, Romeo and Juliet and the very tragically
great MacBeth. His Lady M from 'The Scottish Play' was boldly embodied by Indah Dwyer-Westhorpe who drove the message of corruption and power so elegantly home - we were at once drawn in and spat out. The tension in Measure for Measure sent shivers down our spines with Maddie Fittler and Citi Emojong bringing the senior skills to bear in their tightly crafted performances.

And thus, William, we wish you a happy birthday and hope the celebration of your life and works will extend many more with the Duval students continuing to amaze and delight each year with new and innovative interpretations of your plays.

And while the day of all days continues to resemble the academy awards, with winners and winners and more winners, Mrs Walsh would like to say a most hearty congratulations to every single student who performed, for their willingness to persist in unravelling the meaning behind the language and turning 'blank verse and iambic pentameter' into some of the most moving theatrical delights the rooftop has ever 'scene' (pun intended). To Be or Not To Be - it was never a question. An 'twill be again next year. Get ready William Shakespeare!

**MUSIC - SEMESTER 1 UPDATE**

Once again we have had a very busy, but successful first semester in Music.

**Highlights**

**HSC Music Encore Excursion in Sydney** where we saw the best of last year’s HSC Music and Art works as well as The Lion King, Museum of Contemporary Art and the Jazz Club 505.

**YouthRock** Once again we had three bands reach the finals in Sydney: Take 2, Olympian and The Window. Congratulations to Angie Fittler, Sarah-Kate Sowden, Bailey Swain, Alex Evans, Cooper Hague, Harry Lawlor, Callum Dowling, Jack Wallace, Jaqui and Maxwell Dwyer. A big thank you also goes to Mark Lawlor for driving the bus.

**Schools Spectacular 2014** We have 37 students accepted into this year’s production from the video auditions - a huge achievement for a regional school.

**Armidale Eisteddfod** Lots of wonderful performances and achievements with the Choir, Vocal and Popular Ensembles, Compositions and Class Ensembles. A special mention also to all our piano students who did so well at the Tamworth Eisteddfod.

**Year 10 and HSC Music Days at NECOM** A great opportunity for our students to enjoy a wide range of wonderful workshops and get a headstart for the HSC.

**Community Performances** Autumn Festival, Seniors Week and Rotary Dinner.
SPORTS NEWS

Tennis

Congratulations to the Open Boys Tennis team of Noah L’Hostis, Johnny Schmalz, Adam Lucas and Turner Lynch on moving into the North West semifinals of the Open Boys Knockout competition with a 7 sets to 1 win over Armidale High School. The boys will now play Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School early in term 3.

Noah has also been selected in the Armidale Zone team and will progress to the North West trials next term.

Keira Walford has been selected in the North West Girls’ Tennis team. Congratulations to Keira and we look forward to hearing about her future successes.

Cross Country

On 13 June, Janae Galindo, Kate Jones, Isobel Harris, Bronte Wood, Tahlia Geddes, Lachlan Williamson, Eliam Galindo, Bradley Lucas and Stuart Geddes all participated in the North West regional cross country championships held in Coolah. Congratulations to Stuart on placing 3rd in the 14 years boys and Janae on placing 2nd in the 12 years girls divisions! Both Stuart and Janae will now head to the state championships. We would also like to congratulate all the other students who participated in this running event.

We would like to thank all the parents who took their time to take us to Coolah and wish good luck to our state competitors who will be racing on 18 July at Eastern Creek in Sydney.

Janae Galindo

Boccia

On Tuesday, 17 June our school Boccia team went to Tamworth to compete against other teams in our region. Our team consisted of Jacob Bailey, Shaun Butler, Hannah Chaffey, Harry Chapman and William Vince-Moin. For two of the students this was their first experience playing Boccia and everyone played to their best, showing great skills. All of the students showed outstanding teamwork and were very supportive of each other. There were four very close games against Armidale HS, Tamworth HS, Peel HS and Barraba HS with the end result that we tied for 2nd place in the region.

Jane Weber
Netball

Duval Open Girls Netball team is into the third round of the knockout competition after a hard fought game against Armidale High, in which the girls won 30-29. Tamworth travels to play us in week 1 of next term.

FREE help for separated parents

Building Connections is a program to help separated parents have healthy and strong relationships with their children.

This program covers:
- This impact of separation and conflict on children
- Ways of communicating with the other parent
- Setting goals for future parenting
- Support services available to you

DATES AVAILABLE:
Thursday 3rd July 9.30am -12.30pm
Wednesday 23rd July 5.30 - 8.30pm
Thursday 14th August 9.30am -12.30pm
Wednesday 3rd September 5.30 - 8.30pm
Thursday 25th September 9.30am -12.30pm

WHERE: 3/150 Rusden Street, ARMIDALE
For more information or to book, please call 1800 372 826 FREECALL or 6738 7200