The Open Boys Basketball team’s run in the CHS Knockout came to a conclusion in a quarter final game last Friday. The boys travelled to Terrigal to take on Terrigal High School for a position in the state finals.

The opposition was a strong combination with a number of state juniors in their ranks. Duval were weakened by a couple of players not being available.

The game started cautiously with both...
As we draw to the close of Term 2, the pace of events at Duval High School continues to accelerate, with students, staff and parents ever more involved in activities, programs and training. In the last couple of weeks, for example, we have had Year 10 out and about on their Work Experience, and have had some glowing reports back from local businesses about the students’ application and enthusiasm. We have had a large number of students involved in the Armidale Eisteddfod, and we congratulate them on their performances, with special note to our 7X class and senior students Jol Choc and Oliver Bruhl. We have held the Selective High Schools Unit’s selection panel for Duval High’s 7X Class of 2015, and I thank our Director of Public Schools for the Northern Tablelands, Mrs Sue Brown, and our parent representative, Mrs Sally Lucas, for helping to bring this difficult and time-consuming task to a successful conclusion.

We have had the second round of vaccinations for our Year 7 and 9 students, and I also had the pleasure of going to watch our Open Boys’ Football squad take on Oxley High School from Tamworth – the boys played with tremendous spirit, but were sadly overcome by an Oxley outfit that was stronger on the day – and also to attend a briefing for principals by Mr Greg Prior, the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Education and Communities, at Sandon Public School, discussing future directions for public education in NSW.

We have held our Reconciliation Week Assembly, featuring a performance from our Aboriginal Dance Group, and the unveiling by local elders of a dedication plaque in our Reconciliation Garden. To top it all off, our choir and dance group have once again gained selection in the Schools Spectacular, no mean feat for a small regional high school, and a sure sign of the commitment and dedication of their teachers! In the background, of course, our Careers Adviser, Mrs Lana Hardman, continues to prepare tirelessly for our biennial Duval High School Careers Festival, to be held on Wednesday, 23 July from 4.30pm to 7.30pm.

Meanwhile, parents will be aware that Duval High School is a member of the Armidale Community of Schools (ACOS), the representative group of all public education principals in the Armidale district. The group is hailed as one of the most cohesive and strong educational communities of schools in the state, and stretches from Guyra in the north to Uralla in the south, and from Kingstown in the west to Ebor in the east. The ACOS principals meet regularly to discuss issues affecting public education, both primary and secondary, and work together as a united team to support the students in our care. In recent weeks it has been our pleasure to welcome two new principals – Mr Matt Hobbs at Armidale City Public School and Mr Michael Rathborne at Uralla Central School – and we look forward to working with them for the benefit of all students in this area.

Finally, parents should have received a letter about Duval High School’s participation in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data relating to all students with a disability. I urge all parents to read this information carefully, even if you consider that your child does not have a disability, and to let us know if you do not wish your child to participate. Spare copies of the letter are available at the school office.

Think the school is just winding down to the end of term? I think not!

Stafford Cameron

School Contributions - June 2014

Miscellaneous includes Text book levy and Library contribution
RECONCILIATION GARDEN PLAQUE UNVEILED

On Friday, 6 June, through the efforts of Leonie Donovan and Lyn Rajaratnam, a plaque was made for the Reconciliation Garden that was built back in 2012. At the school assembly, Miss Cullen’s dance group opened the assembly followed by speeches from our School Captain, Katie Broomfield, our Principal, Stafford Cameron, and a representative of the local ANTAR (Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation), Miss Jenny Greaney.

Following the assembly, we then proceeded to the garden for the unveiling of the plaque by Mrs Lorna Hague, a community elder, and her sister Barbara. To finish off, 100 black and white balloons were released to celebrate and acknowledge the Reconciliation effort at Duval High School. Guests and visitors were then treated to lunch in the Staff Common Room.

Other staff involved included Jane Cullen and Hilary Pearson for the dancers that opened the assembly, Ross Clay and Wayne Gaw who helped with the log and cement, Matt Carey and the Armidale Bowling Club for helium gas and tank for balloons, and of course our School Executive for support and approval for the Reconciliation Assembly and unveiling of the plaque.

Leonie Donovan
Aboriginal Education Officer

Our school canteen is holding a ‘Red Day’ on Friday, 20 June, with the mufti theme being rugby league/state of origin. There’ll be a gold coin donation at roll call with proceeds going to the Careers Festival. Pack a few extra coins for the special treats provided by our extra special canteen ladies! Remember, please call the canteen or school office if you are able to help even for short, infrequent periods.

As part of the school uniform review, a uniform survey will be handed out to students this week to gauge their opinion regarding the current Duval uniform and any proposed changes. Have a discussion with your children about their uniform so we can gather as much helpful information as possible.

The next P&C meeting will be Wednesday, 18 June at 7.00pm in the Staff Common Room. We would be delighted to see you there. Any enquiries? Please call Caroline via the school office.

P&C Committee

AUTHOR VISIT

John Heffernan will be visiting Duval High on Tuesday, 24 June to talk to Years 7 and 8 about his books, especially his latest novel, NAVEED, a gripping tale of courage and determination about a teenage boy and the war that has torn his country apart. Copies of NAVEED ($15.95) will be available for sale and signing, along with a selection of John’s other books.

To read or hear extracts from NAVEED go to www.spudplus.com
To view a trailer, go to http://youtube/NN0h8o0mK34

HISTORY TEACHERS’ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Mr Ryan, Ms Simes and Ms Armstrong recently had a day at UNE working with members of the History Teachers’ Association on teaching HSC Modern and Ancient History. All were impressed with the excellent sessions and came...
away reinvigorated and confident about the strength of our programs and service delivery at Duval. A highlight of the day was working with the eminent historian, writer and Senior HSC Examiner, Ken Webb, pictured over page with Ms Armstrong.

HSC STUDY DAY

Sixteen Year 12 students travelled to Singleton last Friday to attend the HSC Study Day run by Singleton High School.

Students experienced a range of lectures and seminars on most of their HSC subjects. These lectures focused on the skills and techniques required in the exams, and, as all the presenters are experienced markers, the day was invaluable. The day is always a great success, sharpening our students focus on the impending exams and it was a great opportunity.

SPORTS NEWS

Football: Duval’s Open Boys football team took on Oxley High School in an intense game in the North West Regional Final. Having won the final last year, Duval was seeking to regain its title.

Duval started the match on the back foot conceding an early goal. However this goal was to be swiftly answered by an equaliser off the boot of Lewis Russoniello, after pressing the ball in the opposing half and forcing an error. Despite having equalised, Oxley scored ten minutes later making the score 2-1 at half time.

In the second half Duval came out with an attacking mentality, being compact in defence and applying pressure all over the field. This style of play proved effective giving Duval two clear opportunities to score. Unfortunately, however, Duval was unable to hit the back of the net. By the end of the match Oxley proved too formidable a team and managed to score once more making the score 3-1.

Duval’s players all played exceptionally well with nothing left on the field, and having a crowd present for the game was a fitting farewell to the Year 12 footballers.

Thomas Browne (Year 11)

Athletics - 2014 Age Champions

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Basketball Campaign Comes to an End

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sides checking each other out. With five minutes gone Duval was leading 8–7 when Bernie Schaefer-Model fell, rolling his ankle. Having only six players meant trouble for Duval and Oliver Bridge stepped into the game. Terrigal applied the pressure with a full court press which enabled them to push out to a 20 point lead by half time.

With top efforts, Will Pankhurst and Harry Baker made sure that Terrigal had to continue to work honestly. Bernie re-entered the game late in the second quarter and dazzled with a behind the back lay up. Points continued to flow freely but Terrigal’s 3-point shooters were hurting. The second half was a free flowing game with lots of points and great shooting. Terrigal maintained its lead, finally taking out the game 74–47.

Strong games from Luke Burton and Abe Dwyer-Westhorpe added to Duval’s overall effort. Luke’s ‘nuty’ pass will be long remembered. Congratulations are due to the team for a top effort in reaching this far in the competition.