Daley Wood has been selected to be the keynote speaker for a ceremony commemorating Australia’s war efforts. Students from around the region were invited to write a speech on the topic “What does Anzac mean to you and/or your generation?” to be presented at the New England Schools Remember commemorative service. This event is for the primary and secondary schools students of the New England Region, and will be held during New England History Week on 13 August, 2014.

New England History Week (11-17 August) marks the beginning of the Centenary of World War One, and the 13th signifies one hundred years since the establishment of the Red Cross in Australia. The Red Cross was fundamental to Australia’s war effort, and school children often contributed to the cause by participating in fundraising and other activities.

New England Schools Remember will allow the students of the New England region to come together to commemorate the sacrifices of those who served both overseas and on the Australian home front. The service will also recognise all other conflicts and peacekeeping operations that Australia has participated in since.

Congratulations to Daley and we are sure he will do an excellent job of representing Duval High School in the local community.
PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Most parents and community members will already know about the huge success of our Duval High School Careers Festival, held last Wednesday, 23 July. Not only did we have an extraordinary number of participating businesses and organisations (to all of whom we extend our sincere thanks), but the crowd was enormous. Students from all the schools in Armidale and district attended and were able to gain invaluable information about the career paths available to them, and the options that lie in front of them as they proceed into adult life. Such an amazing event does not simply happen, and I want to express my heartfelt thanks to Mrs Lana Hardman and her small but dedicated team of helpers who worked for the best part of a year to make sure everything went off without a hitch. The time and energy invested in this event was simply awe-inspiring, and I know for a fact that Lana was driven to the edge of exhaustion by her efforts. The community of Duval High School express their gratitude on a job well done, and an amazing Festival. (See a full wrap-up of the Festival later in this newsletter.)

On Monday, 28 July we celebrated the annual Armidale Community of Schools (ACOS) Education Week Awards at Armidale High School, and extend our congratulations and thanks to the following most worthy award recipients:

1. Outstanding student achievement award - Joshua Barlin
2. Outstanding contribution to a school by a community member - Suellen and Peter Simpson, and Caroline Winter
3. Outstanding contribution to a school by a member of the school community - Melissa Ball
4. Outstanding contribution to the school by a staff member - Lana Hardman and Amy Gow

On the weekend I had the pleasure of representing all the public education schools of Armidale and district at the Country NSW Expo held at Sydney Olympic Park. The 8-strong Armidale team comprised of representatives from the Armidale Dumaesq Council, the University of New England, the Armidale Community Mutual group, and both government and independent schools. It was a long and somewhat tiring weekend, but it was gratifying to see the number of people looking to make a ‘tree change’ and actively considering relocating from the city to our New England area. (See photo – some of the Armidale team with our local MP Adam Marshall.)

Coming events:
- Year 12 have commenced their Trial HSC exams and we wish them all the best!
- Year 8 into 9 Subject Selection Information Evening on Wednesday, 13 August at 6pm.
- Year 6 into 7 Information Evening on Tuesday, 19 August.

Stafford Cameron
Principal

P&C NEWS

Firstly, let us congratulate Lana Hardman and her helpers for the wonderful Careers Festival - a great event for Duval and the wider community.

Also many thanks to the Duval staff who gathered with the P&C recently, building connections, giving thanks and sewing seeds for the future of our school.

A new - well, second hand - school bus, has been purchased by the school and P&C! We are looking forward to more opportunities for excursions, etc for our students. Many thanks to Suellen and Peter Simpson for their efforts in driving new wheels to Duval.
We have a growing band of keen gardeners and helpers who are in the process of caring for the school grounds. A big thank you to those involved. Over the holidays and recently, we chipped away at mulching, weeding, pruning, rubbish collection and planting! Stay tuned and check the school app for the date of our next working bee!

Uniform survey: we are collating the data from the student survey. Please fill in the one online for parents, the link for which can be found in Issue No. 10 of the school newsletter.

The next P&C meeting will be Wednesday, 20 August at 7pm in the Duval Staff Common Room. All very welcome.

P&C Committee

ENGLISH NEWS

Congratulations to the Duval High School English faculty.

Earlier this year the Duval English faculty was awarded a grant to write a unit of work for the new HSC English Prescriptions list, (commencing in Term 4 2015). We wrote a series of lessons on the new Area of Study: Discovery, focusing on the non-fiction text *A short history of almost everything* by Bill Bryson.

This proved to be a rewarding and challenging professional learning opportunity. As we had little over a term to submit the work to the professional learning section of the DEC, it proved to be a demanding undertaking. We were delighted to learn that our unit of work has been selected to be part of the Charles Sturt University HSC online learning site. We were thrilled with the feedback we have received.

JUNIOR LEGACY PUBLIC SPEAKING

On Wednesday, 30 July Georgia Vaughan and Bradley Lucas competed in the regional final of the Legacy Public Speaking award hosted by Peel High School. This was a terrific day of public speaking with both Duval High School students speaking passionately on their chosen topics. Both students had prepared thoughtful, intelligent speeches and many in the audience commented on their fine speaking skills. It was an excellent competition with the student from Macintyre High School, Inverell being selected to go to Sydney to represent the New England Region.
Georgia Vaughan (Year 7) receiving her second prize - a $20 gift voucher - which she won in the Community Mutual lolly guessing competition at the Careers Festival.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Premiers Sporting Challenge**

On Friday, 25 July Duval High School hosted students from Ben Venue, Sandon, Drummond Memorial and Bald Blair Public Schools. They were involved in the Premiers Sporting Challenge – Learning to Lead program. This program is aimed at teaching students to be sporting coaches in their own schools and cohorts. Duval students studying elective Sport Studies in Years 9 and 10 have spent the beginning of the year learning how to coach, including theoretical and practical assessments. Some 26 DHS students ran coaching sessions for 74 students from the primary schools plus selected students from Years 7 and 8. The day was highly successful and all Duval students deserve congratulations on their effort and attitude throughout the day.

**60 Minutes for MS**

*It’s back and even bigger than before!*  

**What’s on offer?**

1. **A home-cooked morning tea where you get to EAT IN THE LIBRARY!!!**

2. **A blissful hour where you get to read in silence in the library with no interruptions during Period 3 on 22nd August.**

3. **The knowledge that you are contributing to raising money for important research into Multiple Sclerosis.**

**How much will it cost me? $5**  

**How do I sign up?**

See the friendly Library staff: Ms Squires, Ms Simes or Mrs Stroud
Duval High School Careers Festival was an amazing showcase of the business community, government organisations and educational opportunities available in Armidale. Over 2000 exhibitors, students, parents and members of the community enjoyed the spectacular expo of career opportunities for our young people.

The atmosphere was electric as Duval opened its doors to all school students and the community to connect with local employers, plan career goals and explore employment opportunities.

I would like to wholeheartedly express my gratitude and appreciation to the Armidale community. The community spirit was amazing, the support, the sponsorships and the donations were overwhelming.

On behalf of Duval High School and myself I would like to sincerely express enormous gratitude to all our Festival participants for their unconditional support, time and exceptional effort. This community event would not have been possible without their generous contributions and involvement.

Thank you to all our sponsors: UNE, Armidale Dumaresq Council, Armidale Acres Motor Inn, Big Print Central, State Training, Community Mutual, Priceline, Bing Lee, Mac1, Moxons, Lions Club and our very own P&C and canteen. A massive thank you to Steve McMillan and Radio 2AD/FM 100.3 for their generous support in promoting our Careers Festival.

An enormous thank you to Darryl and Rachel from Altitude Coffee for donating coffee supplies and making coffee for our exhibitors and guests on the evening. Thank you to Sandon Apex for supplying copious amounts of popcorn and fairy floss and for dedicating their time to work at the Festival.

A special thank you to all the Hospitality staff and students and the canteen (Belinda Piddington and Vicki Shorter) for preparing huge amounts of soup and cake pops for exhibitors and the community to enjoy. A special thanks to Ruth Kennedy for peeling 40kg of pumpkin and for all her support and generosity.

I would like to personally express a heartfelt
thank you to parents Lisa Thomson and Sheena Trigwell for their valuable contributions, time, effort and support. A special thank you to students Hayley Barnett, Chantelle Esplin, Kirrily Sullivan, Craig Trigwell-Lindley, Georgia Ball and Kathleen Swinton for supporting me on a daily basis over the past twelve months. Their generous time and commitment to helping and keeping me sane I shall never forget. A massive thank you to Wayne Gaw, Barry Korsch, Ms Gerkens and Mrs Kentish for unconditionally supporting and assisting me over the past twelve months and for the many, many counselling sessions and advice, and for their tireless efforts pre, during and post festival. Thank you to the office staff who endured my mania, kept me sane and also helped prepare for the festival. A special thank you to Kerry Lawton who generously gave her time to call hundreds of parents and also helped prepare for the festival. Thank you to Peter O’Donohue from UNE who generously gave his time to film our festival, Dave Doyle, Mr Grafton, Ms Verwayen and students for taking photos on the evening. Thank you to our BBQ team Mr Jones, Mr Turley, Mr Model, Mrs Rajaratnam and the prefects. They cooked 800 sausages on the evening and didn’t rest for a second. A big thank you to Ms Mancell and her team of students for looking after our exhibitors.

A special thank you to my Events & Tourism students and staff who worked tirelessly for days leading up to the festival, the evening of the festival and the massive clean-up after the festival.

Thank you to Ms Armstrong and Mr Ryan for organising our very own Public Education Teaching stall. Mr Ryan, Ms Trott (from Ben Venue) Ms Simes, Ms Scotchmer and Denise McHugh from the Board of Studies shared their expertise and valuable knowledge with the students. There were hundreds of delicious toffee apples that Ms Armstrong organised for the community to enjoy.

Thank you to the ENTIRE staff and students at Duval High School for their unconditional support. You have all been a pillar of strength and I am eternally grateful. I apologise for not naming everyone individually. The list of people I would like to thank is endless as is my gratitude and appreciation.

I would like to particularly express a heartfelt thank you to our Principal, Mr Stafford Cameron. Mr Cameron has been unconditionally supportive, understanding and instrumental in assisting and creating a unique educational careers opportunity that captivated and engaged our students, parents and the entire community. I appreciated your guidance, help and support. I am very grateful to you for always taking time out of your busy schedule to answer my many questions over the past twelve months.

In closing, I would like to congratulate everyone involved in creating our incredible and special event and thank Holysmoke for his spectacular display of fireworks! Our Careers Festival certainly finished up with a BANG!!

Lana Hardman
Careers Advisor
Walking into the Careers Festival we were overwhelmed by the electric atmosphere and the positive attitudes from the vast amount of people who attended. We were all here for one reason - to celebrate our opportunities as high school students and gain knowledge on the many career choices that are available today. We are so thankful to Ms Hardman for being an enthusiastic and motivated careers adviser here at Duval High School. She contributes to the enthusiasm that the students hold and it was awesome to have our whole school and many students from various other schools all under one roof, enjoying food, company and advice careers-wise. Thanks to an incredible amount of organisation from Ms Hardman and her small team of students, everything ran smoothly, and the event had a strong community feel.

The pressures of career choices on high school students are at times overwhelming. Duval High School is very lucky to have such an invested careers advisor who puts a tremendous amount of work into the Careers Festival, catering perfectly for her students' needs. It is comforting to know someone strong and committed is there to support us. This event allowed people of all ages to understand the career choices available.

Congratulations Ms Hardman and Duval High School.

Indah Dwyer-Westhorpe, Eleanor Logan, Emilie Winter

The Duval Careers Festival took place in the school gym on Wednesday, 23 July and was a ROARING success! The event was organised by Duval’s own Mrs Lana Hardman, who worked tirelessly for twelve months to make this dream a reality.

It’s safe to say that nobody expected the festival to be so huge. The hall and entrance was entirely transformed, decorated to the max, with over 300 helium balloons, fairy lights, BBQ, fairy floss machines, a cameraman, and of course, the fireworks show! Thousands of people attended - not only Duval students but from schools (public and private) all around Armidale.

Over 67 stalls lined the hall and were filled with representatives from places such as local law firms, Ella Baché, real estate, the police, the Army, teachers and even a veterinary clinic. Later the vets performed a live surgery….. on a toy.

Entertainers such as Caelan Hollands, our very own magician, kept us entranced all night! And to conclude the evening, we were treated to a wonderful fireworks display! Both students and teachers had a brilliant time watching the spectacle (which almost matched that of Sydney’s New Years Eve), and we received countless compliments from an endless line of people.

The Careers Festival was a brilliant opportunity for Armidale’s students to explore and learn more about future careers, and we hope there will be many more to come.

Katie Broomfield
School Captain
What a fantastic vibe you had last night. Congratulations on organising such an amazing event.

_Brent Gregory_  
UNE Business School

Once again you have gone above and beyond all expectations. We didn’t think you could improve on the first Careers Festival but you sure did. We have received so much great feedback from friends, clients and staff. Thanks for allowing us to be a part of this.

_Meg Georkas_  
Hutchinson and Harlow Real Estate

Thank you for giving the students such a wonderful opportunity.

_Sally Lucas_  
Youth Connections

Just wanted to tell you that you did an amazing job of organising the careers fest, it was a very happening place last night! The fireworks were fabulous too. We had a number of students interested in CSIRO and science which was great and hopefully some work experience placements will come out of it. Thanks for a great night and for looking after us so well.

_Jody McNally_  
Research Project Officer  
CSIRO

Congratulations to you Lana! All of the time and effort you and your team put in was well worth it, the best event I’ve been to!

_Tabitha Collins_  
Human Resources Manager  
Roberts & Morrow

Thank you so much for a fabulous evening. Everyone had a great time. There was lots there for my younger children in Year 7 and 8 as well.

Brad (Yr 8) had never thought of being a real estate agent but the guy at Hutchinson and Harlow must be as good at selling careers as houses! Brad is very taken and it has ignited his entrepreneurial spirit!!!