Congratulations 2016 School Leaders

(Back) Prefects: Chenyou Zhang, Alexander Oliver (Vice Captain), Brandon Giles, Kyle Donnan, Scott Lucas, Samuel Andronicos, Kate Bizo, Kourtnee McFarlane, Emily McDonnell, Alma Geesink-Anton (Vice Captain), Tamarla Smith, Kimberley Rowbottom

(Front) School Captains: David Wilson and Winona Rumble

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 20 October> 10.00am Minnis Shield Public Speaking
- 22 October> Year 7 Immunisations
- 5 November> Year 7, 2016 Orientation Day
- 9-13 November> Year 10 Exams
- 16-20 November> Year 9 Tea Gardens Excursion
- 1-4 December> Year 10 Sydney Excursion
- 8 December> 7.00pm Presentation Evening
- 9-16 December> Term V Activities

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FROM THE DP DESK

What a fantastic school community we have. It is a lovely thing to see staff, parents and students working so well together to achieve the best possible outcomes for our kids. The respect and support shown for each other in the classroom, playground, sports field and at community meetings and events testifies to a fantastic school culture here at Duval High School.

From time to time all students make mistakes and it is really great to be able to separate the student from the issue, working together with parents, carers, staff and students to acknowledge and repair mistakes made, moving our young people forward to more positive outcomes. Though it may be quite fraught at the time, it's all part of growing up and learning to get on with a wide variety of personalities as well as to deal with new and evolving situations.

I am so pleased to be working with such great kids and families.

Sandra Rosner
Deputy Principal

OUR AWARDS ARE CHANGING

2016’s Year 12 will be the last year using the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Gold Award with Bar, and Award of Excellence.

From 2016, Years 7-10 will use the following:
(These numbers have increased as students are now able to earn commendations when they have received 10 CRESTs.)

1. Bronze award - 10 commendations (from at least 2 core values)

2. Silver award - 25 additional commendations (from at least 4 core values)

3. Gold award - 40 additional commendations

4. Junior Award of Achievement - another 20 commendations

There will also be the introduction of the Senior CREST Award. This is a stand-alone award that will be issued even if not complete, but is a requirement for the Award of Excellence.

This award has the core values on it and students are required to demonstrate these core values, record the actions and ask a relevant teacher to sign that it has been achieved. This award is expected to be particularly valuable for scholarship, college and job applications as they will be demonstrating values which show that they are especially well-rounded young people with useful and desirable skills.

2016’s Year 11 will be the first year to use the new senior system. They start the year at zero and then earn:

→ TWO main awards:
  Award of Achievement (15 commendations)
  Award of Excellence (another 15 commendations, 30 in total)
BRILLIANT PUBLIC SPEAKING IN A BRILLIANT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Students are busily preparing their speeches for this year’s Minnis Public Speaking Competition to be held in the Staff Common Room on Tuesday, October 20 from 10.00am to 1.30pm. Entries close on 16 October and topics - ranging from the serious to the absurd - are posted on the History Staffroom door. All entrants receive a certificate and delicious free lunch, and may even be selected as the keynote speaker for this year’s Presentation Evening. We warmly welcome competitors’ parents to join us on the day. Please RSVP to Ms Armstrong if you’d like to come along.

Alison Armstrong

DUVAL’S GARAGE SALE

The Interact Club will be holding a garage sale on Saturday, 24 October from 10am-2pm. This is your chance to finally have that spring clean and clear out your house and garage of unwanted items.

Parents and community members can sell their items for a $10 fee per table. The number of tables is limited so please ring and confirm your interest in attending the sale. Donations (please consider whether these are still useful) will gladly be accepted at the school during school hours. Contact the front office on 6772 1266 regarding your table or donations.

There will be devonshire teas and a BBQ on the day as well as live entertainment. The range of stalls to date include The Body Shop, locally made craft, baked goods, plants and preloved items including clothing, household and general items.

Money raised on the day will go towards the school and the Interact Club are raising money for the Principal’s challenge (Mr Cameron will where his kilt to school if we raise $500). This money will be donated to Room to Read after the Challenge is fulfilled. Room to Read is an organisation that donates books to children in developing countries.
MOVIE REVIEW: 'Missing You Already'

This movie is about life, death, love and friendship. Starring Drew Barrymore (Charlie's Angels) and Toni Collette (Hostages), it is a window into true friendship and how far someone will go for a friend in need. P.S Bring a box of tissues.

Kaity Weston, Year 10

SPORTS NEWS

Oztag

Duval High School’s mixed Oztag grand final was played last Friday. The game featured the Magic Bears and Da Boyzz. The Magic Bears were too strong for Da Boyzz and won 9-1. This win meant that the Magic Bears finished the season undefeated. Best on ground was the Magic Bear’s Kyle Garrahy, who displayed some exceptional skill to score three tries. However the entire Bear’s outfit showcased some great footy. Best for Da Boyzz was their sole try scorer, Harrison Lawlor. Harrison never stopped trying and was dangerous every time he ran. Mr Flynn would like to thank all the teams who participated in this year’s competition for the great sportsmanship they displayed.

National Futsal Titles

During the school holidays six Duval High School students represented Northern NSW in the National Futsal titles in Brisbane. Izzy Winter, Lachlan Harris, Ben Dye, Harry Rowbottom, Lachlan Williamson and Dan Cherry represented Duval with distinction. As a result of their performances a number of students were selected in Australian futsal teams for international competition next year. Izzy Winter - Australian U16 Girls, Lachlan Harris, Lachlan Williamson & Harry Rowbottom - Australian U15 Boys, Ben Dye - Australian U14 Boys, with Dan Cherry awaiting news from the selection meeting. Congratulations to all students on what is an outstanding achievement.

Shooting

Karl Simpson

The 2015 NSW State Benchrest Rimfire Championships were held during the latest school holidays in Coffs Harbour. This was a four day event in which Karl Simpson competed every day. He received the Gold Medal for the Top Rimfire junior in the two-gun event competing in both light and heavy classes alongside highly experienced senior shooters. Karl continues to be a diligent and committed member of the Duval Rifle Team, and once again he represented Duval.
High School’s CREST values impeccably. Congratulations Karl!

**Melanie Frost** competed in the Australian National Benchrest IRB (International Rimfire Benchrest) competition in Brisbane on 25-26 September. This competition was one of the qualifiers for the Australian shooting team. Her placings were as follows:

Day 1 - 1st Junior 15-17 yrs then taking out Day 1 Junior Champion
Day 2 - 2nd Junior 15-17 yrs making her 3rd Junior Champion outright.

Then the following weekend Melanie shot the SSAA NSW State Rimfire Benchrest Championships in Coffs Harbour. Her placings were as follows:

Heavy Rimfire Group - Junior Champion and also came 3rd outright in the open class (which means juniors and seniors combined).

International Rimfire Benchrest:
Day 1 - 1st Junior
Day 2 - 1st Junior making her outright Junior IRB Champion for NSW.

Melanie has now been asked to shoot at the nationals in Sydney in November as another qualifier for the Australian Junior team.

**Lachlan Williamson**

On Sunday, 20 September there was an inter-club competition between Armidale SSAA Branch and Glen Innes Highland Hunting and Target Club. Lachlan Williamson, a new and talented member of the Duval Rifle Team, travelled to Glen Innes with Peter and Suellen Simpson to compete for Armidale. Lachlan shot the smallest group target, coming first for the juniors and third overall. He also made it into the top five for individual scores along with Armidale mentors Megan and Norm Wheeler, Joy Harrison and Richard Drozdowski. Well done Lachlan!

**NSW All Schools Athletics Championships**

On the weekend six students represented Duval High School at the NSW All Schools Athletics Championships in Sydney. There were some great results and many of these athletes gained personal best times (PB’s) and will grow from the experience of competing at the higher level. These students represented our school exceptionally well, showing great sportsmanship and support and encouragement to the other athletes from the Armidale region.

Stuart Geddes was selected in the NSW All Schools team to compete at the Australian All Schools Championships in Melbourne in December for the U16 Yrs 2000m steeplechase. Turner Lynch made it through to both the 15yrs 400m and 800m finals, while Marvin Palad made it through to the 13yrs 100m final.

**Stuart Geddes**

15yrs 2000m steeplechase - Gold medal in a new PB of 6:20:42. Stuart now holds the NSW State, NSW CHS and NSW All Schools Championship
titles as well as being the NSW Country Champion in the one season and is ranked 5th in Australia.

15yrs 3000m - Bronze Medal 16:81 (new PB)
15yrs 1500m - 4th  4:14:37 (new PB)

**Turner Lynch**
15yrs 800m - 6th  2:04:70 (new PB)
15yrs 400m - 7th  54:71

**Marvin Palad**
13yrs 100m - 10th  12:78
13yrs 200m - 11th  25:84

**Daley Wood**
16yrs 400m - 16th  54:94 (new PB)
16yrs 800m - 14th  2:08:66 (new PB)

**Aaron Iji**
14yrs 100m - 27th  13:76
14yrs 200m - 20th  29:31
14yrs long jump - 17th  4.28m

**Moses Iji**
16yrs shot put - 5th  7.22m
School vaccination clinics continue into Term 4:

**Thursday, 22 October**

**WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS MISSED A VACCINE??**
If your child has missed any vaccinations they will be offered any missed doses at the next clinic at their school.

**WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS NOT RECEIVED ALL VACCINES BEFORE THE END OF 2015?**
Any year 7 student with missed doses of vaccine can be caught up in 2016.

Additionally, any Year 8 student who commenced HPV vaccination while in Year 7 and is yet to finish all 3 doses of HPV (and who has not received any from their local doctor) can still receive these at the next clinic at their school.

Don't forget a Record of Vaccination is given to each student for each vaccination. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

Any questions, visit the NSW Ministry of Health website at:

Design Armidale’s Australia Day Colouring in Picture

Armidale Dumaresq Council’s Australia Day Committee would like you to design a picture for use in the 2016 Armidale Australia Day Colouring-in competition. We’ll choose two designs: junior (under 16) and senior (over 16). Happy designing!

Competition Guidelines:

- Designs must be entered on A4 size paper
- Designs must be black and white
- Designs that relate to New England High Country and what it means to be Australian are encouraged and preferred
- Designs should include the signature of the artist somewhere on the page
- Maximum of 3 entries per person
- Entries must be accompanied by a registration form available from Council or at armidale.nsw.gov.au
- Entries close October 30 and the winning design will be announced on November 6
- All entries must be submitted to council at 135 Rusden Street, Armidale or via email to council@armidale.nsw.gov.au