Gardner house won the annual swimming carnival for at least the seventh consecutive year at what was another very successful school event held last Thursday. Congratulations to all the Age Champions (see page 2) and especially to Year 11 student, Winona Rumble, who continued her rewriting of the school’s swimming record book by breaking a further four records in the 17 years events. She set the following new records:

100m Freestyle
New Record: 1:06.88 min (Old Record: 1:07.00 min)

50m Butterfly
New Record: 31.97 sec (Old Record: 32.20 sec)

50m Backstroke
New Record: 35.09 sec (Old Record: 36.84 sec)

50m Breaststroke
New Record: 40.12 sec (Old Record: 40.66 sec)

Swimming Carnival results continued on page 2 and more photos on page 4

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 2 March> North West Swimming Trials - Armidale
- 4 March> School Photo Day
- 4 March> Year 10 Music Workshop @ NECOM
- 5-6 March> HSC Music Workshop @ NECOM
- 12 March> Immunisation for all Year 7s + some Year 11s and 12s (see page 5)

Being informed is empowering. Knowing the award system ensures that we can reach the highest award at Duval.
SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

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DONATION TO DUVAL SHOOTERS

The school would like to acknowledge and express its appreciation to Roberts & Morrow, local chartered accountants firm, for its generous donation of $250 to the Duval target shooters. The donation will go towards purchasing a set of flags for the students to use in their training.

INTRODUCING NEW STAFF MEMBER..........MARK FLYNN

Name: Mr Flynn
Faculty: Social Science

My earliest memory is……..being put on a horse as a child aged 3 or 4.

My mother and father always told me ……..to do my best.

At school……..I loved history, geography, surfing and rugby league.

I wish I had ……..learned to speak another language.

I wish I hadn't ……..spent so much idle time at the beach.

My happiest moments were……..holidaying with family and playing sport with friends, and seeing South Sydney win the comp last year.

My last meal would be……..pizza.

I’m very bad at ……..maths.

If I were a car I'd be……..a Mazda RX7.

YEAR 11 INDUCTION DAY

On Friday, 6 February all Year 11 students attended a “Year 11 Induction Day” at Thalgarrah. This day focussed on ensuring Year 11 had a clear understanding about the significant changes they would notice over the next two years. The day was split into four sections:

- Safe Driving
- Creative Study Skills
- It's different when you're a senior
- It’s not all about study (working out the balance between study, socialising and sport AND keeping safe).

NOTE: Expressions of interest are invited from students who would like to participate in shooting as their Thursday sport activity.
The canteen provided a delicious morning tea, and Ms Simes (and her two helpers) cooked a lovely lunch.

All up, on behalf of all Year 11 students, I can say that everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves throughout the day and learnt a great deal. Special thanks to Ms Verwayen, Mr Grafton, Mr Harris, Dave Smith (from Chilli Driving School) and Ms Simes for their efforts.

Winona Rumble

WHO ARE OUR SCHOOL HOUSES NAMED AFTER? IN THIS ISSUE WE FIND OUT ABOUT “GARDNER”

William Gardner (1802-1860), pioneer and historian, was born in Glasgow, Scotland. He sailed to Sydney in 1838 and, after working in a store at Maitland, he moved to the newly-opened New England plateau in about 1842, and soon became tutor at the late Henry Dumaresq’s Saumarez station near Armidale. A keen horseman, Gardner travelled widely over the district, and compiled the first detailed map of the northern districts of New South Wales, published in 1844 in Baker’s Australian County Atlas. It reveals competent draughtsmanship and painstaking attention to such details as roads, tracks and station properties. In 1846 Gardner left Saumarez because the depression affected his employer, and he may have returned to Scotland for a time. From 1853 to his death in 1860 he was employed as a tutor at several locations in the New England. He is buried in an unmarked grave at Oban, east of Guyra.

Gardner did not marry but devoted himself to wide and varied cultural interests, which included sketching and photography as well as writing. His later written works were not published but were kept in large manuscript notebooks, made ‘merely for [his] own amusement’. They contain invaluable information about the early years of New England and include a wide range of descriptive and statistical details. Gardner’s sketches of old homesteads and natural features are particularly valuable.

Taken from Australian Dictionary of Biography, Volume 1, 1966

ATHLETICS NEWS

Two Duval students competed in the NSW Youth and Junior Athletics Championships recently, striving for selection in the NSW team to compete at the National Championships in March.

Turner Lynch competed in the:
- U16 Boys 200m finishing 15th overall in a time of 25:32 sec - a new PB
- U16 Boys 400m finishing 7th overall in a time 56:16 sec - a new PB

Stuart Geddes competed in the:
- U16 Boys 2000m Steeplechase winning the gold medal in a time of 6:40:35 - a new PB - and selection in the NSW team
- U16 Boys 3000m winning the bronze medal in a time of 9:39:45 - a new PB - and selection in the NSW team
- U16 Boys 1500m finishing 7th overall in a time of 4:36:03
Swimming Carnival 2015
NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

WHAT VACCINE SHOULD MY CHILD RECEIVE?

YEAR 7

dTpa vaccine includes protection against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough and is your child’s first adolescent booster. This dose is in addition to the DTPa vaccines given during childhood.

HPV vaccine is only offered in year 7.

Varicella vaccine (against chickenpox) is for children who have not been previously vaccinated or have had the disease. However, 2 doses of varicella vaccine can be safely administered.

YEAR 11-12 students

A single dose of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) will be offered – please check how many doses of MMR vaccine (called MMRII or Priorix) your child has received by checking their baby vaccination book (blue book) or contacting Medicare on 1800 653 809. DO NOT COMPLETE THE CONSENT FORM if they have evidence of two previous doses.

What happens if a student misses a dose? They will be caught up at the next clinic – you do not need to do anything.

A RECORD OF VACCINATION CARD - will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference. A request for a duplicate record of vaccination is required in writing and will incur a fee of $33.00.
Cricket NSW is pleased to offer the opportunity to students to participate in the local Year 7 & 8 MILO T20 Blast Intra School Program in Term 1.

These events are conducted in a fun, safe and learning environment, where each student will be offered an equal participation opportunity. These events are conducted on your school grounds with girls and boys teams competing against each other in a participation based format.

See Mr Model for more information.