ANZAC Day Community Participation

School Captains, Eleanor Logan and Sam Munday, laid a wreath at the commemorations in Central Park.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 12-14 May > NAPLAN
- 19 May, 5.30pm > Parent Information Evening Years 5/6
- 20 May > Tamworth Careers Expo
- 21 May > Athletics Carnival
- 22 May > DHS Talent Night
- 1-5 June > Year 10 Work Experience
- 8 June > Public Holiday
- 15-19 June > School production “Guys and Dolls”

More photos and ANZAC Assembly report on page 2

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Welcome back to what is going to be a huge term at Duval High School. Already we have had our ANZAC Ceremony, a visit from Bangarra Dance Theatre, and the commencement of the Big W Work Experience Program.

In the coming weeks we will have students involved in the NAPLAN tests (Years 7 and 9); exams (Year 11 and some Year 12); our annual Peer Leader Training Day; Debating; Careers activities including the ‘Your Life, Your Decision’, Tamworth Careers Expo, and Nura Gili Indigenous Health and Careers Expo; the Australian Economics Competition; an Author/ Illustrator visit by Matt Blackwood; Years 5 and 6 Parent Information Evening at 5.30pm on 19 May; Year 6 Taster lessons from Week 8; our Athletics Carnival; a Year 12 Advanced English Study Day in Sydney and an HSC Study Day in Singleton; Year 10 Work Experience; and, of course, our massive school production of ‘Guys and Dolls’ in Week 9. Sound like a lot? It certainly is, but there will be lots of time for quality teaching and learning for your children while the teachers also work on finalising the New School Plan and implementing new Department of Education and Communities priorities like the Performance Development Framework for Teachers and the School Excellence Framework! Never a dull moment!

Stafford Cameron

ANZAC Assembly

On Friday, 24 April the ANZAC Assembly was held at Duval. Thanks to the hard work of all the teachers and students, it was a great success, featuring poetry, music, and speeches. Special thanks to Richard Ryan for organising the assembly.

The assembly started with the entrance of the official party led by the navy cadets commanded by Debbie Hyde. David Wilson shortly thereafter performed the welcome to country and introduced Christopher Esplin, who read some modern poetry on World War 1. After the poetry, Shah Biffin and Alex Evans presented a joint piece of writing which included diary entries and background information on the Gallipoli campaign. Then Mrs Pearson, with Kyle Donnan, Ellen Vince-Moin and Kate Bizo, performed a medley of songs from the era. Bradley Lucas played the Last Post and Reveille, and Winona Rumble sang the national anthem.

Thank you to everyone who attended and put in the hard work organising the assembly. A special thank you Ms Armstrong for providing the poppies and the sprigs of rosemary, as well as Richard Ryan for undergoing the stressful job of organising and making it a huge success for all who attended.

Chris Esplin, Alex Evans and Shah Biffin
The noise of war

Dusty rocks crumble beneath my boots,
It’s hard to run up this hill.
With cannon shells exploding all around,
And the musical clattering of machine gun fire.

This charge began with purpose and enthusiasm
Has now sunk to confusion and disaster.
Everyone’s running around like headless chooks,
We’re not even sure where the enemy is any more.

We can barely see, amidst the smoke and dust.
Sight is replaced by sounds,
Of screaming men and the cries of the dying.
I fire my rifle, oft not knowing which way to shoot.

Our ships begin the covering fire.
All we hear is noise,
Our senses numb to the violence of this morning.
Even the hills and the outcrops seem to open up to swallow us whole.

John Fernando

YEAR 9 HISTORY

Students were asked to research the life and experiences of a soldier, pilot, sailor, nurse, medic or an animal who served in the Australian armed forces in World War One. They could choose to produce an article of 500 words, an artwork or a video. Genevieve Dunn chose to represent the service of a nurse in an artwork (below).

Ms C Simes

FROM THE DP DESK

It's great to have the opportunity to communicate on a regular basis with our wider school community. I am delighted to be part of a Positive Behaviour for Learning School and I would like to talk today about Community and Respect. Our school has a long history of community spirit and respect for each other. In keeping with both community and respect, I would like to address the wearing of school uniform at Duval High School.

Our students need to be aware that rightly or
wrongly people are judged by their appearance. You are what you wear and it is important that the students maintain the excellent image this school enjoys in our local community. I am asking parents and carers to work with us to ensure that your children are smartly dressed and ready to learn, wearing correct uniform with pride. While tights are part of our uniform, they are worn as stockings are. For the purpose of schoolwear, they are underwear, not outerwear and a dress, skirt or tailored black pants needs to be worn over the top of tights to create a neat and stylish appearance for our girls. For boys and girls, we are happy to see our students well dressed in school jumpers or sloppy joes as we approach the colder months. Hoodies are not acceptable as school wear.

We want our students to look respectable and also to respect the uniform code of the school which sets them up for making the right clothing choices for their future work wardrobes.

Have a great couple of weeks. Talk soon!

Mrs Sandra Rosner

P&C NEWS

Following the recent AGM, the P&C is pleased to announce that Caroline Winter will continue as the president, Therese McGuren and Sally Lucas are the vice presidents, Sue Muir is the treasurer, and Susie Winter as secretary. We were joined by Sandra Rosner, the new Deputy Principal of Duval, and welcomed her input and enthusiasm.

The subcommittees of canteen, communication, fundraising, uniform, curriculum, and finance were also filled by those present, but parents can come along any time or call the school to find out how to be involved at any level.

This Sunday, 3 May from 9.00am, there will be a working bee at the school to weed, mulch, tidy up the grounds and hopefully put some plants in which have been purchased by the P&C and are in the care of the tree group.

So bring along garden tools, wheelbarrows if you can, hats gloves, etc. Hope to see you there!

P&C Committee

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Next week we will send home your family’s statement for School Fees. You can pay at the school office or online. To pay online just go to our website where there is a Payment button which is very easy to use.

When sending money in with your child for excursions or fees, please place in an envelope with the student’s name on the front.

Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC)

Private Vehicle Conveyance is an allowance that families can apply for driving their children to meet the school bus. Transport for NSW administers the PVC subsidy. The subsidy is available to NSW residents where there is no public transport (government or private operators) available to transport an eligible student for all or part of the journey to school. The PVC subsidy is only intended to offset the cost of using a private vehicle to drive the eligible student and is not intended to cover all costs.

To apply, please go online http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc

Telephone

Our telephone lines have been causing problems this week. Calls are not being received or are dropping out. We are endeavoring to fix this
problem, and we apologise for the inconvenience.

**Change of Address**

If there is a change of address or contact numbers for your family, please ask for a Change of Details form from the school office. A new bus form will also need to be completed and possibly a PVC form (also available from the school office). Please also inform the school office of any change in family circumstances. It is also very important that all families return their student(s) medical forms, which were issued to each student.

**WHO ARE OUR SCHOOL HOUSES NAMED AFTER? IN THIS ISSUE WE FIND OUT ABOUT ‘CRANE’**

Allan R “Gus” Crane was the fourth and last Principal of Armidale Teachers’ College from 1967-73. He had been at the College since 1945 and was appointed Vice Principal in 1960 under Principal George Muir.

He was an extremely gentle, likeable and sensitive man and had a long and respected reputation of helping students fit into strange and changing situations. He believed the College’s students should be encouraged, not only to take an interest in College life, but also to participate in its decision-making processes. Crane invited students to sit as fully-recognised members on almost every College committee including the Examination Review Panel, Academic Board, Professional Development Committee, and Building and Grounds Committee. In an article on the College published in The Australian Women’s Weekly in 1971, he is reported as saying, “I pin my faith on involving all sections of the College in the making of decisions. I like to think of this place as an organisation with a minimum of order-giving and a maximum of effective influence attempts. I prefer that to one where there’s a lot of order-giving, but little control.”

In 1968 Crane was informed by the Director-General of Education that the Board of Education was considering extending the Diploma in Teaching from a two to a three year course. After considerable discussion, in 1970 the Armidale Teacher’s College agreed to adopt this scheme and the whole College moved to a three-year course in 1972.

After visits to England and Canada in the early 1970’s to study teacher education in those countries, AR Crane concluded that teachers’ colleges should be fully incorporated with universities, and he strongly advocated for this position, particularly for the Armidale situation.

In 1972, Crane retired as Principal of Armidale Teachers’ College to join UNE’s Faculty of Education, however he had been instrumental in guiding the College through a period of enormous change.

Taken from ‘The College on the Hill’ by ES (Jock) Elphick, 1989
Join Us!

Parent/Student Information Evening
And School Tour
For Year 5 and Year 6 Students

Duval High School
Tuesday 19 May 2015
at 5.30pm

Meet our staff, tour our facilities, learn about our broad curriculum.
Light supper provided.

For more information please contact:
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