Duval Celebrates NAIDOC

Read about our NAIDOC Celebrations in the Principal’s Message on the next page...........

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 27-31 July> Year 11 Ski Excursion
- 3-14 August> HSC Trial Exams
- 5 August> Year 10 into Year 11: Information Evening
- 19 August> Year 8 into Year 9: Information Evening
- 20 & 27 August> Year 6 into Year 7: Taster Days (1-3pm)
- 1 September> Parent/Teacher Interviews

What do you do?
We are discussing scenarios and what we would do to ensure a positive outcome.

PBL CORNER
What an amazing start to Term 3, with serious snow and deep winter chills. I’ve sent Mr Cameron some fetching photos of our winter wonderland, while he has been describing to me the balmy conditions in Northern Queensland where he’s enjoying a few weeks of well earned Long Service Leave.

Just a quick reminder, please keep your child at home if they are feeling unwell. This will both shorten the length of any cold or flu, and stop it spreading to other students at school.

We’ve hit the ground running first week back with a fantastic day out at PCYC for our Year 7s organised by Year Adviser Mr Spencer and Wellbeing teacher Mrs Squires. Our entire maths faculty have met with Stage 3 teachers from Sandon and Ben Venue schools to start planning on our *Eyes, Ears and Hands on Maths* project to run over the next 18 months.

On Friday we had a fantastic NAIDOC Assembly, BBQ and concert. Our guest speakers were Stephen Widders and Cyril Greene, and we appreciated the terrific attendance by our local Aboriginal community. I love the haunting sound of the didge, or Yidaki; and Christian Page played it beautifully.

The Assembly rounded out a week of NAIDOC activities organised by Leonie Widders and Lynette Rajaratnam. Our students who sang and danced and recited original poetry did us proud. Mr Merrick’s film students rounded out the event with a thought provoking video. This special day concluded with a casual concert enjoyed by the whole school – apart from those snowed in who couldn’t make it on the day! Never mind. There’s always next year.

*Sandra Rosner*

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The school and community continues to enthusiastically speak about Duval’s *Guys and Dolls* musical! We would like to specially acknowledge all those businesses and individuals who provided financial or in-kind support to the production:

- University of New England
- Armidale Dumaresq Council
  - Harold Ritch
- Armidale Musical and Drama Society
  - Neil Horton
- The Armidale School
- Macsound Electronics
- David Doyle Photography
- The Salvation Army
- Dr Rob Brown
- Mr Phil Donnan
- Ms Tania Ker-David
- Parents assisting at box-office & intermission
- Parents providing goodies for intermission

We have been discussing various ways to improve communication between the school and community, and to facilitate distribution of *Top of the Hill*. We have decided not to fund the DHS phone app this year, because most of its functions will be available within Sentral (the new school administration system). However, the P&C continues to donate funds to the school to assist in the fortnightly compilation of this newsletter.

We will continue to hold a working bee on the first Sunday of each month to maintain and beautify the school grounds. We have achieved a lot over the past 12 months - including repainting front entrance wall, installing the letters on the wall, removing all the ivy from the building, planting more shrubs and native plants, and adding many piles of compost to the garden beds.

Our next meeting will be 16th September, 7pm, in the Staff Common Room.

*P&C Committee*
HISTORY

Duval historians are an exceptionally engaged and creative bunch! Check out some of their latest offerings on display in the library. There you'll see a smorgasboard of clever models and well-crafted research. Ms Armstrong can't even sew on a button; so she was astounded by her students' craftsmanship with scissors, glue stick and toothpick!

Kareena Dawson (Year 7) enjoyed the challenge of investigating her family heritage. She discovered many fascinating details about her Grandfather and showcased her wonderful capacity for scrapbooking. Awesome, Kareena!

N'Dea Rumble (Year 10 Elective History) displaying her terrific Moon Landing representation. Talk about skilful! This task was part of a film study on Forrest Gump, where students examined the construction of history through film.

Thandi Ndlovu and Sheridan Boney (Year 10 Elective) chose to convey their knowledge and understanding of the film's Vietnam War sequences in diorama form. Excellent attention to detail!

I'm sure you'll all agree, Duval can be justifiably proud of its talented historians!

Ms Armstrong

DHS INTERACT CLUB

From Earn-and-Learn Stickers to a new Multicultural Room

The new Interact Club has started with the Rotary Club of Armidale presenting a $500 cheque to Mrs Rajaratnam and Year 11 student Debbie Hyde.

Students have already planned and are implementing their first project. This group of multicultural students are committed to engaging students in learning about different cultures. The Multicultural Room will hold cultural resources and information which can be used across all KLas (key learning areas). It will also be available for parent support groups and meetings.

Duval we need you to get on board with our vision of making culture accessible to all. All you need to do is to shop at Woolies and collect stickers which can be exchanged for resources for the Multicultural Room.

From now until Tuesday 8th September 2015, whenever you shop at Woolworths you can collect Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There'll be one Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once
completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box in the canteen.

Mrs Rajaratnam will then redeem your Earn & Learn Stickers for valuable education resources for the Multicultural Room.

Watch this space for more news on the Multicultural Room in the coming weeks.

**BOOK COLLECTION IN MEMORY OF NOAH**

Noah Fittler (Year 11) lost his battle with brain cancer on the 15th April. In memory of Noah, we are creating a small book collection to be kept in the school library. Noah loved woodwork, so Mr Pringle is building a special bookcase for this collection. We intend to fill the bookcase with books about things that Noah loved. He was an enthusiastic and eager student. He had a wicked sense of humour. And despite being restricted by his illness, he always strove to have a go at any task that he encountered.

Noah’s favourite subjects were Science and Agriculture. He also really enjoyed Woodwork. He loved animals, swimming, soccer and sweet food (especially finger buns). Noah was quite taken with The Hunger Games and Percy Jackson books, as well as mythology. Finally, one of his very favourite ways to fill his time was to play with Magic: The Gathering cards.

We are asking the Duval High School community if they would consider donating a book for the ‘Noah Fittler Collection’. This collection will be available for all students to borrow from. Donations can be left at the front office, or brought to the school library.

*Debbie Hyde (Year 11)*

*Ms Simes (Year 11 Adviser, Teacher Librarian)*

**UNESAP: LET’S HANG IT!**

Two talented DHS art students - Sasha Drydale-Cech (Year 9) and Bethany Jedlicka (Year 12) - received Certificates of Distinction after their works were selected for the finalist list for the 2015 UNE School Acquisitive Art Prize. Their artworks, along with those of all other finalists, are on exhibition at NERAM until 2nd August.

**MOVIE REVIEW - THE ANT MAN**

This movie introduces you to one of the lesser known Marvel characters: The Ant Man. It was a delight to see, with a great story line and cast Paul Rudd (Clueless), Michael Douglas (Traffic), and Evangeline Lilly (Lost). People of all ages would enjoy this movie.

The question you will be left asking is will Ant Man be the next avenger? Score is 8/10.

*Kaitlyn Weston (Year 10)*

Look out for our Winter Warmers, like pumpkin soup, at the Canteen in Term 3.

Remember all proceeds from the Canteen go back into our school so keep up the support!
Congratulations to the Duval table tennis team of Jake Murphy (Year 12), Alex Rogers (Year 9), Justin Bullen (Year 12), Kolja Drydale-Cech (Year 9) and Jimba Karma (Year 11), who represented the school at the inter-school table tennis state finals in June.

The team made quite an excursion of it, travelling down to the Olympic site in Sydney accompanied by family members of three of the players in addition to teacher Heidi Gerberich. On the day all of the Duval players did us proud, playing their hearts out and competing with true sportsmanship and great team spirit.

The day began with four hard-fought pool matches. Having been out-played in the first match, our team showed great character to come back from 0:3 down in the second match to win 4:3 in nail-biting fashion. Special credit goes to Kolja for winning his singles to start Duval’s comeback, then to Jake and Alex for completing the victory in a close-fought deciding doubles. This set the pattern for the day. In the third and fourth matches Duval again lost against top-quality Sydney opponents, then won through 4:3 with some outstanding doubles play, to finish behind the two very strong Sydney teams in our pool but ahead of the regional champion schools from the Riverina and North Coast NSW.

At the end of the pool stage, Duval’s team had earned the right to play off for 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th place. Completing a trifecta of victories over schools from outside Sydney, Duval won the first play-off match 4:3 (of course!) and were through to the play-off for 5th and 6th. In that final match, the SW Sydney champions proved too strong. Duval had finished the day 6th in the state, a very creditable result.

Well done to the whole team. A big thank you also to the families that travelled to Sydney with the team, and to Heidi Gerberich for supervising at Homebush Bay.

Mr Suddaby

ALL-SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

Two Duval students - Stuart Geddes (Year 10) and Cameron Waters (Year 8) - represented North West at the NSW All Schools Cross Country Championships. The championships were held at Eastern Creek in Sydney on Friday 17th July in wet, muddy and very cold conditions.

Stuart ran in the U15 boys event and finished in 40th place with a time of 15:54 minutes for the 4 km course, though having been sick. Cameron ran in the U14 boys, taking a very impressive 17:38 minutes to finish in 68th place.

Both students represented Duval with great spirit and sportsmanship. Congratulations!

DOWN-UNDER ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

During the past weekend, Stuart Geddes (Year 10) competed on the Down-Under Athletics Championships at the Gold Coast. This event attracted over 350 athletes from Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands, and the USA. Competitors ranged from U16 to opens. Stuart competed in three events with the following outstanding results: U16 Men’s 2000m Steeplechase; Gold Medal - 6:43:78; U16 Mens’ 3000m Steeplechase: Silver Medal - 9:34:50 (PB); U16 1500m Steeplechase: Silver Medal - 4:23:24.
Duval High School Captain and local cyclist, Sam Munday (Year 12), recently returned from an amazing week in the USA where he attended a talent camp for road cyclists living with Type 1 Diabetes. Held in Athens, Georgia, from June 23 – 28, Sam was one of 24 of the world’s best Type 1 diabetic cyclists, who were selected to attend the Team Novo Nordisk Talent Identification Camp. Team Novo Nordisk is a global all-diabetes sports team, with the world’s first all-diabetes professional cycling team. Their mission is to inspire, educate and empower people affected by diabetes.

To be eligible for the camp, Sam had to prove that he was consistently training hard and racing well. He trained on road and indoors at UNE and was one of only two cyclists selected from Australia. Whilst at the camp Sam trained for up to five hours each day on the bike, participated in yoga classes, met with diabetes educators and team doctors to discuss diabetes management, played bike skill games, and got to spend time with other diabetic cyclists.

Sam became aware of Team Novo Nordisk through a local diabetes educator and was put in touch with Justin Morris, a professional cyclist who rides for the team. Looking into the immediate future Sam hopes to be selected for the Development Squad for 2016, which would involve attending an annual training camp in January, followed by US and International races year round. He would also like to be an advocate for greater awareness of Type 1 Diabetes.

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The Newcastle Jets are visiting Armidale for a training camp 29July–1August. There will be many opportunities to meet the players and become involved, see below for event dates and times.

**29th July** - Welcome Dinner @ Armidale City Bowling Club
Cost: $20 adults, $10 children
Tickets available online at www.sportune.com.au, from Campus Essentials at UNE, or the Bowling Club.

**29th July** - Newcastle Jets Player appearance @ McDonald’s Armidale: 5pm – 5.30pm

**30th July** - Junior Coaching Clinic for ages 6-16 years @ Rologas Oval, Armidale: 4pm-5.30pm
Cost: Free

**31st July** - Newcastle Jets Training Match @ SportUNE’s Consett Davis Playing Fields: 6pm
Cost: Free

For more information and a full list of events visit www.sportune.com.au or www.newcastlejets.com.au or phone 02 6773 3856.
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& Snow, Snow, Snow!