FUTSAL FUNTASTICS

The Duval High School U14 Boys Futsal team competed in the NSW North Coast Champions of Champions tournament at Port Macquarie on Monday 18th August. Futsal is similar to an indoor version of football (soccer).

The day consisted of the team playing seven 20-minute matches against schools in a region extending north of Newcastle. After mixed early performances the team consolidated to make the semi-finals, placing them in the top 4 teams. The highlight of the day for the Duval boys would have to be scoring 3 goals in the last 2-minutes of play to win the match against Port Macquarie High School 5-3.

Congratulations boys!
PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

It’s true what they say – a couple of weeks back at work and you feel like you’ve never been away! While I still think longingly about the temperatures in Far North Queensland, it’s great to be back and into the swing of things.

It’s an extraordinarily busy time of the year, too. Year 12 are well into the business end of the year, having completed the Trial HSC. Many of them are now putting the final touches on their major works in Textiles and Design, Industrial Technology and Visual Arts. I have been most impressed with the quality of the works being produced, and the huge commitment of time and energy put into them by the students and their teachers. I’m really looking forward to the HSC Visual Arts Expo on Thursday.

Some of our students are just coming to realise how little time is left to them to prepare for the HSC. Some may have left it too late, but the vast majority should have nothing to worry about whatsoever. For those considering a university career there is some very exciting news in the pipeline, as new partnerships with UNE are being developed through a project led by Adjunct Professor (and former regional Director of Education) Jim White as well as the newly-established Virtual Institute for Teaching and Learning. More news on these as they emerge.

The junior students are also flat out at the moment. Year 10 had their HSC Information evening and Subject Selection Expo on the 5th and 6th of August, and Year 8 will learn about the options available to them in Stage 5 (Years 9 and 10) this Wednesday evening. Many thanks to Mrs Lana Hardman, the school Executive and the hard-working team of teachers who present these evenings for the benefit of your children!

On top of all of the teaching and learning taking place, there’s never a dull moment at Duval!

Stafford Cameron

P&C NEWS

The P&C has recently purchased a new set of lockers for the school, costing approximately $2,500. Another set was also purchased last year for a similar price. These purchases are just one more example of how our fundraising efforts, particularly through the Canteen, provide the school with a wide variety of much-needed equipment and supplies.

Our next working bee will be held at the school on Sunday morning, August 30th. We will be taking this opportunity to make sure the school grounds are spic-and-span in time for welcoming visitors to the Valedictory Assembly on the last day of Term 3.

We have also decided to change our meeting venue to the Armidale Bowling Club. The next meeting will be 16th September at 7pm. All warmly welcome!

P&C Committee

RED DAY

at the Canteen

Friday 21st August

All funds raised go towards school equipment and supplies
Georgia Ball

Georgia has designed an item for the COSTUME focus area. She was inspired by black and gold colour combinations, and designed a set of wings which has a beautiful saying written across the back: "For those determined to fly, having no wings is just a little detail". Techniques incorporated into this costume item include pleating, free machine embroidery, shibori dying, as well as making her own fabric. Georgia has incorporated these techniques with a combination of carefully chosen textured gold fabrics.

Mrs Munday

Four Duval High School Year 12 students submitted their HSC Textiles and Design Major Projects on 17th August. The girls are to be congratulated for their vision and persistence in completing their Major Projects. They have been self-motivated and should feel extremely pleased with the outcome of their hard work. It has been a pleasure working with the girls on their designs.

Monica has constructed a two piece apparel item which consists of a gold lace bodice and a gathered full length skirt. Monica has used delicate fabrics such as silk. She has incorporated the gold lace into the gathered skirt, and included some self-made 3D flowers to compliment this fabric.

Jemima Commens

Jemima chose to design a set of hand bags, each incorporating a scarf of her late grandmothers. Her set of bags consist of a tote bag that is appliqued and hand woven as a feature, with the lining of silk that has been shibori dyed using marigold flowers. Her second bag is a clutch that she has lined with the paisley fabric and hand embroidered across the back. Her third bag is an evening purse that has used the paisley scarf which she has heavily beaded. Jemima has made the patterns for all 3 bags.

Emilie Winter

Emilie’s work is a linen bolero jacket inspired from the Matador. She has heavily hand embroidered this jacket, and constructed removable velvet shoulder pads to complete the look. Emilie has drafted her own pattern for the jersey knit jumpsuit, which features shirring and hand embroidery to coordinate with the jacket.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NSW
NOTICE OF MOTION

Honourable Shelley Hancock MP
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Madam Speaker, today I give notice that tomorrow I shall move that this House:

1. Congratulates Duval High School on the successful staging of its 2015 musical "Guys and Dolls".

2. Acknowledges the huge effort by the musical's creative team of Bruce Myers, Katy Walsh, Amy-Lee Petherbridge, Waine Grafton, Jason Moulynox and Meg Mancell.

3. Acknowledges the magnificent youthful cast and crew, particularly David Wilson, Emily McDonnell, Zoe George and Kyle Donnan who played lead roles.

ADAM MARSHALL MP
Member for Northern Tablelands

25 June 2015
TELL THEM FROM ME!

I am delighted that this term our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


Stafford Cameron

PARTNERS IN LEARNING PARENT FEEDBACK SURVEY

Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Parents and carers access the survey via this direct link – cut and paste this in your web browser!
https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent12633&j_password=Duv8492

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participation in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE PARENT PORTAL?

Sign-ups for Parent-Teacher Interviews are now available in the Parent Portal.

This week we received this wonderful feedback from Julia Werren……

I just used the dashboard for the parent teacher interviews and it was amazing. As I said to you before, I used to have to bribe Chris to get the teacher’s signatures and even then I wasn’t successful. What a revelation and thank you so much for implementing the system....you may have saved my sanity.

Contact the school on 6772-1266 if you need further assistance.
YEAR 8 FOOD AND FASHION

During Semester 1, our elective class completed making soft toys. These have been displayed in the library.

During Semester 2 we have moved into the cooking component of the elective, where we are discovering foods from around the world.

The class has an online blog, to which all students contribute. They comment about the foods from around the world they have made, as well as providing recipes from different countries.

The blog is available to all to look at: 8foodandfashion.weebly.com

It is a working blog that students will be contributing to during Terms 3 and 4.

Mrs Munday

MUSIC & PERFORMANCE

Term 4 is shaping up to be a busy time for Duval music and performance students.

The Duval Dance group will participate in the Armidale Community of Schools Concert at Lazenby Hall on 2nd September.

The Celebration Choir will perform in November at the Sydney Opera House, with 29 students nominating to participate and the Year 11 Music Group selected for a solo item.

Duval also has had 16 students successfully audition for the choir, and 12 students selected for the Aboriginal Dance component at the annual School Spectacular programme held in late November.

Mrs Pearson

You are invited to a private viewing of Duval High School’s

2015 HSC VISUAL ARTS & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Thursday 20th August
4:00 - 6:00pm in room 403 at DHS
**TABLE TENNIS**

Ping pong, ping pong ... the Duval Table Tennis Club is buzzing this term, thanks in part to the Knockout Handicap Singles Competition which got underway last week.

Over 140 students and teachers have signed up for this year's competition. In the first two days of competition play we had over fifty people in the gym each lunchtime. All enjoyed the terrific atmosphere and played some great table tennis, each at their own level from newbie to ninja.

In each game it is the first player to get to 11 points who wins through to the next round, with a “deuce” system operating if the scores reach 10-10. The handicap system means that anyone can enjoy taking part. We have had some excellent close matches already, with ten of the twenty matches so far reaching 10-8, 10-9 or deuce!

In one tightly-fought match teacher Ms Morey, starting from 5-0 up, gamely took on hot-shot Freddie Heslin (Year 7). Ms Morey can play (it is rumoured she has a table in her cellar at home!), but Freddie was not intimidated and gradually hauled in her lead to eventually win 12-10.

In an even better match, Lily Owen (Year 9) faced a confident Kyle Burton (Year 11). The warm-up was intense, both players looking strong and evenly matched so the game started from 0-0. Lily got off to a great start and was ahead all the way, but Kyle sweated back to 10-10, then 11-11 before finally winning 13-11.

We can look forward to more exciting play in coming weeks. Congratulations to all winners - and gallant losers! - and thanks to all for taking part.

**NETBALL**

Duval’s Green Machine netball team are currently running second in Division 3 of the Armidale District Netball Association competition.

Recently, the team received new uniforms, which were debuted last Saturday in a 43-26 victory over NEGS. The new uniforms, designed by Leanne Vaughan, had lots of positive feedback from the public. A big thanks to the school and P&C for providing them.

Ms Pearson

**MOVIE REVIEW: FANTASTIC FOUR**

Do you like science fiction or inter-dimensional travel then this may be the movie for you. I’m not a sci-fi buff so I found this move a bit of a bore, it is slightly darker to the one we know from our childhood (2005). This movie is about testing the bonds of friendship the hard way and accepting who you really are inside. Score 5/10.

Katy Weston, Year 10

**SAM JENNER - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FUNDRAISERS**

Friday 28th August

Prefect BBQ at Duval High School - lunchtime
Trivia Night and Silent Auction at Armidale City Bowling Club ($20)
(SMS RSVP to 04 2701 5669)
An Evening with ACOS
Armidale Community Of Schools
Celebrating Public Education

Time  ★  6.30pm Foyer Art Show
      ★  7.00pm Concert
Date  ★  Wednesday, 2nd September
Venue ★  Lazenby Hall
Cost ★  $15 for adults $10 children (cash sale only)

An evening showcasing excellence in the Arts
A fabulous night of entertainment not to be missed

Tickets go on sale at the
Reader’s Companion Monday 17th August