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And so we come to the end of another term, and once again it’s hard to believe how quickly the time has flown. This Friday we will hold our Valedictory Assembly, at which we will say congratulations and farewell to yet another Year 12 group, and bid them all the very best for their HSC Exams in just over three weeks’ time. It really doesn’t seem like a year has passed since the last one! I wonder what it is that causes this perception of time flying by so rapidly?

Well, if the last fortnight is any indication, it’s probably been because we have been just a little busy here! Since my last report we have held a deeply-moving memorial tree-planting for Noah Fitter; an Indigenous Debating Workshop for students from all of the local High and Central Schools; sent (very successful!) teams to the Da Vinci Decathlon; hosted most of our partner primary schools for “Taster Lessons,” letting them know what class will be like at high school; and sold badges for Legacy. We have held Year 11 end of Preliminary Course Exams; an HSC Music Performance evening; actual HSC Music performances for Music 1 and Music 2; the Year 10 VALID Science tests; a Year 5 and 6 Parent Information Evening for Sandon Public School; and sent (again highly successful!) teams to the annual UNE GRASS Science Investigation Awards. We have elected our prefect Student Leadership Group for 2015-16, and have sent Year 11 Advanced English off to Sydney to see Shakespeare’s ‘The Tempest.’ On Wednesday we held our last social for Year 12, who will back up for their Carnival Day (definitely not muck-up day!) on Thursday, before tidying up for their Valedictory on Friday.

After all that, I think we all deserve a break! I would like to wish all of our students, staff and their families a happy and relaxing holiday, and an organised, productive and well-balanced study break for Year 12! Next term will be even bigger and better!

Stafford Cameron
Principal

Farewell and best wishes for the HSC and beyond to our Class of 2015 from the whole school community

“Don’t cry because it’s over. Smile because it happened.” Dr Seuss
FROM THE DP DESK

Spring brings fresh starts and new opportunities. As Term 3 draws to a close, our Year 12 students begin their final preparations for their HSC exams and our Year 11s move on to take their places in the vitally important final 12 months of secondary schooling.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students, staff and families a thoroughly enjoyable and safe holiday break. (With plenty of focused study time for Year 12!)

I hope to see all students come back from their Spring break relaxed, refreshed and ready for learning in Term 4.

Sandra Rosner
Deputy Principal

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DaVinci Decathlon

Well done to all our participants and a special congratulations to our Year 8 team, who placed second overall for the second year running, competing against 14 other teams.

Duval students have a fine record over the years and 2015 was no exception, with twelve students taking the opportunity to participate. Well done to all those students who entered and congratulations to the award winners:

Senior Scientist of the Year - Oscar Lamb
1st Place $400 + $250 to school

Senior Scientist of the Year - Daley Wood
Encouragement Award: 1st Place $100

Best Environmental Sustainability Themed Award - Zoe George 1st Place $150

Best Agricultural Innovation Themed Award (Senior) - Sean Niemeyer $100 + $50 school

UNE GRASS SCIENCE INVESTIGATION AWARDS

300 students from around the region took part in this year’s University of New England Growing Regional and Agricultural Students in Science (GRASS) Science Investigation Awards held at the University on 10 September. Students had to first design and conduct their investigations and on the day explain their projects to scientists from UNE. They were judged on a range of criteria including scientific accuracy, interpretation of data, and how well they presented their data.

On the day, students presented over 200 projects to 36 scientists for awards totalling $4,550.

“The scientist and the whole UNE GRASS team were highly impressed with the great range of creative and clever projects which were presented on the day. There is no doubt the quality of projects and the way they had been presented at this event has increased each year!” said Susanna Greig, Science Education Officer, UNE GRASS,

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NOAH FITTLER MEMORIAL

On 31 August, a tree planting memorial service was held in memory of Noah Fittler (Year 11). Noah lost his battle with brain cancer in April this year. The tree was planted by Noah’s brother, sister and best friend. It is an almond tree and has been planted in the Ag Plot, as Noah loved Ag.

The service was followed by a viewing of the books that have been donated in Noah’s memory. These books now sit in a special bookcase (made by Alan Pringle), as Noah also loved working with wood.

We thank all who have donated books for the Noah Fittler Collection, but especially Reader’s Companion and Boomerang Books. These books are now available for students to borrow. A huge thank you also to Alan Pringle for his work on the bookcase.

Ms C Simes
Year 11 Adviser

INDIGENOUS DEBATING

On Tuesday, 8 September Duval High School hosted the first regional Indigenous Debating Day in our library. Senior students came from Walcha Central, Uralla Central and Armidale High Schools to join our Year 10 and Year 11 students for the day. No previous debating experience was needed and the students worked together in groups in games and workshops to learn the rules of debating. An important part of the day was the opportunity to get to know each other, and socialising with new friends was helped by the delicious morning tea and lunch provided by our canteen.

After lunch, eight students were selected to form two mixed teams from the four high schools. They debated the topic “That seats in government should be reserved for Indigenous Australians”. The adjudicators for the debate were Leonie Donovan and Lesley Widders who declared a tie due to both teams providing very effective arguments and ideas. The attending schools, as well as Guyra Central, have agreed to continue Indigenous Debating next term and in the future. Thanks go to Sandra Rosner for initiating this event and to Annabel Grice and Jennifer Squires for organising and guiding the successful day.

MOVIE REVIEW: The Man from U.N.C.L.E.

This move is the perfect movie for everyone. It’s got everything you could ever need: action, suspense and of course romance.

This movie is based around the TV series ‘The Man from U.N.C.L.E.’ from the 60s, with the bonus colour, car chases and better looking actors, with Henry Cavill (Superman) and Armie Hammer (the Lone Ranger) playing the two main characters.

Score 7/10

Kaity Weston, Year 10
SPORTS NEWS

Table Tennis

STOP PRESS: Jake Murphy of Year 12 has just won the Duval Table Tennis Knockout Singles Competition. After five weeks of matches, with fantastic participation from over 140 students and staff, Jake and Karma Jimba of Year 11 played a high-quality and nail-biting final, Jake winning 3:1. Congratulations to Jake, Jimba and to all who took part and made the competition work so well.

Mr Jamie Suddaby

Athletics

At the recent NSW Combined High Schools (CHS) Athletics Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park, 10 Duval students represented North West. They had outstanding success, winning 1 gold medal and 5 bronze medals and many PBs.

Congratulations to all our students who showed great sportsmanship representing our school and region.

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DANCE NEWS

On Friday, 28 August Year 10 took part in the Dance assessment. Some of the highlights of the day included Throwback Thursday’s “Grease” themed number, which featured some cool dance moves and daring lifts. Another notable dance group was ‘Straya’. They performed to a variety of Australian songs and had some on point, dance moves ….. for an all boy dance group of course.

The gym was overflowing with creativity as we saw some amazing flips, snow and even synchronised swimming. Well done to all the Year 10 students for their hard work - everyone had a go and took part, even if they had two left feet!

Amy Petherbridge

Save the date

Duval High School will host a Garage Sale on Saturday 24th October from 10am to 2pm, as part of an initiative from the Armidale Dumaresq Council

The theme for the sale is ‘Rescue the Planet’ in line with the selling of preloved items on the day to prevent them going to landfill.

Start your spring cleaning during the holidays and be ready for the Greatest Sale of the Year. This is the perfect opportunity to get rid of those one or two items you have been holding onto in the hope that one day you will hold a Garage Sale. Let us help you by taking them off your hands, or for a small fee ($10 per table) you can sell your own items.

The Interact Club are coordinating the event and hope that many students, staff and family members will be involved. The day will be set up like a fete we have never had the pleasure of holding. Baked goods, plants, second hand items can be donated to sell on the day. There will be a barbeque and entertainment as well.

All money raised on the day will go towards a new oven for the Canteen and other equipment for the school. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Rajaratnam
LIFE IS LIKE A BOX OF CHOCOLATES

Christopher Esplin wrote the following piece as part of his film study of Forrest Gump in Year 10 Elective History. Christopher always can be relied on to present thoughtful insights in class discussions and assessments, and this work is no exception.

Ms Armstrong

SWEET FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Christopher Esplin, Year 10

With a product which has been made for over 170 years, their reputation has spread around the world and literally millions and millions have enjoyed both eating and sharing their wonderful flavours.

In 1842, a nineteen year old American opened a business in Philadelphia down near the docks, and he turned imported fruits, nuts and cocoa into the most delightful sweets. The company which Stephen Whitman founded has since changed hands many times but the flavour and reputation of his products, and because he marketed his chocolates in small tin boxes, the Whitman’s became a much loved product.

Today the flavours include coconut, pecan walnut cluster, chocolate truffle, peanuts, molasses, coffee chip, carmelolo, marzipan, cherry cordial, almonds, vermont fudge, cashew cluster, chocolate whip plus many more. Some are covered in milk chocolate while others are covered in dark chocolate. Some have soft centres while others have hard centres.

Was Forrest Gump thinking of Whitman’s when he claimed that, “Life is like a box of chocolates”? Some people do not like hard centres, some do not like soft centres. Is it the same when you meet people? Do you like some, and not so much others? In my opinion, people are like a box of chocolates, you have to go through a few of them, before you get to the good ones.

He talked about a box of chocolates, not a bar of chocolate, because with a bar, you know what you are getting. With a box, they are either individually wrapped or decorated with a variety of designs. Sometimes it can be rather challenging to find the ones you really like. His comparison with life is insightful and accurate. Sometimes you meet people who are nice, sometimes you meet people who are not.

Spare a thought for those deprived people who are lactose intolerant. Would you like to spend your whole life knowing that if you ate chocolates, your body would react by providing you with unpleasant reactions? For people who suffer from this reaction, they would live with the fact that for them to find pleasure from certain delicacies provides displeasure for others. If this troubles them, then they would be concentrated on providing an environment which will not offend others. If it doesn’t then they are some of the chocolates that you must try, in order to get to the good ones.
AVIATION OPEN DAY

@SYDNEY AVIATORS
Hangar 276 Airport Avenue,
Bankstown Airport, NSW 2200

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER
8.30AM - 4.30PM

LEARN ABOUT CAREERS IN AVIATION

Join us at our Open Day to learn about:
• Careers as a Commercial Pilot
• Careers as a Remote Pilot

Boscar Aviation College and Sydney Aviators Career Sessions offer you the chance to explore our campus and facilities, talk to instructors and have a trial flight.

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JOIN US FOR
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• Complimentary BBQ lunch
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• Presentation on careers as a Remote Pilot
• Discounted Trial Instructional Flights
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We can arrange for a staff member to visit your school to give a short presentation and answer questions regarding courses and careers in aviation.

Information Session on the NDIS for NSW/ACT Participants

Join us to hear the latest about our services & supports, and how individualised funding is taking shape across NSW/ACT and Australia via the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and Ready Together reforms.

Friday 16 October 2015*
10.00am - 11.30am
124a O’Dell Street, Armidale NSW 2350

*Please note that space is limited so please RSVP by by 12 noon Monday 12 October.

Refreshments will be available.

For general enquiries please contact Laura Teege
T 02 6772 0978
E lteege@cerebralpalsy.org.au

Here is the link so you can view and Register for the event:
Disability Workshop

Objective: To increase contemporary sexuality impact on the lives of people with disabilities

Workshop for the workshop is open to all. One of the workshop goals will be able to:

- Discuss the impact of messages regarding sexuality and people with disability
- Understand the definition and model of contemporary sexuality
- Discuss the role of sexual and reproductive health issues and their effect on people with disability
- Discuss roles and responsibilities in sexuality and relationships (including carers)
- Discuss services which build capacity and support people with disability to take responsibility for their own life

They will undertake in their work to better support people with disabilities in the area of sexuality and

DATE: 14th Oct 2015
TIME: 9.30am – 3.00pm
PLACE: Long Tan Room West Diggers Club Kable Ave Tamworth
COST: The workshop and lunch will be provided free of charge

RSVP
Lorretta Byrnes
By: 26th May 2015, at lorretta.byrnes@northcott.com.au or (02) 67624902