

Top of the Hill

Newsletter of Duval High School



EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT 2015 Graduates!!

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AFL Junior Football

Rachel Dawson



Distinguished Achiever
ATAR 97.6
Ancient History
English (Advanced)
English Ext 1
Mathematics
French Beginners

Jol Choct



Distinguished Achiever
ATAR 96.95
Mathematics Ext 1
Mathematics Ext 2

Oliver Bruhl



Distinguished Achiever
ATAR 95.85
Mathematics Ext 1
Mathematics Ext 2
Music Ext

Bethany Jedlicka



Distinguished Achiever
ATAR 95.55
English (Advanced)
English Ext 1
Mathematics
Visual Arts

Madeline Reckord



Distinguished Achiever
ATAR 95.1
Biology
Mathematics

Fariyah Islam



ATAR 93.70
Mathematics Ext 2

Brandy Ritch



Distinguished Achiever
ATAR 93.55
English (Advanced)
Mathematics
Visual Arts

Samuel Munday



Distinguished Achiever
ATAR 93.40
PDHPE
Mathematics Ext 2

Lindsay Symons



Distinguished Achiever
ATAR 91.6
Software Design &
Development
Mathematics Ext 2
Music Ext

Emilie Winter



Distinguished Achiever
Visual Arts

Eleanor Logan



Distinguished Achiever
Music 1

Amelia Cowie



Distinguished Achiever
General Mathematics 2

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- ◆ 9-11 February CAPA Sydney Excursion
- ◆ 10 February, 5.30pm Year 7 Welcome BBQ
- ◆ 11 February Twilight Swimming Carnival
- ◆ 12 February In-lieu-of-school day
- ◆ TBA P&C Meeting



The Olympics begin at the
Twilight Swimming Carnival.
Teamwork is the only way for
a House to come out in front!

CORNER
PBL

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Hello everyone, and welcome back to what is going to be another cracking year at Duval High School!

Quite apart from the usual high quality teaching and learning, there are many exciting opportunities coming up, participation in which will be a tremendous boost for our students and our community. Another school musical, the Olympic Games, our upcoming Twilight Swimming Carnival, and brand new academic and vocational experiences are just a few of the initiatives which will take place in 2016 and which promise to make it a great year for you.

Whether you are a student aiming at academic excellence (and we all should be!), a sporting legend, or a born performer, there will be lots for you to do this year. So, get in and be involved! As I say to all new enrolments (of which we have had so many already this year) it's not just being in class and doing the right things which make up your school experience. Those things are important, but it's also a matter of grabbing those opportunities with both hands which are offered to you in the extra-curricular domain that will often generate the memories of your school days which will stay with you forever.

Have a great year!

Stafford Cameron

FROM THE DP DESK

2016 promises to be a great year for our students. We have hit the ground running with our fantastic staff organising wonderful learning experiences for the kids both within and beyond their classrooms. There are plenty of academic, sporting and social opportunities for our students to engage in and we hope that your children take advantage of at least some of them.

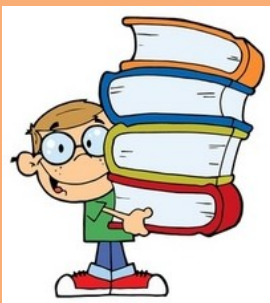
As parents, you can show a keen interest in your child's education by asking specific questions about school and in discussing class work, homework, readings and assignments. When you ask "What did you do at school today?", the shrug off answer can be "Nothing" and no communication really takes place. If you are a little more specific and say "What are you studying in English at the moment? Is it poetry?" or "What's the science experiment for this week?" you may be able to open up a line of engagement about your child's school work.

The more families discuss school and the benefits of a good education, the more important schooling becomes for our students. Please do not hesitate to contact your children's teachers should you have any concerns that we need to talk through. We all want the best possible futures for the kids at Duval High School and by working together we will achieve that goal.

All the best for 2016. I look forward to working with you in supporting your children to be the best they can be.

Sandra Rosner

Announcing.....



HOMEWORK and STUDY CENTRE

Every Wednesday 8-9am

DHS Library

with

Mrs S Stroud



INTERACT CLUB

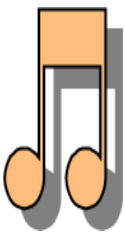
The Duval Interact Club began officially on July 16th 2015 with a donation of \$500 (seed money) from the Armidale Central Rotary Club. The first project was school-based, and involved the students establishing a Multicultural Room at the school to support and promote cultural diversity within the school and community. This year they will focus on student well-being and a community project.



Meeting schedules have not yet been finalised for this year. Please keep an eye out on roll call notices. Its not too late to join, so please come along.

Mrs Rajaratnam

SCHOOL BAND



The school band (aka Soul Band) rehearses every week after school on a Wednesday from 3.25-5.00pm. Our first rehearsal for the year is **Wednesday 9th February**. Students who play brass or woodwind instruments and can read music are encouraged to join.

See you there!

Mr Myers

FURRY VISITORS

On Friday, outside of Room 211, we had a small furry visitor: an insectivorous bat! A wildlife carer was contacted to remove the little bat who was later released on school grounds at dusk.



All native animals are protected under the National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1972. Should you find native wildlife injured on school grounds, please notify the Office Staff who will liaise with the Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers.

Ms de Crespigny

PREFECT REPORT

It's looking like another very busy and exciting year for Duval High School's prefect group!

As 2016 is an Olympic year, the prefect group is helping to coordinate Duval High School's first Olympic Games. Students will have the opportunity to compete for their house in a range of sporting, academic and creative events run by individual faculty's during lunchtimes in terms 1 and 2. Events will begin in week 4 of this term, with the CAPA faculty holding a Spicks and Specks style music, art and drama quiz in room 403. Teams of 4 are to sign up in week 3 outside the CAPA staffroom. Get excited and get involved!

Our annual Valentine's Day sale is currently being held in the canteen area during recess and lunchtime. Students can buy cards, real roses and songs for their special someone and have them personally delivered by the prefect group on Monday 15th February.

All money raised by the prefect group throughout the year will be donated to the Camp Quality and the Women's Shelter Armidale.

Ms Mancell

TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The DHS Twilight Swimming Carnival will be held at Monckton Aquatic Centre (Dumaresq St) on Thursday 11th February, commencing at 3.50pm and finishing at approximately 8.30pm.

Students will attend school and regular sport during the day, then report to the pool by 3.50pm for roll call. Road crossings at Erskine, Donnelly & Dumaresq Streets will be patrolled by Executive staff.

Parents are welcome to attend and support their children. Pool entry is \$4 for students and \$2 for parents/carers. The P&C will be running a BBQ, and all help will be welcome.

Students should wear their house colours -

Crane: green & white
Gardner: orange & black
McIntyre: blue & yellow
Walker: red & white



WELCOME TO DUVAL

YEAR 7!!



JUNIOR FOOTBALL

REGISTER NOW FOR 2016



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BELLVUE OVAL at UNE

TRAINING STARTS THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2016

AGES 12 YEARS – 16 YEARS

Expressions of interest in by Monday 8th February 2016

We have a training day, fun game organised for Sunday the 28th February 2016 starting at 10am at Bellvue Oval at UNE with NIAS.

We would like to get approximate numbers for the Junior Nomads team to arrange funding for a Bus for away games. Please call either Jed or Neil or email in your interest.

Thanks.