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Newsletter of Duval High School



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ARMIDALE AUTUMN FESTIVAL FUN

The Armidale Autumn Festival was held Saturday 17 March with Duval well represented in the Festival's Parade.

It was a lovely sunny day and fun was had by all.

Duval colours were proudly shown for the last time in the Parade.

Next year's Parade will have our new Armidale Future School colours shining brightly.



Fighting Fair

How you both can win

Be willing to fix the problem...
Say what the problem is for you...
Listen to what the problem is for them...
Attack the problem, not the person...
Look for answers so everyone gets what they need...

Fouls

Name Calling
Put Downs
Sneering
Threats - Blaming
Bragging - Hitting
Making up the past
Not Listening
Getting Even

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

- ◆ 27 March, 3 & 10 April Girls with Attitude
- ◆ 29 March Year 7 Pine Forest Excursion
- ◆ 3 April Parent/Teacher Interviews starting at 3.45pm
- ◆ 4 April NW Winter Trials Coonabarabran 9.00am
- ◆ 6 April U15 Girls, Open Boys Soccer
- ◆ 6 April NW Golf Trials Tamworth 9.30am
- ◆ 9 April Belvoir Street Theatre Workshop 10.00am
- ◆ 10 April Safe on Social
- ◆ 11 April Youth Forum Town Hall 9.00am



New School Expectations. What will the students suggest?

CORNER

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Publication of this newsletter is made possible through the generous support of the Duval High School Parents & Citizens Association.

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS



Here we are in Week 8 of Term 1 already.

Planning for Armidale Future School continues; our students are currently having their say on the expectations for the new school.

The students of Duval and Armidale High will vote on the top ten suggestions. The community will be asked for their feedback early next term.

Mr Breen and a number of Armidale High staff are off to San Diego to visit High Tech High and attend the Educational Leadership Conference. The study tour will ensure that our new school is as up-to-date as possible.

Parent Teacher interviews are just around the corner; they are on April 3. Interview times can be booked via the Parent Portal. If you are having issues, please contact the front office and we will endeavour to rectify it.

Thanks must go to Caroline Winter, our outgoing P&C President, whose hard work and contribution to Duval High School as P&C President was greatly appreciated. Caroline will continue her commitment to our School as Vice President of the P&C with Sally Lucas taking over as President. Thank you again to all P&C Members for getting involved, your hard work is highly valued.

Lastly, I would like to reiterate my thanks to the staff of Duval High School for their persistence, effort and understanding in these busy times. The teaching and learning of our students is always paramount, and staff are doing a tremendous job. That alone is a significant undertaking, but also to have the planning for the new school as part of their work is enormous. They have risen to the challenge. Thank you.

Stafford Cameron
Principal

EXCURSIONS PERMISSION NOTES REMINDER

Please return excursion permission notes at least **2 days prior to the excursion.**



P&C NEWS

The P&C held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 21 March. Sally Lucas was elected unopposed as President for the coming year. Caroline Winter accepted the position of Vice President, Steve McWhirter will be Secretary, and Sue Muir will continue as Treasurer.

Suellen Simpson agreed to retain her role as Canteen Convenor, and Sue Muir will retain the role as Canteen Finance Officer.

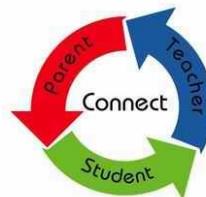
The AGM was followed by the March monthly meeting. Wish lists were discussed. Funds were allocated to a number of projects and resources.

It has been great to welcome a few new faces to our last couple of meetings, and we extend an warm invitation to all parents/carers to join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, 16 May, at 6pm in the Principal's Office. Meetings are generally held the third Wednesday of the month.

P&C Committee

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on **3 April**. Bookings can be made with teachers by going onto the Duval Website. Search Parent Portal and click on Parent Teacher interviews. If you have not registered onto the Portal, you will need to do this first.



Interview times are available from 3.45pm onwards. You will be able to make bookings for interviews up until **5pm, 2 April**.

Contact the school if you encounter any issues.



School success starts
with attendance



SHADOW A STUDENT CHALLENGE



Last Tuesday, I participated in the international Shadow a student day challenge.



I shadowed Isaac Davidson in Year 9 and spent the entire day with him and other students including recess and lunch.



This was a humbling experience and provided a fantastic insight into what students experience at a social level and what learning looks like through their eyes.

The Shadow Day is part of a larger initiative and later this month I will be joining school leaders from around the world in San Diego to reflect on our experiences.

Thank you to staff and students for supporting me in this initiative and providing me with such a genuine experience.

Scott Breen



YEAR 10 MATHS 1 MAILBOX PROJECT

Recently 10M1 completed an Assessment Task for Mathematics based on a unit about Surface Area and Volume.



Students were required to design, build and sketch their own unique mailbox making use of the 3-D solids we had investigated.

They then had to find the surface area and volume of their mailbox and discuss, with the appropriate calculations, the number of standard letters their mailbox could hold and the resulting space efficiency of their design.

The results were fantastic with a wide variety of styles and shapes being used and some very interesting and unique designs.



Well done Year 10.

ATTENDANCE

My child won't go to school. What should I do?

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You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help.

Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks.

The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

CREATIVE ARTS UPDATE



Schools Spectacular

Video entries have been uploaded for the Aboriginal Dancers, Combined Dancers and Choir plus Featured Artists.

Congratulations on your outstanding efforts and teamwork! Good luck!

Year 10 and HSC Music Days at NECOM

Once again an outstanding success with senior HSC markers and wonderful musicians taking workshops.

Hilary Pearson



NORTH WEST SWIM TEAM

Congratulations on selection into the North West Swim Team.

Next will be competitions at the State Titles in Sydney commencing on 8 April.



Kyran Peltonen



Hannah Angel



Bethany Counsell



William Fittler



Heather Girard



Brooklynn Jex



Clio Knight

YOUTH WEEK 2018

This year as part of Youth Week 2018, ACYP is launching a t-shirt design competition for all young people 12 to 24 years of age in NSW.

We ask that you encourage the young people in your networks to engage their creative side and create a design that may be printed on the official NSW Youth Week 2018 t-shirt.

Young people are asked to paint, draw or digitally create a design inspired by the 2018 NSW Youth Week theme – **Unity Through Diversity**.

This year's Youth Week theme was set by young people who said that diversity is an important theme for them in NSW.

The t-shirt design competition will close on 28 March 2018 and the winner will be invited to attend a presentation at the Youth Week 2018 Forum in NSW Parliament House on Thursday 12 April, where they will receive their personalised Youth Week t-shirts.



More information about the competition including the terms and conditions is available online and you can access suggested social media posts and images at the link below to share on your social media accounts.

<https://www.acyp.nsw.gov.au/youth-week-2018-design-competition-media-kit>

If you have any questions about the competition please email the office at acyp@acyp.nsw.gov.au

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD





**ROSEMARY LEITCH
AYO GARDEN PARTY**

10:30am Sunday 8 April 2018

A morning of beautiful music from the Armidale Youth Orchestras in the magnificent garden of Chevy Chase. Lunch and one free drink is provided. Cash bar available.

Catering by Bistro on Cinders
Thanks to Armidale High School, PLC and TAS

Chevy Chase, 643 Dangarsleigh Road, Armidale
TICKETS: www.trybooking.com/UJXS
Adult: \$45 • Pensioner \$30 • Child \$20



EMPOWER YOUR CHILDREN TO BE
CURIOUS, COURAGEOUS & CONFIDENT

Transforming Their World

KICKING ANXIETY TO THE KERB

At this parent workshop we will explore:

- ◆ The effect of worry on the body
- ◆ How to start making positive change and create focus for growth within yourself and your children
- ◆ 4 strategies to empower your children to take control of their world - today!

\$50 PER TICKET
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ARMIDALE EX SERVICES CLUB
WEDNESDAY APRIL 11, 2018
6.30 AM TO 8.30 PM

You're invited to the

BREAKFAST CLUB

8:20 am - 8:50 am
Monday Tuesday Wednesday
Friday

Staff Common Room
- enter via the stairs near the canteen.



POWER HOUR

Tuesday after school @ Duval High library

Students are encouraged to visit the library on **Tuesdays from 3.35 to 4.35** to get extra support completing homework, assignments or help with understanding what they are learning in their classes. A teacher will always be available to support and assist students.

Students will have access to computers, laptops, printers and the internet.

Our study centre provides a secure, supervised learning environment in space where staff can assist students in managing their homework, assignments and learning needs.

All students are welcome.

Afternoon tea from 3.25 to 3.45.

The school bus will drive people home who live within the town boundary.

