DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**JULY**
- **Thursday 17th** P&C Street Stall
- **Wednesday 23rd** P&C Meeting 6pm
- **Friday 25th** Year 5 & 6 Leadership at Duval High School
- **Monday 28th** Education Week Awards at Black Mountain 4pm
- **Tuesday 29th** Year 6 Leadership Luncheon at Rafters

**AUGUST**
- **Friday 1st** Highland Fling at Black Mountain
- **Monday 4th** Active Afternoons Commence
- **Tuesday 5th** Bald Blair Bull Sale
- **Wednesday 5th** Wattletop Bull Sale
- **Monday 25th** – **Friday 29th** Lake Keepit Excursion Years 3-6

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The cold snap has certainly welcomed everyone back to our fabulous school for another term. Can you believe it? Term 3! The first day was miserable with the bleak, grey skies however the classrooms were full of students that were keen and eager to extend their knowledge, skills and understanding. Our school community welcomed Miss Haylee Shipway, a four year practicum student from the UNE and she will be working with K-2 for the next ten weeks. I wish Miss Shipway all the best and I know that our students will appreciate the wonderful lessons that she is planning, organising and teaching.

It was a sheer pleasure to present our two student leaders Sophie McKemey and Yousef Elyassa with their Bald Blair School rugby tops at our first assembly for term 3.

**Parent - Teacher Interviews**
It was a sheer delight to talk to parents about their child/children's progress at the end of term 2 and it was a great opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss strengths and weaknesses and how they could help their child/children with their school work. If parents and teachers work together then student outcomes certainly do rise. Just doing simple things like listening to a child read, test them on their spelling words or quiz tables or number facts all helps. Remember that homework is due every Friday morning.

**Homework Centre**
This wonderful program commenced yesterday afternoon and it will continue to run on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3.30 until 5.30. Cost is $7.50 per hour per student.

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**P&C Street Stall**
Thank you to our families who have sent in cooking and who are helping on tomorrow’s street stall.

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**Crazy Hair Day**
What a marvellous way to conclude term 2. All students and staff turned out with some excellent crazy hair styles and we raised $64.00 for cystic fibrosis. Well done!

**Premier's Sporting Leadership Program**
All students from years five and six have been invited to participate in the upcoming Premier’s Sporting Leadership Program to be held at Duval High School on Friday 25th July commencing at 9.30am. Mrs Gittoes will be accompanying the students and each student will need to organise their own transport to the venue and take morning tea and lunch. Please complete the attached permission note which will include details.

**Gymnastics**
Last term all students and staff had an outstanding time at the Armidale Gymnastics Centre. Over the three sessions all students improved their gymnastic skills and they can’t wait to return.
Our school has been successful in gaining a grant for our Active Afternoon Sports Program and this term Miss Waters will be doing hockey and it will commence in Week 4 Monday 4th August.

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**P&C Meeting next Wednesday**
**23rd July at 6pm**
Topics include catering for Bald Blair & Wattletop Bull Sales
**3-6 News With Mrs McIntyre**

**Home Project Years 3-6**

This term, the students from Years 3 to 6 will be learning about Australian Democracy, with a specific focus on how Australia became a Federation, Australian Government and the Prime Ministers that paved the way to what Australia is today.

Each student will be allocated an Australian Prime Minister to research and create a poster about their given person. Students will present their poster and information to the class in Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday Week 9. Please see attached timetable.

**Talent Showcase (New Date: Wednesday 17th September)**

After our year 5 & 6 students attended the Group Leadership Day last term they have planned in consultation with Mrs McIntyre a Talent Showcase Day. This day will now be held on Wednesday 17th September with parents & family being invited in for a day of talent and an afternoon of sport. This has been discussed with the students however, if you have any questions please ring Mrs McIntyre.

**Happy Birthday to Brooke Grills who turned 8 on the 8th July.**