WONDERFUL TEACHERS

Our students are so lucky to have such a wonderful teaching staff, ranging from New Scheme Teachers to the very experienced. I commend all our teachers for their enthusiasm and motivation to help every student reach their potential. This translates into many hours each week outside the actual teaching day. I know that students greatly appreciate the extra time that our teachers are only too willing to devote to them.

As you know Ms Penny McCue won a Minister’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. At the award ceremony, Minister Piccoli said: “We know that teaching is the single largest in-school predictor of success. What impresses me particularly is the rich variety of skills, interests and achievement shown by these teachers, who have earned the respect of their colleagues, principals, institute directors and communities.”

Our staff is committed to lifelong learning and dedicate a lot of time also to their own professional learning and reading. Congratulations to Mrs Carolyn Lupton who has just been awarded the NSW Secondary Deputy Principals Association Fellowship to research best educational practice in other schools.

The technology skills of our staff, particularly in the use of iPads, has been recognised by DEC with Mrs Deb Moore appointed as one of only 20 i-Innovators in the state. Congratulations!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Year 12 Adviser, Mr Michael Lord, for all his caring, nurturing and hard work as he steered through the journey from Year 6 with his students who are about to graduate. He has always been there for his students and nothing has ever been too much trouble! Congratulations Mr Lord and enjoy the next few weeks with Year 12 leading up to the HSC and Formal next term.

Anne Matley
Principal

Tree Planting Day

On Wednesday 4th September, 22 students from 10HA and 10CU were involved in a tree planting day at Armidale Dumaresq Creek. These students volunteered to attend the day after a previous field trip that involved studying environmental issues in the area. On the day we had anticipated to plant somewhere between 200-300 trees that were kindly donated by the Armidale Urban Rivercare Group. However, we had surpassed this goal within the first hour of planting and went on to plant over 700 trees which included Eucalypts, Casuarina, Callistemon, Banksia, Tea Tree and Wattles. These trees will provide crucial habitat for a variety of bird and frog species in the area.

A big thank you has to go to the AURG for their assistance, as well as Bunnings who provided garden gloves and the Lions Club who kindly donated their time and resources to provide the students with morning tea and lunch. It was a productive and enjoyable day that allowed the students to do something beneficial for their community.
Armidale Little Athletics Association

Have Fun Outdoors - Run Jump and Throw
Little Athletics is for all kids aged from 5 – 16. It’s a great way to develop skills and fitness, improve co-ordination and meet new friends.

Join us at Harris Park Thursday afternoons.
In Term 4, 2013 and Term 1, 2014.
Setup from 4.30pm….Program starts at 5pm
First Club Night – 10th October
REGISTRATION
Thursday 12th & 19th September – McDonalds Restaurant – 4-6pm

WHAT TO BRING: New athletes need to bring along proof of age, eg Birth Certificate, blue book or passport.

COST: $75 plus a uniform if you don’t already have one.
For more Info: Email:jodiefittler@iinet.net.au
Website:  www.armidalelac.org.au
Phone:    0410066405

HPV Vaccine

In 2012, the Australian Government announced that human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine would be provided free to male students in high schools from 2013.

☐ From 2013, males in Year 7 in all NSW high schools will be offered HPV vaccine annually.
☐ In addition, males in Year 9 will be offered the vaccine as part of the national ‘catch up’ program in 2013 and 2014.
☐ Males who are 14-15 years of age in 2013 and who are in Year 10 can receive free HPV vaccine at their GP during 2013 only: it is important when making the GP appointment that the receptionist is informed of the reason for the visit and that sufficient time is allowed for the vaccine to be ordered and delivered to the GP.
☐ HPV vaccination will continue to be offered annually to female students in Year 7 only.
☐ The Australian Government has developed information for parents, students and health professionals about HPV vaccination.


Music Success

Caitlin Sillar represented Armidale High School at the Regional Music Camp. She was then selected to play the clarinet in the NSW Senior State Wind Band at the Sydney Opera House in August. The band rehearsed for 2 days before performing 2 public concerts.

New England Every Student Every School Conference

Tyran Blair (Year 11) and Dennis Cutmore (Year 8) attended the New England Every Student Every School Conference to represent students’ ideals in teachers. Tyran also played the didgeridoo for New England teachers attending the conference.

P & C

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th September -7.00 pm at the Bowling Club. All welcome.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR P&C BUSH DANCE THIS SATURDAY IN THE AUDITORIUM AT 6PM