GOOD LUCK YEAR 12
The HSC examinations began on Monday and we do send our best wishes to all Year 12 students now and into the future. The House Flags which Year 12 purchased as their gift ($1000) to the school have arrived and have been displayed in the auditorium so that students can see what they look like. They will be put to great use on Friday assemblies for the Vivo house points competition as well as at carnivals. Thanks Year 12 for such a useful gift!
In the holidays we were thrilled to hear that Sam Kreusler had been nominated for Encore – a showcase of the best Music HSC performances in the state. Sam is studying Music 2 and Extension and we were thoroughly entertained by his performance with his guitar teacher, Stephen Tafra, at Valedictory.

Congratulations to our new School Captains: Ned Borgia, Bridie Simpson, Zac Dobos, Georgia Reeves, Sam Struck, Elise Hay, Elana Leske and Georgia Smith. They all did a great job at last Friday’s quad assembly and have already met to discuss their ideas as the senior student leadership team.

Congratulations to Matur Maluach who came 2nd in both High Jump and Javelin at the NSW All Schools Competition.

Congratulations also to our DP, Carolyn Lupton, who has won the ACEL Leadership Award which particularly recognises her work, while seconded to regional office, in initiating the Trelawney Project in the Tamworth district.

Our students were particularly fortunate to have members of the Australian Youth Orchestra String Quartet workshopping with them last week. Several students have been selected to perform in the choir and Aboriginal Dance group at Schools Spectacular in December and Caitlin Sillar was selected to perform in the orchestra for CAPERS to be held in Tamworth next month.

Good luck to our U15 Boys Basketball Team playing off this morning in the Final 16 in the state.

Anne Matley
Principal

Open Girls Hockey
Our road trip to the final 8 was far from boring. Ms Kelly’s favourite team quote was ‘character building’, and from motel blackouts, competitor injuries, BBQ fundraisers and long and tiring car trips - that is all it felt like we did. Our game against Goulburn was tough; however unfortunate circumstances and a serious injury saw the game end early with Armidale High 2-0 up.

After winning our game against Goulburn we got the opportunity to travel to Narellan two weeks later to play in the final 8 in the state. Our first game was against eventual grand finalists Lithgow. This game was full of skill and speed, with Lithgow forwards making the most of their attacking opportunities. Unfortunately we went down 6-0, but the girls continually tried until the very end.
Our second game would determine if we were playing for 5th and 6th or 7th and 8th. Kingscliff were a determined team, but fortunately we found ourselves a win after a long and strenuous game. Our final game of the carnival had us face off against Wingham who again proved to be too tough. Overall, however we finished 6th in the state which was a fantastic achievement. We left late Thursday afternoon all tired and cranky, expecting to get home around 7 o’clock. Little did we know, our character building was far from over! Our drive along the F1 haltered as we were stuck in the middle of the highway, with a burning inferno blazing around us. The bushfire may have stopped us in our tracks and sent us on a wild goose chase through the central coast however, as tired as we were we still managed to sing ourselves hoarse the entire way home.

The Armidale High Girls Hockey team are extremely proud of their efforts. The girls would really like to thank everyone who has supported them throughout the knockout, special mention should go to our amazing manager Mumma Chez (Cheryl Rekunow) who without we would not have gone as far as we did. Thanks also to Mr Gaukroger who help transport us to Goulburn and back.

Thank you,
Open Girls Hockey

**Bundarra Central School Horse Sports**

A team of 9 riders participated in the Bundarra Central School Horse Sports Day on October 11th.

The team included:
Ada Garvey, Caitlin Sillar (Year 10)
Madison Clifford, Zoe Johnson, Simon Kolokotas, Lauren Selby (Year 9)
Katie Williams (Year 8)
Jessica Bull, Emily Kolokotas (Year 7)

This is one of the biggest equestrian teams Armidale High School has had in recent years and it is exciting to see our school represented in this arena. The riders and their horses were all immaculately presented and were proud representatives of their school. A number of ribbons were awarded to our riders with some notable achievements:

**Hacking:**
- Jessica Bull 4th in 12 years hack and girl rider
- Simon 1st in 15 years boy rider
- Caitlin Sillar 1st in 15 years girl rider
- Ada Garvey 4th in 16 yrs girl rider and 2nd in 16 yrs bareback rider

**Sporting:**
A number of ribbons were received by all our riders. Most notably was Simon Kolokotas in 15 years who came first in 6 out of the 7 sporting events and was awarded Champion Boy rider in this age group.

**Matur Maluach**
came 2nd in high jump and javelin at the All Schools Athletics Carnival held in Sydney last week.