Welcome back to Term 2

What a great way to start the term with a fabulous, well-attended Athletics Carnival with such wonderful weather. Congratulations to Chandler House, all Age Champions and to all who participated and cheered demonstrating both house spirit and sportsmanship.

Congratulations also to our Open Boys Basketball Team which has now reached the Regional Finals for the 8th year in a row!

You may have seen our School Captain, Angus Gallagher, on the front page of the Express on Wednesday. Angus was awarded a prestigious Two Ways Together Scholarship from New England Region. The Scholarship assists a senior Indigenous student who is preparing for tertiary study. Congratulations Angus!

Congratulations also to Paula Cutmore who was selected for a traineeship in Child Care with a work placement at a local primary school. There were very few places offered and this is a well-deserved attainment for Paula and testament to her achievement in senior school.

Our Year 12 students should have now received results from teachers in their Half-Yearly Exams. Students are urged to heed the feedback given in order to further improve their performance. This year, our HSC students also have the benefit of being able to discuss their performance with their mentor who can give guidance and encouragement.

Anne Matley
Principal

Congratulations to Zac Ahoy

Armidale High School Administration Assistant and former student, Zac Ahoy, recently competed in the State Boccia Titles where he came fifth and was then selected to represent NSW in their Junior team at the National Titles, which was held in April. Zac won gold with the NSW junior team against a combined team of South Australia and Western Australia. NSW won 5 nil giving them Gold.

Zac also competed in the singles titles where he also won Gold in the Junior BC1 category.
From the Archives

This week’s nostalgia comes from 1983: the victorious University Shield team. The photograph was recently found carefully stored in the archives and is being framed for display.

9KI History are currently completing a unit of work on Bushfires with Mr Worley.

P&C
You are invited to the next meeting of the Armidale High School P&C
21st May, 2013
Armidale City Bowling Club
7 p.m.
Newcomers are always welcome.
Rebecca Smith, Ag Teacher

Armidale High School is one of only eight Australian schools to be teamed with a school in America in a program sponsored by the Education Minister, Peter Garrett, and his American counterparts. Armidale High’s Rebecca Smith, pictured here, is thrilled with the commitment of the students from Years 9 and 10 involved in the project. For more see http://www.armidale-schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ahs-on-the-world-stage

UNIFORM POOL

With the onset of the colder weather our Uniform Pool is in need of replenishment. We would be very grateful to receive any second hand uniforms, especially long pants and jumpers. Please check your cupboards and if you have any uniform your child has outgrown or any excess clothing, please drop it into the Top Office.

Thank you for your help.

Does your teenager suffer from?

- Acne
- Sleep Disorders
- Weight Issues (Overweight/underweight)
- Digestive Problems
- Asthma and Allergies
- Anxiety
- Headaches/Migraines
- Poor Concentration
- Depression
- Tiredness
- Stress
- Poor Immune system
- Eczema/other skin conditions
- Bone and Joint Problems
- Restlessness
- Urinary Tract Problems
- ADD/ADHD

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**Vive La Nouvelle Calédonie!**

During the last few days of Term 1 and the first week of the holidays, a small but enthusiastic group of Armidale High School students, accompanied by Mrs Cameron, Mr Hemmings, Ms Matley and visiting teacher, Ms Healey, travelled to Noumea on the beautiful island of New Caledonia, a mere three hours by plane from Sydney.

We stayed at Hotel Le Surf, with views of the magnificent ocean lagoon and within easy reach of vibrant cafes and restaurants for our lunch and dinner.

We spent eight magical days soaking up French language and culture, as well as learning about the indigenous Kanak culture and the history of the island pre and post colonisation. We also learned the geographical and scientific nature of the country with its rich mineral resources, plant, animal and marine life.

Students enjoyed French lessons mixed with visits to museums, the zoo and the aquarium, taking in the main sites on the ‘petit train’, swimming and snorkelling in the beautiful lagoon and at Amédée and Duck Islands, eating in authentic restaurants, watching a Melanesian cultural show, visiting the colourful markets and generally immersing in the culture in a relaxed, warm, tropical environment.

The group returned with fantastic memories and stories to tell about their experience in another country. They were wonderful ambassadors for Armidale High School. Mrs Cameron is looking forward to organising another trip in 2015! Watch this space for more information!

**The Australian Wool Fashion Awards**

Miriam Lott and Edie Rose, Year 12 textile students, recently entered garments into the Australian Wool Fashion Awards – Secondary School Section. With a theme of Alice in Wonderland, Miriam made a Red Queen dress and Edie made a Red Queen, White Queen and Mad Hatter collection. The National Awards attract entries country wide as well as International Design entrants. Australian and International celebrities made up the panel of six judges. This included TV dance judge, Bonnie Lythgoe, and TV host, Peter Everett. At the TAWFA Presentation Night, held at Sumaurez Homestead, both girls modelled several garments on the catwalk.

Miriam, a first time entrant was awarded second place in the secondary schools section. Miriam and Edie, a TAWFA veteran, were awarded scholarships to study a Diploma in Fashion Design at The Australian Academy of Design in Gold Coast QLD.

Congratulations to both girls for your efforts and hours spent creating these garments, and for your outstanding rewards. A special thank you to Vicki Kelly, Textiles teacher, for her help and mentoring.
Anzac Day Ceremony

‘The Anzac tradition - the ideals of courage, endurance and mateship that are still relevant today – was established on 25th April 1915 when the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the Gallipoli peninsula.’

The official party: seated) Lieutenant Commander Cameron Moore, RANR, Mr Cal Birtles, Mr Allan Hollebrandse, Mrs Kris Croft, Acting Principal. (Behind) Shontae Rose, Maiya Tighe, Matthew Turner, Year 10 students who took part in the ceremony.

‘This morning we not only remember the Anzacs at Gallipoli, but every conflict before and since in which Australians have put their lives at risk… Every grave represents someone’s son or father, mother or daughter. Every grave represents sacrifice in perhaps its saddest form, the death of the dreams of youth. We acknowledge the sacrifices made in WW2, in Korea, in Vietnam and more recently in Afghanistan, sacrifices made by men and women who have been killed, wounded or suffered mental trauma with which they must live.’

‘By coming here this morning, by standing quietly and reflecting, we are saying that we have not forgotten and will not forget. Today we pause to remember, and to say thank you.’

Honour Roll

C.S. Bell   R. Miller
A. Crossman   E. Morrison
R. Emanuel   J. Nott
F. Fenton   B. Oliver
N. Ferris   L. Parkes
H.W. Freame   J. Patston
D. Grant   V. Purkiss
M. Hawke   B. Schaeffer
R. Holmwood   W. Scotton
E.R. Lewis   R. Simes
J. Madden   P. Turnbull
L. Maguire   J.E Yeomans
C. McIntyre   W. Brett in Vietnam

Allan Hollebrandse told the Assembly ‘Vincent Purkiss was born in 1924. He lived in Beardy Street and attended AHS where he was School Captain in 1940. Upon completing school he enrolled as a student at the University of New England where he was studying a Bachelor of Arts. In January 1943, aged 19, Vincent enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force. In September 1943 his plane was involved in a mid-air collision and he was killed.’

‘At the conclusion of the war his father presented a framed photograph of his son and a sum of money to provide Library books as a memorial to his son.’

‘Jack Nott was a pupil at AHS before leaving school to work with his father in the building trade. He was married and had a young son. He enlisted in WW2 and became a flying officer in missions for the Royal Air Force over Germany.’

‘In 1942 his plane was shot down over Holland. He was reported missing in action but had been able to parachute to safety when he was given refuge by a Dutch family.’

‘He was, however, subsequently found by the Nazis and he and the Dutchman who had sheltered him were shot and executed. Jack Nott was 24.’

‘A memorial was erected by the people of the village of Tilbourg after the war in thanks and recognition of the bravery of Jack Nott.’

‘The photograph was presented to the school by his son who attended the memorial ceremony.’

The photographs have been restored and we would like to present them to the school in memory of these young men and all the others who feature on the school Honour Board.

Mr Cal Birtles, who served in WW2, with Allan Hollebrandse.
Athletics Carnival Results

House Points
Chandler 758
Dumaresq 581
Oxley 606
Salisbury 610

Age Champions
12 Boys
Raey Cotti-Widders 33
Dex Hewitt 26
Tyler Dawson 23

12 Girls
Breanna Ward 32
Zoe Barker-Smith 13
Gabby Widders 10
Jessica Bull 10
Tanatswa Sithole 10

13 Boys
Matur Maluach 66
Milton Smith 30
Danny Chandler 26

13 Girls
Amber Burton 90
Taleke Torrens 32
Tyneisha Hoskins-Caldwell 23

14 Boys
Clarrie Barker 24
Ryan Davies 23
Scott McIntyre 17

14 Girls
Georgie Cooper 38
Chloe Mauder 37
Bonnie Cox 23

15 Boys
Simon Kolokotas 45
Rhys Christie 33
Phillip Quinlan 25

15 Girls
Jade Press 47
Natasha Favotto 40
Holly Tearle 31

16 Boys
John Quinlan 35
Tom Burton 33
Alex Brown 23

16 Girls
Eleanor Parker 51
Julia Boaden 24
Claudia Thorne 20
Olivia Cahill 20

17 Boys
Fred Campbell m50
Seamus Druitt 44
Aiden Herbert 41

17 Girls
Natalie Waters 57
Katrina Rekunow 41
Georgia Smith 23