FINAL 16 for both BASKETBALL and SOCCER

Congratulations to both the Open Boys Basketball and Open Girls Soccer teams who have made it through to the Final 16. Thank you to coach, Steve Bartolo, and to the many parents who have assisted with training and transport.

I am looking forward to the 7CR Independent Project presentations next Wednesday (in the Auditorium from 4 – 6pm) and meeting parents who come to watch. It is always very interesting to see the range of topics that these young students are interested in and have researched. This is the first of the projects from the Selective Classes this year and we look forward to Year 8 projects in Maths, the 9CR Science Fair and the 10CR History presentations.

Congratulations to Mrs Teege and our Choir which was awarded 2nd prize in the Junior Choir (Years 7 – 10) section of the Eisteddfod last week. Our cast of the combined AHS/DHS production, with Ms Archer, also performed very creditably in the non-competitive choir section (not for judging). The combined AHS/DHS String Ensemble came 2nd and AHS String Group 3rd in their section while the AHS Chamber Group came 3rd in that section. Good luck to our music class ensembles competing next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Year 11 half-yearly examinations have just been completed and I encourage all students to heed feedback and advice given by their teachers. Year 12 reports have already been given out and all other Half-Yearly reports will be distributed before the end of term.

Anne Matley
Principal

P&C News

A very wet and windy morning failed to deter parents, teachers and members of the community who took part in the Gonski Breakfast held at Ben Venue recently.

Maurie Mulholland, President of the NSW Teachers’ Federation which sponsored the breakfast, urged those present to continue to ask the opposition parties to commit to the implementation of the funding agreement reached between the O’Farrell State Government and the Federal Government. The Federal Coalition has threatened to not honour the deal if elected to government in September.


The June Meeting of the P&C will be held on Tuesday, 18th June at 7pm
Armidale City Bowling Club
The agenda will include:
 Modifications to the school’s uniform code for girls
 Disbursement of funds raised this year
ALL ARE WELCOME
The Kate Philp Melanoma Research Fund was established three years ago in memory of a former Duval High student who died of melanoma at the age of 22. Ms Jo Dolan, Kate’s mother and coordinator of ‘donate4kate’, explained that during ‘odd sock week’ all sports teams are encouraged to wear odd socks; to be aware of over-exposure to UV and to raise research funds. ‘Most of us take care to ‘slip, slop, slap’ in summer but sun-sense is just as important in winter’, Ms Dolan said.

The inaugural ‘odd sock challenge’ occurred recently when AHS and DHS hockey teams took to the field in the first round of the CHS competition, each girl just that touch out of uniform. Ms Dolan is appreciative of the support of many local business and sports associations. ‘Duval High School has supported ‘odd sock week’ since its inception three years ago and teacher, Nathan Craven, suggested that AHS might welcome the chance to be involved,’ she said.

‘Kim Kelly, the coach of the winning Armidale High School side which goes on to participate in the second round of the CHS knockout competition, was a former teammate of Kate’s.’

AHS team: (back) Tahlia Rekunow, Madison Russell, Paula Cutmore, Amielle Waters, Ashley Parker, Kristy Williamson, Katrina Rekunow, Lauren Grzazek, Ashley Waters (front) Kim Kelly (coach), Brittany Parker, Tenneille Carpenter, Natalie Waters, Katie Kelly, Jessica Prince, Caitlin Neeson.

Beginning Teacher, Ute Morris

My name is Ute Morris, and I feel quite at home at Dumaresq Dam and Armidale, having visited here over the years, with my kids being students at UNE and more recently, me too, at UNE.

Now I can say I feel at home at Armidale High School as well, after completing a student teacher prac here.

The school is great, the students wonderful and my supervisor, Jenny Evans, a fantastic teacher. I was given the opportunity to see many aspects of teaching and trying them out myself, with really lovely students, who accepted me as a ‘fellow learner’, having a go, making mistakes and being taught at the same time.

I’d like to say thanks to the whole school community for the experience.

Armidale High School has registered as part of the Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion.

When you shop at Woolworths please ask for your Earn and Learn stickers. Send the stickers into Armidale High and they can be placed in the box outside the Support Unit. Every $10 spent is one point, Armidale High School is able to purchase resources from every point earned.

AHS Captain Brittany Parker with Jo Dolan, Kate’s mother and coordinator of ‘donate4kate’.

All photos thanks to DHS teacher: Nathan Craven.
New Baby for TAS Faculty

The TAS Faculty has a new baby! Students studying Exploring Early Childhood have the opportunity to experience the reality of having a baby. The baby can be programmed to cry, feed, sleep, need its nappy changed and play. Each student will take the baby home for a weekend.

Students above: Nicola Stroud, Alicia Dedes, Emily McClenaghan and Jayde Nelson (holding the baby)

Uniform

Please wear full school uniform everyday:
- Unite
- Nurture school spirit
- Include others
- Feel good about yourself
- Organise your life
- Respect the community
- Make a difference

Show pride by wearing full school uniform.
Represent your school positively in the community.

Show respect by wearing full school uniform.
Include other students, work towards equality and unity in our school.

Show responsibility by wearing full school uniform.
Leather shoes are required for safety in some subjects. Students can be quickly identified as belonging to our school in the playground and in the community.

Develop organisational skills by having your uniform clean and ready each day.

Uniform:
Girls: Tartan skirt, navy trousers, white shirt, black shoes, burgundy sloppy joe or jumper

Boys: Grey shorts or trousers, white shirt, black shoes, burgundy sloppy joe or jumper

Sports:
AHS sports shirt, navy shorts or track pants, AHS navy jacket, sport shoes

No black trousers, jeans of any sort, leggings, or t-shirts please. No visible jewelry, sleepers excepted.

Parents/carers please send a note if your child is out of uniform.

Uniform breaches will be recorded and considered if students apply for awards or wish to represent the school at sporting or other events.
HSC Drama Performance

HSC students welcomed the opportunity to see a live play performance at Lazenby Hall, UNE, last week.

Today We’re Alive was a play about the Myall Creek Massacre and the building of the memorial near Delungra that commemorates it. Derived from testimonies of both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal participants who were involved, the play presented fascinating multiple perspectives on the history of first contact and the legacy of colonisation. The performance was followed by a 30 minute Q & A with the actors.

Duke of Edinburgh Award at Armidale High School

Students at AHS now have the opportunity to commence the Duke of Edinburgh Program. The award is an enriching program that invites young people from 14 to 25 years to participate in a number of activities over a set length of time. The award is voluntary and students design their own unique combination of tasks centred on their interests and passions. There are three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold and within each level four areas: Physical Recreation / Skill / Volunteering / Adventure.

Already many students have expressed interest. If your child is eligible and interested please contact Mr Laffan, Mrs Garvey or Mr Channon. There is an ongoing cost to register online and to participate. For more information go online to www.theaward.com.au

000 and Crime Stoppers supporting new Community Service

Introducing a New Critical Information Register.

Accidents happen. Crime Stoppers and (000) Triple Zero Emergency Services support this important FREE community service.

Duty of Care: To increase every possible measure in your Duty of Care for all students and teachers, whether they be travelling to and from the school, on the campus, at a sports carnival, day excursion, school camp or perhaps they have an allergic reaction to something whilst in the playground – accidents happen. Ensure information about your students and teachers is available to Emergency Personnel – fast.

Emergency Personnel often find themselves in a difficult position when they are presented with patients who may be young and unable to communicate effectively, in a state of shock or unconscious. Emergency Personnel need to know their name, their preferred contacts and if they have any medical conditions or allergies which may effect the treatment administered.

This FREE service offers a solution to this predicament. MyPD.com is an Emergency Identification service with unique ID’s printed on cards, stickers for phones/wallets/bags etc, screen saver for smart phones, stickers for bike helmets, prams etc

WEB: www.mypd.com
Service Explained: http://youtu.be/qV6EEM3rRu0

HSC Study Days

Last Friday Year 12 students went to Singleton High School HSC day. Senior HSC markers gave 1 hour sessions on most HSC topics. The students thought they were all very worthwhile.
Debating

Armidale High School’s Year 9 team in the Premier’s Debating Challenge competed in the second round this week, having won their first round debate against a Duval High team.

In this round the topic was ‘that we should legalise performance-enhancing drugs in sport’ and the team, which had the negative case, acquitted itself very strongly against a more experienced team from Duval High School. They go on to debate Farrer on a topic focussing on politics.

Edan Landow, Linden Hutchinson, Emily Paul and Alex Snell - the debating team.

THE ARCHIVES MEETS PBL

A recent PBL lesson drew on images from the Archives from 50 to 60 years ago to examine expectations of students.

For more see: http://ahspbl.wikispaces.com and the Photo Gallery at https://edit.pws.det.nsw.edu.au/web/armidale-high-school/gallery/archives which is a work in progress!

Exploring Early Childhood

Year 11 students studying 'Exploring Early Childhood' enjoyed a visit this week from new mother, Torie Hall and baby Vincent. Torie completed Year 12 at AHS in 2000 and has recently returned from a trip to Japan.

She spoke about her experiences as a new mother and students asked questions about pregnancy, birthing, feeding, immunisation, stages of growth and development; all topics related to their course. Vincent was happy to be cuddled and passed around and eventually fell asleep from all the excitement.

Ellie Markeljic with Vincent

Breanna Coghlans and Katrina Rekunow (right)

(above) Jess Prince and Kristy Williamson

(left) Paula Cutmore

Torie Hall and baby Vincent with the class behind
The Dorothea Mackellar Memorial Society Community Relations Commission for a Multicultural NSW Poetry Award

is awarded for a poem which makes a contribution to multiculturalism by meeting all of the following criteria:

1. celebrating the cultural and linguistic diversity of Australia;
2. canvassing issues arising from the Australian immigration and migrant settlement experience; and
3. treating issues in one or more cross-cultural settings.

The Award is valued at $500 and the winner also receives a trophy.

The award, which has been sponsored by the Community Relations Commission since 2001, is one of a number of awards presented annually in various categories. The awards are open to all students enrolled in Australian education facilities.

The competition closing date is 30th June, 2013.

For more information on the awards visit their website: http://www.dorothea.com.au/awards.php for more details

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Mentoring With Food

The way to success is through a student's stomach, or at least that was successful on a lovely Wednesday morning last week for the group of us who are mentored by Mrs Cameron. It was agreed by Kelly, Saskia, Olivia and Anh that it was an excellent way to start the day!! With a range of options to fuel our bellies for another day of Year 12! More importantly, however, it was the opportunity of meeting as a group with our mentor to discuss study strategies, as we watched videos relevant to all students. Our advice to you is "you catch more ATAR points with help than on your own", so make sure to see your mentor soon!

By Olivia, Saskia, Anh and Kelly

8KI Models for History

8KI completed a unit on medieval history by constructing some great models. Their presentations are to be cut to DVD and will appear on the school website soon.

By Mikhaela Young and Ashlee Duff-Forbes

By Luke Logan-Clarke

Katrina Rekunow – Under 18 NSW hockey training squad

Brittany Parker – member of the CHS Girls Hockey Team