MAKUACH SELECTED FOR AUSTRALIAN TEAM

How good is that! Congratulations Makuach Maluach - selected for the Australian U16 Basketball Team.

Congratulations also to Kyle O’Donohue (pictured below) who won the Junior Secondary section of UNE “Let’s Hang It’ with “Cereal Killer”; to Clancy Lawler – runner-up in the Senior Secondary and to Molly Saunders who was a finalist. There were nearly 600 entries from across the state and AHS was awarded the Most Outstanding School. You can see the exhibition over the next few weeks at NERAM.

Congratulations must also go to the cast of “Coming of Age” – a joint musical production with AHS and DHS. It was a fabulous show (final performance tonight at OTC 7.30pm) and thank you to staff from both schools for all their hard work. Our String Ensemble was delighted to be invited to play at Jim White’s Farewell last week and Jim was thrilled to be entertained by such a group from his beloved AHS.

It is National Tree Planting Day today and a big thank you to Mrs Bec Smith for organising the planting of around 200 trees today and to all the students and staff who participated.

Year 10 students and their parents are encouraged to attend our Information Night next Tuesday, 30th July. We have put together a brief but informative night for all where staff will be available to discuss subjects on offer in Year 11, 2014.

We are very excited about Vivo Miles! Mrs Lupton, who has returned to AHS as Deputy Principal, presented an overview to students at Friday’s assembly so watch for more details about this positive reward system linked to PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning).

Anne Matley
Principal

CAREERS NEWS

Year 12 students have begun the busy and at times quite overwhelming task of applying for university. Over the next few weeks representatives from Universities will be speaking to Year 12 in regard to what they have to offer, in particular, early entry and principal recommendation schemes. Added to this, students are currently going through the process of applying to UAC. Students are encouraged to seek assistance whenever necessary to make the task less daunting.
In other news, nearly 100 Year 10 students participated in work experience last term which was a massive success. The feedback received from employers about AHS students has been fantastic. This year, the most popular occupations to be sampled were in the health and animal services sectors. Well done Year 10!

SBAT opportunity! Reece Plumbing is currently seeking interested students from Year 10 to apply for a School Based Traineeship in Warehousing. Please see Mr Polson for more information.

Tim Polson

P&C Corner

At a recent P&C meeting we were reminded that the P&C has, as a fund-raiser, an attractive wash and wear spray jacket; just the thing for those chilly wintery days we have yet to experience this winter! It really is a bargain for $65.

Also available are the very attractive postcards which incorporate the art works created by students and staff during Activities Week last year. An assortment of 10 different cards costs just $20 (or $2.50 per card). All proceeds from both fund-raisers support students in our school.

The next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 20th August at the Armidale City Bowling Club commencing at 7.00 pm. All are welcome.

Super Assembly

Armidale High celebrated excellence in cultural, academic and sporting fields during the Formal Assembly to mark the end of Term 2, 2013. During the Principal’s entertaining address literal-minded pyromaniacs (pictured) made an appearance.

Pictured is Jaime Randell, Sports Captain, who was awarded a gold medal for outstanding contributions to the School and the Community and Principal, Anne Matley.

The Assembly celebrated student achievement in the National Mathematics Competition and in subjects across the school.

Once again the school was represented with distinction in the Armidale Eisteddfod. Invited to perform at the Eisteddfod Gala Concert were Year 12 Class (Winner Folk/Popular Ensemble), Torsten Strokirch (winner Vocal Duet) and Hanna Gallagher (2nd Composition Years 9/10) with Emily Ryan on vocals. Pictured is Jakob Boessler on drums.

The exceptional sporting triumph of the School in attaining five Regional Championships was applauded. Together with the Open Boys Volleyball, Open Boys Basketball, Open Girls Hockey, Squash and Volleyball teams, individuals achieved regional representation in swimming and cross-country.

ISCF LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2013 (see website for this and much more).

Free HPV vaccine for 15 year old males in Year 10

From the Ministry of Health:

Gardasil is free for 15 year old boys in Year 10 – this is available via your local doctor this year for these boys.