EDUCATION WEEK

Last week all public schools celebrated Education Week with the local award ceremony held at Duval.

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Outstanding Student Achievement: Madeline Dyall and Nicholas Clack (pictured below)
Outstanding Commitment from Staff Member: Mrs Kim Morgan and Mr Dave Laws
Outstanding Commitment from Community Member: Mr Geoff Walsh

We have been very pleased with the attendance at our latest two Information Nights for Years 10 and 6. Any further enquiries can be made through the office as well as Mr Andrew Curry for Year 10 and Mr Scott Howey, the Year Adviser for Year 7 in 2014.

Well done to our Year 10 students involved in the Creating Memories Project with NERAM and Autumn Lodge. I look forward to seeing their work tonight at 6pm at the NERAM Gallery.

We were thrilled with the delivery of our new 22 seater school bus last Monday. The Support Unit was the first group to use the bus last Tuesday for their weekly trip downtown for community access. While there will still be a need to hire bigger coaches, we hope that all students and staff can benefit from the convenience of having our own bus. To comply with our insurance policy the bus cannot be hired out to, or borrowed by, individuals or other organisations. As the bus is leased according to DEC procedures, we need to cover costs and students will still be charged a transport cost.

Just a reminder that our very classy Senior Vest is available to Years 10 and 11 at Struddy’s.

Anne Matley
Principal

Skoolbag App

Our school now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name "Armidale High School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.

Congratulations

The following students have made the North West Athletics Team:

Elise Hay, Jayden Smith, Kieran Smith, Matur Maluach, Melanie Brash, Natasha Favotto and Ryan Shaw.
National Tree Day at Armidale High School

On Friday 26th July, Armidale High School students took part in Planet Ark's National Tree Day. It was a beautiful day and a lot of hard work was put in by students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 12. The Year 12 Primary Industries boys were put to work by Kate Boyd and her helpers from the bush regeneration group removing all of the broom bush from below the wetland. The rest of the students worked happily and steadily to plant 250 trees and shrubs on the school grounds, mulching and watering every plant! We were assisted by Naomi from Bunnings and her two helpers who planted all morning with us! Bunnings also donated 50 trees and shrubs with stakes/guards to match. This assistance is greatly appreciated and we look forward to working with them again next year! A great day was had by all culminating in a sausage sizzle at the school farm to celebrate!

Congratulations to all of our wonderful students and staff who made the day a complete success! Many thanks to Theo Groen for all his hard work in preparing for the day too!

Rebecca Smith
Coordinator National Tree Day at AHS

Photo opposite: Yjere, Edan, Trent and Kieran.
Do You Know What History Is?  
Let 7CR History Tell You!

7 CR History is on the question to tell the world what history is. They are creating a website that documents their historical inquiry. Currently the website (www.7crhistory.weebly.com) is a work in progress; however, throughout the semester, the young historians will upload information to the site covering a range of historical topics.

If you’re interested in what history is or the difference between primary and secondary sources, go to www.7crhistory.weebly.com to be informed. Our next edition is how historians divide time.

Beyond Band 5: Ancient History

We all are historians; we all have some interest in the past. But, how well could you express a historical argument in a 3 hour exam, perhaps suffering from stress and anxiety?

Linda Davis, the queen of Ancient History success, presented a day of seminars to local schools on Friday 26th July at Armidale High School. Linda has over 40 years’ experience teaching in the secondary setting, has been a HSC marker since the early 1990s and has presented at numerous HSC study days.

Linda worked with our local Ancient History students and staff to assist them to maximise their HSC success. She presented them with insight into how the HSC is marked and what HSC markers are looking for at the marking centre, coupled with up-to-date research on the respective topics studied.

The Clothing Pool at Armidale High is very low on second hand school clothing.

If you have any AHS uniform which is no longer needed, it would be very much appreciated if you could bring them into the office.

Well Done!

Brendan Thomas (member of North West Gym) won a first place in the CHS Division D Artistic Gymnastics.
School Vaccinations

We recognise that some students missed the first (and second) opportunity to commence immunisation at school for HPV vaccination. Three doses of this vaccine are required to provide optimal protection. If parents/carers wish we can start the course for students who missed out on the first dose/s this year during the next clinic visit to the school which is in early September. The course can be completed during the first visit/s next year while they are in Year 8.

Further information is available on the website: http://www.hpvvaccine.org.au/

Any queries should be directed to the School Vaccination Program Coordinator on 49246477.

Top of the Region

Teams from Armidale High School have represented the Region in Girls Soccer, Girls Hockey, Open Boys Basketball, Girls Squash and Boys Volleyball after competing in often tightly-contested rounds across the North-West.

Stephen Bartolo, pictured here with the triumphant Boys Basketball team which finished 5th in the State, says the result across so many sports is an outstanding testimony to the commitment of students and of their coaches.

‘Students have also represented the zone in an unprecedented range of sports including swimming, cross country, lawn bowls and gymnastics. Brittany Parker’s selection for the NSW CHS team deserves special mention.’

‘The Boys’ Volleyball and Under-15s Boys’ Basketball are still competing in State-level competition and are expected to go far.’

Modelling the school uniform for Coffee, Cakes and Questions Night with thanks to Independent Sports Store, Armidale.

AHS students who gained a great deal from the recent history study day were Saskia Knable, James Gaywood, Dale McTernan and Jackson Newberry-Dupé.

P&C
Armidale City Bowling Club
7.00 p.m.
20th August, 2013
All welcome