YEAR 8 RULES!

A highlight of these last two weeks was the Year 8 Girls’ Savvy Day with a focus on friendship – making and keeping friends and how to be a good friend. A big thank you must go to Year Adviser, Mrs Rebecca Smith, and Girls Supervisor, Mrs Jess Brennan, for organising such a great overnight excursion to Thalgarrah. Year 8 boys were well catered for with a very physical day requiring individual and team skills at PCYC and sessions the following day, using technology in an innovative way. Thank you to all teachers involved in the planning and supervision.

Parents are reminded that Sport is compulsory. While it may sometimes be unavoidable, parents are asked to make appointments for their children outside school hours. It was photo day yesterday and so great to see all students in uniform for their year photo. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if it was Photo Day every day and all students were wearing uniform, demonstrating pride in our school.

Our Skoolbag App is proving to be a very effective and efficient way to communicate according to overwhelming support from parents. The App is free to download to your iPhone or android – just search for Armidale High. The Oak Leaf newsletter is available each fortnight on the App and on the website and there are always lots of new photos being uploaded to the website each week showing the many events and opportunities for students and staff.

The next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 18 March at 7pm at Armidale City Bowling Club and it was wonderful to welcome 5 new members at our previous meeting. If you are feeling guilty that you don’t have time to attend the meetings or help in other ways then please pay the P&C Levy! It is only $20 per family for the year and would be an enormous help in purchasing much needed resources.

Anne Matley - Principal

Online Literacy Resources for students and parents

A resource package of literacy scaffolds for students has been placed in the Curriculum and activities section of our school website. These scaffolds are being used for writing activities across all subjects and are designed to help students structure their writing more effectively. In all subjects a variety of text types are used in writing activities including information reports, discussions, expositions and procedures. In all subjects explicit teaching of these text types is being undertaken and the scaffolds are being included in a range of classroom activities and assessment work.

The scaffolds can be accessed at home via the website and can be downloaded and saved or printed and written on. It is hoped that this will help
students with homework and assignment tasks. Parents are also encouraged to have a look at these resources as this may be a way to help your child with tasks at home.

We would welcome any feedback about these resources.

**Year 12 Business Studies Trip to Sydney**

It may sound like a relaxed excursion travelling to Sydney to visit the Zoo, ANZ stadium, Wet n Wild and Integra mine at Singleton but it was the complete opposite for Year 12 Business Studies students who attended the inaugural case study camp in Sydney in the last week of February.

Case studies are an integral component of the HSC course with 50% of the exam directly related to case studies of real life business so an excursion of this nature provided the students with a unique and exceptional opportunity to help them stand out from the crowd in the exam.

Each organisation addressed the students for at least an hour with Taronga Zoo delivering a marketing lecture, ANZ stadium on operations and Human Resources lecture, Wet n Wild information related to Human Resources and Integra Mines delivering a talk for over 2 hours on Finance and Human Resource management.

On top of the lectures, the students participated in hour long revision sessions each night.

The behaviour of the students was exemplary, actually gaining comments from the organisations on their conduct. The students now have some vital keys to their success in business studies which will help with them with their HSC.

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**Registration Information Day**

Armidale Ex-Services Westside Soccer Club
Rego Day
23rd March 2014
11am-1pm
Jack Vallance Oval
or register online at myfootballclub.com.au
For more information please contact our Registrar, Samantha, on 0401654340'

**DEMON KNIGHTS FOOTBALL CLUB Inc**

Registration for Demon knights is now open. Please go to the myfootballclub.com and follow the links to register. Our payment days are the 15th and 29th of March at the Wicklow Courtyard from 10am to 1pm.

Armidale High School
Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday 27th March and
Tuesday 1st April 2014
AHS Library
3.45pm-6.30pm
Booking sheets will be given to students soon