Parent-Teacher Interviews Start Next Week

Parent/teacher interviews for all students will be held on Thursday 27th March and Tuesday 1st April in the Library from 3.45 to 6.30pm. Students will have received a booking sheet which can be used to organise times which are convenient for you. This is a great opportunity to meet teachers and check your child’s progress this year. If you are unable to attend at all you can ring the school any time and ask to speak to particular teachers.

We congratulate Luke Andrews, from Year 12 2013, on winning a Rising Stars Scholarship at Southern Cross University. This means that Luke achieved the highest ATAR of all students enrolled in his course at Lismore Campus.

Congratulations to Tyran Blair, Henry Strong and Preston Smith-Atkinson who have all been selected in the North West Touch team.

New navy blue lined showerproof jackets in Medium, Small and XS have just arrived. They can be purchased from the front office for $75. Older style jackets in XL sizes are still available for the original price of $65. These jackets have proven very popular as they are very warm and have lots of pockets. Get one now before they sell out!

Invoices for subjects, elective course costs and levies have just been sent. Arrangements can be made to pay in instalments – please contact the front office staff. The school is allocated a small amount of Student Assistance to help families in financial difficulty to pay things like course costs and buy uniform.

Last Friday, the RB White Memorial Gates were officially re-opened and we were very fortunate that Don White, son of the former principal, was able to attend to cut the ribbon. It was a great opportunity to again thank all those who volunteered their time and/or donated goods and equipment. A group of ex-students from 5th Year 1958 attended and they were thrilled that the Gates, which had been their parting gift to the school, had been restored in keeping with its original heritage.

Anne Matley - Principal
Armidale Show

Last Friday a group of 20 Agriculture students from Years 9-12 attended the Armidale Show participating in the junior judging competitions. Students took part in the Stock Horse, Meat Sheep, Merino, Fleece and Cattle judging. This was an excellent opportunity for students to practice their judging skills and to learn some new skills too!

Congratulations to our Senior Agriculture and Primary Industries students who had a very successful day with their judging. Results were - Alex Cormack: 2nd in the Meat Sheep and Cattle judging, Chris McIntyre 4th placings in the Cattle and Sheep Meat judging and Kirsty Pillar: 2nd placing in the Cattle judging and 4th placing in the Meat Sheep judging.

Congratulations to all of the students who attended on their excellent behaviour and willingness to have a go!

Sporting Triumphs

Charlotte Hunt played with the AHS Opens Girls Volleyball in the knockout competition in Tamworth recently and was selected in the North West team. Charlotte will play in the State Competition in Minto at the end of March.

Katrina Rekunow (right) played hockey for New England in the Armidale rep. team before being selected to play in the State Championships. Here she was chosen for the State U-18 NSW team. Katrina will play in Melbourne in the Australian National Championships in April. Katrina has previously been shadow reserve for the NSW team and played for Tasmania in the National Indoor Championships.

We wish both sportswomen good luck in their sporting endeavours.

Clontarf Boys

Please follow the link below to read our latest Clontarf web article about our senior boys and one of their recent activities. http://www.clontarf.org.au/big-day-out-for-brumbies-seniors/
**Year 8 Girls**

During week 6, our lovely Year 8 girls were very fortunate to take part in a personal development overnight camp to Thalgarrah EEC. The girls spent the first day learning about how to be a good friend, developing positive self-esteem, developing resilience and problem solving. We played lots of team building games between sessions and a great time was had by all. We shared time around the bonfire in the evening and went spotlighting for wildlife. We had more success with our bird watching walk at sunrise and enjoyed fantastic meals with Mr McKenzie and Marie.

Many thanks to Mrs Brennan, Mrs Scholz, Patience and Kye for their time and energy putting together activities for the girls. Many thanks also to Mr McKenzie the Principal at Thalgarrah for all of his assistance and efforts, especially in providing the fabulous pushbike smoothy maker!

**Friday 21st March is**

**World Down Syndrome Day.**

*The focus for WDSD 2014 is “Health and Wellbeing – Access and Equality for All”*

Olivia Dullaway, Amanda McKay, Owen Wright and Cody Campbell (absent Kerry Ho)

Armidale High School celebrates with its students with Down Syndrome and their families.
National Schools Chaplaincy Program

School chaplains have a key role in supporting the spiritual wellbeing of students, regardless of faith or beliefs. School chaplains must be able to provide support for a range of day to day matters affecting the school community and can become involved in a wide variety of issues including health, social and values education and emotional support. At Armidale High the service provider for the School Chaplaincy Program is Young Life.

Meet The Chaplains

Kye Single
Is a former student of AHS (graduating in 2006) who has also served in Chaplaincy with Scripture Union Tasmania, prior to his appointment at AHS in 2013.

Patience Nanedo
Is originally from Ghana and has a wealth of experience and training in education and pastoral care. Patience has been serving as AHS Chaplain since 2012.

Kye and Patience share a two-day a week role in AHS. They are integrated into the school’s welfare team and provide support and a listening ear to students and staff alike. They also run regular activities for the school community including a weekly pancake breakfast for students, fortnightly lunchtime activities & a staff brunch twice a term. Beyond these activities they give support in the classroom, at school excursions, (most recently at the Year 8 girls’ welfare camp) and help to facilitate special events.

DEMON KNIGHTS FOOTBALL CLUB Inc

Registration for Demon knights is now open. 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.

The Clothing Pool at school is in desperate need of donations.
If your child has outgrown his or her old uniform, and it is in reasonable condition, please think about donating it to the school.

Emma Keenan, one of the Aboriginal girls' group, doing a Barista course at TAFE.