EDUCATION WEEK
28 July – 1 August

The theme for next week’s Education Week is “Lighting the Way to a better World”. This was the original theme 60 years ago when the first Education Week was celebrated.

This year, Armidale High is hosting the Community of Schools Education Week Awards Ceremony which will be held in the auditorium on Monday 28th July from 3.40pm. AHS has recognised the following students, staff and community members for their commitment and dedication to our school.

Students – Katrina Rekunow and Chris McIntyre, both in Year 12
Staff – Rachael Pearce, Kim Kelly and Barb McDonald
Community member – Judy Monaghan, for her work on NERISC Committee (The Den).

Congratulations to this year’s winners and to all awardees from other public schools in Armidale.

There was a large audience for this week’s Year 6 Information Evening. Those who were unable to attend and need further information can contact Michael Lord at school.

Next Tuesday is the Year 8 Information Night. While focusing on subject selections for Years 9/10 there will also be information about bringing your own device (BYOD) and ways that parents can participate and be more involved in their children’s education here at school.

The following Tuesday, 5th August, will be the Year 10 Information Night to explain the Stage 6 curriculum and subject options for senior students.

Anne Matley - Principal

Careers Expo

A number of Aboriginal students travelled to Tamworth to attend a careers expo on Monday. Students were able to talk with many different stall holders to seek help and advice on their future career paths. We are very proud of all the students who were great ambassadors for AHS.

PHOTO: John-Boy Quinlan and Josie Tully-Smith speaking to a representative from Newcastle University.

ALL JINDABYNE STUDENTS please note your final payments are due now. Thank you.
**Student Volunteers**

Katie and Sarah McKinnon and Ryan Vial spent their holidays volunteering on Pentecost Island, Vanuatu. The trio were part of a team building a classroom at Ranwadi School. The girls also participated in English language classes and taught the French speaking students some Japanese! The trio said that the experience was very humbling and it was a privilege to be able to support children who don’t have as much as they do. They made many new friends and are all planning to return in the future.

**Congratulations:** to Natasha Favotto who will compete at the National All Schools Cross Country Championships in Albany, WA next month, and also to Henry Sindel who is a reserve for the NSW Team and well done to all our students who competed at the recent NSW All Schools Cross Country Championships.

**Planning Ahead:** Students with the key rings they created as part of planning their learning for this year.

With School Learning Support Officer, Leslie Widders, are Daisy Carpenter, Nikita Hoskins-Caldwell and Amber Fuller.

**FORMAL ASSEMBLY TERM 2**

Year 8 Year Adviser, Mrs Bec Smith and Armidale High School’s Arts Captain, Georgia Smith, who announced the Year 8 Certificate awardees at the Formal Assembly recently.

**Under 14 Rugby League**

After some great wins against Duval, Glen Innes and Coonamble, the Under 14 Buckley Shield team made it through to the top 16 teams in the state. A fantastic effort from the boys considering over 300 teams start in this knockout competition.

Armidale High School played South Grafton High School in the Inter-Regional Final series of the
Buckley Shield knockout competition. The boys played extremely well in front of a large crowd in Grafton. The ground was packed as the boys ran on after the University Shied game between South Grafton and Farrer.

After Dennis Cutmore set up the first try he unfortunately suffered a severe ankle injury and could not continue. However, the other boys came up with a super effort to contain the opposition for most of the game. With 15 minutes to go AHS led 20-18 and an upset was looming. When we lost two more players Grafton were able to edge ahead and eventually created an unbeatable lead.

Jake Smith finished the game with a superb solo, chip and chase and constantly tested the opposition defence right to the end. Milton Smith scored four tries and was unstoppable with Grafton’s quickest players unable to foot with our speed machine. Preston Smith was able to slice through the defence for his try and was a class above his opposite number in the centres. Isaac Khan showed the courage and determination of NSW centre Josh Morris as he tackled the Grafton forwards fearlessly for the whole game. All the boys played well and were very unlucky not to progress through to the quarter finals.

Perfect Score
Participants in the Australian Informatics Competition 2014 achieved extraordinary successes, with Edan Landow particularly being recognised for achieving a perfect score. Pictured here with organising teacher, Lyn Cameron, Georgie Cooper, Yr 9 Credit, Aziz Winrow, Yr 9 Credit, Ashini Ekanayake, Yr 8 Credit, Jonathan

Bruhl, Yr 8 Distinction, Edan Landow, Yr 10 Perfect Score and Felix Rose-Hill, Yr 7 Credit.

Armidale High’s Baristas
Aboriginal students have completed a Barista’s certificate at TAFE. Pictured here with Carolyn Lupton are Shkisha Green and Tyisha Fernando.

Year 8 Debaters
Emily Kolokotas, Satvika Puri, Mackenzie Wood and Grace Knuckey recently competed in the second round of the Premier’s Debating Challenge. Adjudicator Ken Docksey was generous with his encouragement of the team.