Principal’s Report
Whilst the year is quickly drawing to a close, things are still very busy here at Armidale High School.

Presentation Night
This was a fantastic night that showcased the many and varied achievements of the students at Armidale High School. The evening was expertly compered by our school captains who spent many hours ensuring that everything would run smoothly on the night. Parents, staff and students were treated to a very inspirational keynote address by Dr Jim White. Jim is an ex student of Armidale High School and has established himself as an exceptional leader in the field of education, Jim shared with us his insight into what makes a quality school in the 21st Century.

Thank you to all the parents and friends that were in attendance last Tuesday night and a very special mention to Donna Smith and the office staff who worked so hard preparing every aspect of the evening.

Schools Spectacular
Congratulations to all of our very talented students who featured in the 2015 Schools Spectacular. This year we were represented in the Central Choir (David Tan, Zoe Barker-Smith, Tamara Kermode, Georgie Cooper), the State School Dance Ensemble (Isaac Clark), the Orchestra (Jonathan Bruhl) and the Aboriginal Dance Group (Joanne Morgan, Kiara French and Jaynaha Brown). This is an experience of a lifetime for the students and whilst I wasn’t able to be there in person this year I will be watching the telecast on Saturday night at 7pm on NBN. Our students would not have the opportunity to participate in these world-class events if it were not for the dedication and commitment of our teaching staff. A big thank you to Rowena Teege who played a critical role in supporting School Spectacular in the region and also to Louise Drielsma, who accompanied the Aboriginal dance group.
Youth Frontiers Graduation
Youth Frontiers is a six month state-wide mentoring program that is aimed at students in Years 8 & 9 who have the capacity to benefit from mentoring that focuses on leadership and civic engagement. YWCA NSW is currently delivering this exciting program at Armidale High with a group of 7 students. The program commenced in July and concluded on Friday with a showcase of students presentations. The students have been receiving weekly mentoring around developing ideas for their community projects. It has been very exciting to watch our young people grow and develop their ideas on how they can make a difference in their community.
Carolyn Lupton, Relieving Principal

Premiers Sporting Challenge 2015
Armidale High participated in the 2015 Premiers Sporting Challenge with great success. Students in Years 7 and 8 along with over 30 staff members were challenged to exercise over 10 weeks. The school was funded with $900 which will go toward the purchase of some innovative fitness equipment and sport supplies to offer future opportunities for physical activity around the school. Armidale High ended the challenge with a Silver Award. Ebony Taylor was a standout participant in Year 8 scoring an individual Diamond Award and helping her team to gain a silver award overall. Juliet Knuckey gained a Bronze award for her efforts and was very consistent over the 10 weeks with her exercise register. Both girls received a $30 gift voucher from Sportspower.

The highlight of the staff challenge was a Diamond Award to Ms Christine Kelly. She clocked up an amazing amount of hours for the challenge and is an excellent advocate for health and fitness. Next year Armidale High hopes to include every student in the challenge to raise awareness of the importance of regular physical activity.
Mr Gaukroger
2015 Volleyball Day
On Wednesday 25th November, Armidale High School hosted the Annual Schools Volleyball competition. Students from Duval High School and O’Connor Catholic College competed in four different age divisions throughout the day. This is a great way for students from different schools to come together for a day of social competition. The schools were able to field multiple teams in each division to boost the numbers of students involved. A huge thank you must go to Ms Deborah Turner from Armidale High School for organising the day. Countless hours go into organising teams from AHS and other schools, creating the draw and recording system and ensuring that everything runs smoothly on the day. Well done Ms Turner on another successful volleyball carnival. Thanks also to Ms Kim Kelly, Ms Vicki Kelly, Mr Stephen Bartolo and Mr Mal Gaukroger for assisting on the day.

Thanks must go to SRC students for catering with a BBQ on the day. Valuable funds were raised and their efforts were well supported by students and staff from all schools.

AHS students have been training hard in the lead up to the day and the final results proved that their efforts were worthwhile. Our school was represented in 7 out of 7 grand finals and ended up winning five of them. The results were:

Year 7 Girls – O’Connor
Year 7 Boys – AHS
Year 8 Girls – O’Connor
Year 8 Boys – AHS
Year 9 Boys – AHS
Year 10 Girls – AHS
Year 10 Boys – AHS

Clontarf Awards Night
On Friday night we celebrated 2015 with a fantastic Clontarf Awards Night at the Bowlo. There was a good crowd in attendance with a large number of representatives from business and organisations from the local community who we work with. Thanks to the staff who came along to support us and the boys.

James Russell

A Summer Reading Club is taking place at Armidale Junior Library these summer holidays.

The theme for 2015 is ‘Lost Worlds’ - explore lost worlds, alternate universes and mythical creatures depicted across science fiction, historical fiction and fantasy fiction.

Activities begin from 1st December. Registration is free. There are some prizes on offer as well.

National prizes are also up for grabs for those who participate in the online writing activities.
MAJOR AWARDS

The Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award, Year 10
Riya Thapa

The Ducat’s Junior All-Rounder Award
Tyneisha Hoskins-Caldwell

The Ben Partridge Memorial Award
Jackson Doak

The Zonta Club Award for Excellent Leadership Skills
Sasha Nicoll

The Zonta Club Award Encouraging Girls in Science or Maths
Chloe Maunder

The Edward Coaches Award for School Leadership
Bridget Driver

The Armidale Dumaresq Council Award for Citizenship - Junior
Caitlin Schuman

The Armidale Youth Futures Award for Encouragement, Year 7
Jaiden French

The Armidale Youth Futures Award for Encouragement, Year 8
Kirra Andrews

The Challenge Disability Services Award for Academic Achievement
Onaya Parsons

The Challenge Disability Services Award for Citizenship
Kaitlyn Bell

The Challenge Disability Services Shield for Outstanding Student
Matthew O’Brien

The Helloworld Travel Award for Diligence in Geography
Stuart McClennan

The St Vincent de Paul Award for Community Service
Torsten Strokirk

The Steven Goode Junior Numeracy Award
Aziz Winrow

The Steven Goode Mandatory Technology Award 7/8
Lilly Scales

The AOK Signs Award for Industrial Technology
Cameron Killen

The Morgan McCarthy Award for Service to Special Education
Cody Campbell

The Thorne Family English Award Junior
Ella Pringle

The Quota Award for Most Community Spirit
Jacinta Brash

The Armidale Rotary Club Award for Citizenship
Alex Snell

The Armidale Rotary Club Award for Senior All-Rounder
Gaden Sousa

The Jobs Australia Award for Citizenship
Cameron Killen

The Readers Companion Award for Commitment
Adam Herden

The Peter Monley Memorial Hope Award for Helping Others and the Environment
Sam Moffitt

The Armidale High School Award for School Commitment - Aboriginal Student - Boy
Jaiden French

The Armidale High School Award for School Commitment - Aboriginal Student - Girl
Amber Fuller

The Oorala Award for an Aboriginal Student that participated throughout the year in sporting activities and who has also achieved academically
Kiara French

The Jenny Thomas Award for Helping Others
Ebony Taylor

The Paperware Distributors Award for School Service
Cameron Andrews and Scott McIntyre
The Cal Birtles Memorial Award for Junior History  
Mitchell Gayden

The New England Region Excellence in VET Award  
Yjere Matikainen

The Armidale High School Award for Excellence in Japanese  
Georgie Cooper

The Armidale High School Award for Visual Arts  
Violet Gasparre

The Armidale High School Junior Music Award  
Tamara Kermode

The Armidale High School Award for Commitment to Technology  
Cameron Anderson

The Armidale High School Award for Commitment to Studie  
Francesca Branagan

The Armidale High School Award for Commitment to French  
Phebe Anderson

The Armidale High School Awards for Diligence, Year 7 - Boy  
Andre Nadimi

The Armidale High School Awards for Diligence, Year 7 - Girl  
Ella Pringle

The Armidale High School Awards for Diligence, Year 8 - Boy  
Henry Sindel

The Armidale High School Awards for Diligence, Year 8 – Girl  
Sophie Hamilton and Courtney Kelly

The Armidale High School Awards for Diligence, Year 9 - Boy  
David Tan

The Armidale High School Awards for Diligence, Year 9 – Girl  
Augustine Carr

The Armidale High School Awards for Diligence, Year 10 - Boy  
Eli Ward

The Armidale High School Awards for Diligence, Year 10 - Girl  
Katie Williams

The Armidale High School Award for Diligence Year 11 - Boy  
Tenzin Gyeltshen

The Armidale High School Award for Diligence Year 11 - Girl  
Jordie Kelly

The Positive Behaviour for Learning Award, Year 7  
Claudia Marshall

The Positive Behaviour for Learning Award, Year 8  
Caitlin Schuman

The Positive Behaviour for Learning Award, Year 9  
Danny Chandler

The Positive Behaviour for Learning Award, Year 10  
Eli Ward

The Positive Behaviour for Learning Award, Year 11  
Maddy Clifford

The Hunts Carpets Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement - Year 7  
Rove Leske

The Hunts Carpets Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement - Year 8  
Benjamin Ridges

The Hunts Carpets Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement - Year 9  
Grace Knucy

The Hunts Carpets Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement –Year 10  
Georgie Cooper

The Hunts Carpets Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement - Year 11  
Kyle O’Donohue

The Armidale High School Science Faculty Junior Award Year 7  
Roanan Kelsall

The Armidale High School Science Faculty Junior Award Year 8  
Emma Collins

The Armidale High School Science Faculty Junior Award Year 9  
Eric Wei

The Armidale High School Science Faculty Junior Award Year 10  
Ashwin Subedi
MAJOR SPORT AWARDS

Senior Sportperson of the Year  
Natasha Favotto

Junior Sportperson of the Year  
Henry Sindel

The UNE Spirit of Sport Award for outstanding sporting achievements -  
Henry Sindel

The Ian Newley Trophy for the Most Outstanding Swimmer  
Amy Kerr

The Ailie Dooley Trophy for the Most Outstanding Swimmer (Girls)  
Amy Kerr

The Cox Family Trophy for the Most Outstanding Boy Swimmer  
Jesse Streeting

Outstanding Athlete  
Natasha Favotto

Athletics Carnival Highest Point Score—Girls  
Amber Burton

The Sandra Harris Trophy for Outstanding Performance in Cross Country  
Natasha Favotto

Best Junior Rugby League Player  
Jake Smith

Best Junior Hockey Player  
Rachelle Waters

Best Senior Hockey Player  
Tahlia Rekunow

Outstanding Boys Volleyball Player  
Dennis Cutmore

Outstanding Girls Volleyball Player  
Tyneisha Hoskins Caldwell

Mr and Mrs IG Nay Trophy for Best and Fairest XIII Rugby League  
Beau Hargrave

The Sharon Wilson Memorial Trophy for Best Girls Basketballer  
Mackenzie Wood

The Chris Hills Trophy for Most Improved

Soccer Player (Boys)  
Jake Eather

Armidale City Bowling Club Trophy - Best Performed AHS Lawn Bowler  
Briana Graham

Outstanding Team - Trophy Donated by Ros Brady  
2015 U/15 Basketball Team

Armidale Engraving Trophy for Golf Matchplay  
Toby Cooper

GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE AWARDS

Gold Awards  
Amelia Mazzei and Zoe Barker-Smith

Silver Awards  
Geoffrey Cameron, Georgie Cooper, Adam Herden, Chloe Maunder, Isabelle Stoessel, Caitlin Schuman, Rebecca Cameron, Georgina Sindel, Randall Bollenhagen., Lauren Grzazek, Torsten Strokirch, Sam Robinson, Josh Lisle, Joshua Dedes, Natasha Favotto and Subhanu Abbaraju

Bronze Awards  
Rove Leske, Andre Nadimi, Lachlan Nelson, Amy Showell, Henry Sindel, Marissa Smith, Sarah Macaulay, Juliet Knuckey, Amy Ward, Sanjyot Ghuman, Louise Grant, Anna Hull, Jesse Franklin and Sophie Hamilton,
A bit of Nostalgia

Just thought this photo is appropriate in the week when 'The Road to Paris' climate summit is being held. The photo is dated 1932 and the newly planted elms can be seen along the Drive up to the original building (now Central block).

The beauty of the light through the trees, the changing colours, and the welcome shelter and shade provided, have been appreciated for over 80 years now.

(From the AHS archives- Mrs L Allen- Library)