EXCITING TIMES AHEAD

Congratulations to the Open Boys Basketball Team, winning through to the Final 16 in the state. Congratulations also to the boys and girls selected for Zone Volleyball teams.

In two weeks’ time, on Friday 18th March, our school community will be celebrating Harmony Day. In keeping with this year’s theme of “Cultural Diversity”, students and staff will be able to dress in traditional costume and/or wear something orange. Harmony Day reinforces that “everyone belongs” and the colour orange, which stands for communication and dialogue, has been used as a symbol since its inception in 1999. More details about the food feast and other activities planned for students at lunchtime that day will come through Daily Notices.

Friday 18th March is also the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence and, as this fits in well with the ideals of Harmony Day, some activities will be included to raise awareness about anti-bullying strategies and positive actions which students can take as a bystander.

We were very excited to be selected for the Futures Learning Initiative as one of 15 schools in NSW. This aligns really well with our School Plan 2015-2017 which focuses on 21st Century teaching and learning skills. On Monday at the Australian Technology Park in Sydney, a small team from the Executive will begin training in designing rich learning spaces which accommodate current best practice and encourage innovation. Our team will be led by Mr David Partridge, Head Teacher Professional Practice, and has been funded for the rest of this year.

Anne Matley
Principal

Sporting Victories

Swimming Carnival
Age Champions Swimming
12 Phillip Offner and Amy Schuman
13 Lachlan McLeod and Esther Eickoff
14 Zach Richards, Lucy Cook and Millie Mazzei
15 Jesse Streeting and Amy Kerr
16 Stuart McLennan and Charlotte Russell
17+ Reece Burton, Elijah Tighe and Sarah Howland

Swimming Carnival Records
Boys 15 years
Jesse Streeting: 50m Freestyle: Old 28.54, New 27.47.
Jesse Streeting: 50m Backstroke: Old 32.02, New 31.35.
Jesse Streeting: 100m Freestyle: Old 1.02.40, New 1.00.91.
David Cook: Open 200m Freestyle: Old 2.19.35; New 2.15.00.

Girls 15 years
Amy Kerr: 50m Freestyle: Old 32.00, New 30.88
The U/15 Girls Netball team defeated Uralla in the first game of the knockout but were then defeated by Tamworth in the second round.

The Boys and Girls Basketball teams were both victorious from their gala days and both teams progress to the next round of the knockout.

Congratulations to the following who have made the New England Zone Basketball Team:
BOYS: Dennis Cutmore, Liam Cordell-Packer, Reid Davidson, Adam Forsyth, Pop Maluach and Danny Chandler.
GIRLS: Tyneisha Hoskins-Caldwell, Nikita Hoskins-Caldwell, Kearla Hoskins-Caldwell and Joanne Morgan.

AHS hosted the North West Regional Volleyball knockout Gala day. Armidale High won all their pool games which put us into the final against Farrah. AHS was successful and defeated Farrah 2 sets to zero becoming regional champions. The team now progresses to the State Finals in Sydney in Term 3.

The following Boys were selected in the North West Volleyball Team: Ryan Davies, Tajo Quaife, Dennis Cutmore, Cameron Marshall and Henry Sindel.

Also Amy Kerr has made the North West Water Polo team.

Congratulations to everyone.

Twenty years ago… from the 1996 Acorn
The wetlands project within the school was a major proposal at this stage and construction was delayed somewhat because of persistent rain!

Mr Lord arrived fresh –faced from university and Mrs Tammy Cameron was also enjoying her first year at the school having arrived from Merriwa. Mr Channon coached the U13 Rugby League side and the Rugby Union team, Ms Turner was coach of the Girls Softball and the Bill Turner Cup Soccer team, Mr Bugden was Year 7 Adviser.

One sporting team which we haven’t seen for some time at AHS was the Boys Open Netball team. Armidale High chose the ‘Russian Revolution’ for their performance in the Rock Eisteddfod. The debating team won a silver medal in the Verco Cup Commonwealth Bank Senior Debating Competition. Traditions like The Weirdathon were in place.

From the Archives
Youth provide input on Australian Federalism: Education and State Powers
Local Armidale High School student Alexander Snell is one of 120 Year 11 and 12 students selected to participate in the 21st National Schools Constitutional Convention, being held at The Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House in Canberra from 16 - 18 March 2016.

The National Schools Constitutional Convention programme provides senior students with an opportunity to become better informed about how Australia's Constitution provides a democratic framework and encourages them to take an active interest in the operation of government. The topic of the 2016 Convention is 'Education in a Federation'.

Facilitated by Emeritus Professor John Warhurst AO, Professor of Political Science at the Australian National University, the students will consider a range of arguments relating to the current division of responsibilities, assess whether it is working or if it is time for a change. This will include input from a panel of experts, group discussions on the issues and the opportunity to persuade other delegates of particular approaches. Students will participate in a mock referendum to determine the outcome of their deliberations.

The Convention is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training as part of its ongoing commitment to civics and citizenship education.

In becoming a national delegate, Alex was selected from around 4,000 students from government, independent and Catholic schools, most of whom took part in feeder conventions in their home state or territory.

Alex said he was honoured to have been given this once in a lifetime opportunity.

News from the Ag Faculty
This term in Agriculture, we have been participating in the junior judging at a number of shows and local events with some success. Lachlan Foster (Year 11) took part in the Northern Ram Breeders Junior Fleece judging competition and managed to judge his way into the finals achieving 8th place. Hannah Kirkwood in Year 10 has had a very successful term achieving an encouragement award for her junior meat sheep judging at Guyra Show. Hannah took part in the cattle judging and reached the finals for her age group. Hannah also achieved a 3rd place in the meat sheep judging at the Armidale Show. Congratulations Hannah! Matthew O'Brien (Year 11) also judged very well at the Armidale Show achieving a place in the finals with his cattle judging. All of the students are to be congratulated on their efforts and participation. Well done!

Mrs Smith, Ag Teacher
Armidale High School Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday 17th March and
Tuesday 22nd March 2016

AHS Library
3.45pm-6.30pm
Booking on-line at www.sobs.com.au

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3. On left hand side click Staff/Parent Access.
4. Keyword Armidale then select Armidale High from list
5. Click Parent Access on the left hand side.
6. Enter your email address.
7. Enter name and contact number.
8. Enter student details.
10. A screen will bring up all your child’s teachers with available times.
    Select suitable available times. *(scroll down for Tuesday)*
11. Print or email to yourself the designated times of interviews. Alternatively write them on the list below.

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If you have any concern regarding the booking process please contact Mr Tim Vaughan (Head Teacher Administration) on 67767466.
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Semester 1 2016
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A map and list of teachers’ names/placement in the library will be placed at the library entrance.

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The Campus City Canter is on again, on Saturday 19th March. This is a family event for people of all ages and abilities, from competitive runners to people who just enjoy a healthy morning walk. Participants walk, jog or run the 5km from the University playing fields into Civic Park, along the cycleway. (For the safety and convenience of others, dogs and bikes are not allowed.)

Online entry at https://2016canter.eventdesq.com

For news and updates, find us on Facebook, at https://www.facebook.com/Campus.Canter.

The starter’s gun goes at 8.00am. There’ll be warm-up music provided by Sport UNE. Afterwards, enjoy the Pancake Breakfast in Civic Park, to the sounds of the Armidale City Band. It’s all part of the Armidale Autumn Festival. Enquiries: Martin Auster, 6772 1041 or 0411249436.
AHS Harmony Day

21 March

Our diversity is our strength

when: March 18th
where: AHS

time: assembly and lunch

WHAT: Wear Orange or National Dess, Cook International food, organise a game