SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS
What are selective high schools?
Selective high schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. There are:
- Seventeen fully selective high schools
- Twenty-five partially selective high schools
- Four agricultural high schools, three of which have boarding places where students live at the school during the school term. Find out more about boarding at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/ss_boarding.php
- One Year 7 selective stream in the Virtual Secondary School for students in country areas far from a city. Find out more about the virtual selective stream at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/ss_virtual.php
A list of selective schools and their websites is available at the end of this document and on the internet at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. A map of the schools is also linked from this website page.
How do I apply?
Go to the Application link at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement and read the instructions carefully. You will register to receive a password and then log in to complete the application and submit it. You will receive a printout of your application with your child’s student number. You must quote this number whenever you make enquiries about your application. If you find you have made a mistake, email the unit to change any information. Do not apply twice for the same student.

What are the stages of the placement process?
1. Parents read the application information online and/or in Print From 14 October 2014.
2. Parents register, receive a password, complete and submit the application online. From 14 October to 17 November 2014.
3. Any special test provisions are organised October 2014 to March 2015.
4. Principals provide school assessment scores From 24 November to 9 December 2014.
5. Parents receive test centre advice By 26 February 2015
6. Students sit the Selective High School Placement Test for entry to Year 7 in 2016 on 12 March 2015
7. Any illness/misadventure claims are submitted By 26 March 2015
8. Last day to change selective high school choices 30 April 2015
9. School selection committees meet in May and June 2015
10. Parents receive outcome information In early July 2015
11. Any appeals are submitted to principals By 17 July 2015
12. Parents accept or decline offers and places on reserve lists from July 2015 to June 2016
13. Students who have accepted offers are withdrawn from reserve lists by 3pm on 16 December 2015
14. Parents of successful students receive Authority to attend letters to take to the school on the first day of term in January 2016

Please Vote for our project
We have entered a competition to win a $5000 irrigation system for our oval. The more votes we receive, the better chance we have of winning.
To vote go to http://www.philmacproject.com.au/entries
If you have facebook please forward it on to your friends so they can vote for us too.
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Mr Brad Townsend
Class Teacher

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20-23 October 2014
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8.30am-3.45pm

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Students are reminded to hand their devices in at the school office as the day begins and to collect them as the day concludes.

Thank you to the parents who wrote such kind letters to the teachers who accompanied students on the Lake Keepit excursion. The staff at Armidale City Public School are highly committed to providing students with a wide range of activities and it is tremendous when our hard work gets a highly acknowledged.

Mr Matt Hobbs
Principal
matthew.hobbs@det.nsw.edu.au

ACPS Blue & White Newsletter
2 22/10/2014

Congratulations

BRONZE AWARDS
1/25 Keenan Brown
5/6/Mac Rohan Fleming

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
Jump Rope forms need to be returned. It is a requirement that all Jump Rope for Heart forms are returned to the Heart Foundation. If you still have these forms please return them to the school asap. If they have disappeared, the dog has eaten them or you just can’t find them, please send me a note to state that they are missing.

The great news is that we raised $6074.50.

Thank you for your assistance.

Mrs Jodie Ridley
Organiser

LAKE KEEPIT
Lake Keepit was AWESOME!!!!!
Mrs Roach, Mr Hobbs, Mrs Woods, Miss Kelly and Mrs Ridley would like to thank the children for an amazing excursion to Lake Keepit last week. The children were amazingly well behaved and made the most out of every minute. This year the children participated in abseiling, canoeing, kayaking, archery, orienteering and (the most fun of all) THE MUD RUN!

We all slept very well over the weekend.

Mrs Jodie Ridley
Excursion Organizer

3/4T NEWS
It has been another busy start to term with 3/4T students being involved in the Lake Keepit excursion and starting preparations for the whole school end of year musical.

Congratulations to all of our year 4 students who have recently been away to Lake Keepit. From all accounts the students were fantastic and have had a wonderful experience. The giant swing certainly has been mentioned regularly as a highlight. During the week that year 4 were away our year 3 students had a busy time engaging in various activities. Some of the highlights included cooking honey joy and ordering biscuits with icing and lollies. We were also treated to some fantastic magic acts by the year 3 students. Many of which still have us confused as to how they were performed. Perhaps we will see some of our students performing as magicians on a bigger stage in years to come!

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RED CROSS RAFFLE
$2 each

Lots of great prizes
Drawn 1 November
Tickets available from Mrs MacGregor

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