Multicultural Day

Embracing the concepts of respect and tolerance amongst cultures, Ambarvale High School celebrated its annual Multicultural Day on Friday, 20 November.

The school raised funds for the Helping Hands charity with a view to better education opportunities through the purchase of bicycles and teaching staff for those enrolled in a sister school in Laos.

Multicultural Day event organiser Annette Berry said that the day has successfully promoted and upheld inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Please visit Ambarvale High School’s website to see lots of fantastic photos of the event.

Creative and Performing Arts Exhibition

The CAPA faculty staged its annual Exhibition on Wednesday, 25 November in the school hall. The audience was treated to performances by Years 8, 9 and 11 students and viewed artworks by students from all CAPA classes. The TAS Faculty and talented staff members also presented creative works. Awards were given to student from all year groups representing their commitment and enthusiasm for the Creative and Performing Arts.

On another note it is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Kelly Murphy. Mrs Murphy has been teaching at Ambarvale High School for twelve years and has received a transfer to Casula High School. We do wish her all the best there.
Three students in Year 11 have received the prestigious Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute Award for excellence in Science. Khoi Nguyen, Hayley Mitrevski and Timothy Petrusev received their awards at a special ceremony on Wednesday, 25 November for excellent performance in their Preliminary HSC studies across a number of Science subjects. Part of this award includes an invitation to shadow a practicing research scientist. We celebrate their excellent achievement as they were extremely deserving recipients.

A Highly Accomplished Staff
Ms Vandenberg, Ms Wilson and Mrs Perry received their Highly Accomplished Teaching Award from acting Director Mr Paul Hughes. The Highly Accomplished accreditation process is one that takes approximately three years to complete and demonstrates excellence in teaching and leadership. Currently only 1% of teachers in NSW have achieved accreditation at this level. Congratulations!

Parent Voice Evening
On Thursday, 26 November 2015, we held our first Parent Voice evening. Parents were invited to engage in round table discussions and present feedback on a range of issues including assessment and reporting, teacher quality, communication and student learning.
As a direct result of parent feedback, we are re-issuing Year Matters in 2016. Next year we will be holding Parent Voice afternoons each term which will further open lines of communication between the school and parents.
Thank you to the parents who attended our inaugural Parent Voice. Your feedback will help us better cater for our students as well as improving and strengthening our current practice in developing each child towards their unique potential.

Inquisitive Minds
These are the worthy recipients of the Inquisitive Minds Problem Solving Workshop held at school in November.
Students competed against other schools to solve mathematical challenges.
The event was highly successful with students fully engaged, winning prizes and awards for their work.