UNE Open Day

Five Manilla Central School Year 12 students took advantage of the opportunity to attend the UNE Open Day in Armidale last Friday, 1st May. Students were privy to information about courses, accommodation, scholarships application procedures, facilities - including the library, lecture halls, Sport UNE and the many extra-curricular activities the university has to offer.

The open day has allowed our students to gain a clearer vision for their post high school studies and career choices, as they prepare for their HSC exams.

Photo: Dee Ransley, Rodney Coote, Mr Philp (rear), Mary-Ann Collits, Lauren McNeill and Bronwyn White.

2G’s Amazing Assembly

Last Friday 2G did a wonderful job in presenting their first assembly for 2015.

Part 1:
They captivated the audience with a play based on Pamela Allen’s picture book “Who sank the boat?” The performance captivated the essence of the story and was enjoyed by the audience.

Part 2:
They wrote their own version to add more adjectives and make it their own story. 2G have also been learning about transport, and they showed the audience some of their artworks they completed in class. Well done 2G.
**North-West Basketball**

Last week, Year 6 student, Samantha McCubbin *(Below right)*, competed in the P.S.S.A. State Basketball Competition as a member of the North West Team. The team placed 11th overall and Samantha, who played exceptionally well was named North West’s Most Valuable Player.

Year 12 students Taylor Skelton and Brodie Boman *(left)*, spent last week with the North West Basketball Team, competing against other regions. They performed admirably, representing the school with pride, finishing in 7th place overall. Taylor was also voted as Most Valuable Player for the North West Region and has been selected in the NSW CHS team that will compete in the All Schools Carnival later in the year.

**P.S.S.A. Netball Knockout**

On Friday the primary girls netball team played against Oxley Vale Public School in the PSSA Netball Knockout Competition. Manilla got off to a slow start against the much taller opposition. Despite their continued improvement each quarter, the girls couldn't catch up on the scoreboard. The final score being 26-9. The team should be congratulated on the outstanding sportsmanship they displayed. A big thank you to Leah Leard for giving up her time to coach the team.

**Stewart House Mufti Day**

The Student Representative Council is holding a mufti-day this Friday for primary students. A gold coin donation is requested and all money raised will go directly to Stewart House.

**Cross Country**

This Wednesday the Primary Cross Country will be held at Manilla Showground commencing at 12.00noon. Parents and friends are most welcome to come along and cheer the competitors on.

The canteen will be providing lunch for students afterwards for those who have already placed an order. The canteen will not be opening at the Primary department on this day.
**NAPLAN**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will take place this week. This is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008. The timetable is as follows:

Tuesday: Language Conventions – Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation.
Wednesday: Reading.
Thursday: Numeracy.

We wish all the very best to all of our students participating in this assessment.

**Primary Organisation**

Bell times have been adjusted in the primary department as follows:

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Because of the new break times in the primary department, assemblies will now be held at 12.40pm on assembly days.

**Prime Lamb Competition Results**

Our Agricultural Department is on a roll. Last week they experienced more success in the North West Prime Lamb competition. Last week, nine of our students travelled to Armidale in order to match their knowledge against 200 students from across the region.

Emily McDonald carried on with her Term One success with attaining fourth in the junior judging section.

Mackenzie Mackay had great success by not only making it into the final, he placed first in the medium sheep section, first, fourth and fifth in the light sheep section.

Overall, we were the most successful school in the Prime Lamb competition out performing eleven other schools and two hundred students who judged one hundred sheep.
**Title:** The Pause  
**Author:** John Larkin  
**Summary:** One moment. One pause. One whole new life.

Declan seems to have it all: a family that loves him, friends he's known for years and a beautiful girlfriend he would go to the ends of the earth for. But there's something in Declan's past that just won't go away, that pokes and scratches at his thoughts when he's at his most vulnerable. Declan feels as if nothing will take away that pain that he has buried deep inside for so long. So he makes the only decision he thinks he has left: the decision to end it all. Or does he?

What if you were to pause the moment before making a life or death decision? What if, in that moment, you were able to see the consequences of your decision? As the train approaches and Declan teeters at the edge of the platform, two versions of his life are revealed. In one, Declan watches as his body is destroyed and the lives of those who loved him unravel. In the other, Declan pauses before he jumps. And this makes all the difference.

**Notes:** This powerful, immensely readable novel deals with the issues of depression, suicide, family, first love and social stereotypes. Although the subject matter sounds dark, the book is full of humour and is ultimately a story of hope. A breathtaking new novel that will make you reconsider the road you’re travelling and the tracks you’re leaving behind.

Is there a book title that you would like to see added to our Library collection? Please come to see us in the Secondary Library and we will endeavour to get it in for you.

Mrs Vanessa Christakos  
Secondary Librarian

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**COMING EVENTS - WEEK 4**

**Mon, 11th May**  
CHS Basketball Gala Day @ Tamworth

**Tue, 12th May**  
NAPLAN

**Wed, 13th May**  
Primary Cross Country  
NAPLAN

**Thu, 14th May**  
Unknown Soldier Workshop – Years 5 & 6  
NAPLAN

**Fri, 15th May**  
Stewart House Mufti Day – Primary students  
NAPLAN Catch up  
Year 8 Mathematics Day @ Armidale

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