As you will have read in the note that went home last Monday the Armidale Dumaresq Council has gazetted a half-day public holiday on Monday, 18 March for the running of the Armidale Cup. As this has been gazetted under the Public Holidays Act of 2010 the public holiday applies to all employees working in the Armidale Dumaresq Council area. Since January 2012, new provisions of the Public Holidays Act 2010 have applied to Local Public Holidays and schools can no longer be excluded from locally gazetted public holidays for race days. Therefore, this school will be non-operational from 12 noon on Monday 18 March.

In consultation with Edwards Bus company it has been proposed that the buses will begin home runs at 11.00am in order to have children cleared from schools by 12.00. Children will be collected from schools as normal but it is vital that parents ensure children who catch the bus home have someone at home to meet them.

I would like to thank the members of staff – Mrs Debbie Roach, Mrs Sue Kelly, Mrs Felicity Jones and Mrs Kim Smith who collected, collated and counted all of our Coles and Woolworths vouchers in Term 4 last year. It was a huge task but one well worth the effort. I am happy to announce that the results of their efforts have arrived in the school. The Coles vouchers have been redeemed in sports equipment for the school but the focus for the Woolworths tokens was music. In Term 4 the team of teachers from across the school ordered a range of musical resources to support programs in the school. The new instruments have arrived in the school and they are amazing. They range from congo drums to bongo drums to floor drums to rain sticks, tambourines to castanets. Once the instruments have been accessioned and labelled they will be ready for use.

Yesterday’s cool and dismal weather didn’t dampen the enthusiasm and spirit of our swimmers. Jesse
Streeting, Henry Sindel, Sam Watson and Clancy Roberts have been successful in making it to State level. Well done! All swimmers participated well despite the weather and can be proud of their efforts. A big thank you, to the teachers - Mrs Docksey and Mrs Kelly, who have supported our students during the first round of trials and events.

Good luck to the students participating in the upcoming knock-out competitions and trials for football, Rugby league and cricket.

Advance Notice
Saturday 16 March the Armidale Autumn Festival is on again. Each year the Armidale public schools participate as a Community of Schools. This year the Armidale Dumaresq Council is celebrating 150 years of local government and it has been suggested that children may like to dress in ‘olden day’ clothes. Many children dressed up for our Sesquicentenary celebrations in 2011 and children may like to dress in similar outfits. Children may also wear their school uniform if they wish. If your child is from another country, I would like to encourage them to wear their national dress at the Autumn Festival. A permission note will be sent home early next week. I encourage all families to take part and support the Autumn Festival and Public Schools.

Please remember that School Photos will be taken on Wednesday 13 March. Children will need to be in full school uniform for the photos. All envelopes should be returned to the school before Wednesday.

It is that time of year when High Schools are looking at enrolments for 2014. Next Monday all Year 6 students will receive Enrolment forms for their local High School. These forms are to be completed and returned to the Front Office by 22 March.

A reminder that the Selective Schools testing will be held at AHS on March 14 from 9.00am to 1.15pm. Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children attend this assessment.

Help Needed
A small number of home readers purchased at the end of last year still require covering. If anyone has a few spare hours your time would be greatly appreciated. Books and contact is available at the front office.

Cherrie Paterson
Relieving Principal

BOOK CLUB
Issue 2 – Due to Front Office before Thursday 21 March 2013

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News from the Enchanted Woods (1/2W)
Week 6 has arrived and I feel that we’ve just begun but also that we’ve been together forever. What an amazing group of little people in our class!

We began our year discussing how we can be “Bucket Fillers”. That is, how we can help others to feel good about themselves, feel happy and safe. The bonus is that when we help others feel good, we help ourselves feel good too.

Over the weeks we’ve continued with the theme of valuing our uniqueness and our differences. Our written responses to a book by Todd Parr have produced some wonderful thoughts.

Did you know… “It’s Okay…”
...to be scared. (Chloe)
...to ask lots of questions. (Ellen)
...to be not too good at something. (Timbie)

Last week we visited Healthy Harold and learnt that we can all be heroes in looking after ourselves and our friends. This tied in beautifully with our Literacy Theme as well as our Personal Development and Health work. We do it all in the Enchanted Woods! (As does the rest of ACPS.

Enjoy the rest of the term.
Mrs Woods and 1/2W

Help ! Help ! Help !
During Week 7, next week, I want to do a school wide Design and Make activity.

To accomplish this I need every child in the school to have an Empty Plastic Soft Drink Bottle--
-- ideal size would be under 600ml
I have a lot of bottles , but not enough for every class. Could you please try to ensure your child has a bottle for this activity.

Thanks, Craig McGrath
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- Family Relationship Centre
- Exchange Students Families needed
- NERAM
- Tennis Lessons
- NECOM
- Montessori Preschool Information
- Bridge Education Support Services
- OzSports - Hockey
- Soccer Development
- HipHop

If you would like more information on these events please call into our office and check out our Community Noticeboard.

Ex-Services Westside Soccer Club
Registration Day
23rd March 2013, 3pm
at the Ex-Services Club
or register online at
myfootballclub.com.au
Contact Tony Drozdowski on
0428721985 for more details

Smiles

Centacare NENW will be running a Smiles program in Armidale on the 22nd, 23rd & 24th of April (during the Easter school holidays). The program will run from 9:00am to 2:30pm each day at the Centacare office in Rusden Street.

This is a FREE program for children aged between 8 and 11 years of age who are supporting a family member with a mental illness.

The Smiles program aims to:
- Increase ability to cope effectively
- Develop resilience
- Improve knowledge about mental illness
- Provide opportunities for self expression
- Increase self esteem
- Reduce feelings of isolation

NUMBERS ARE LIMITED AND CHILDREN MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND.

For more information call the Family Mental Health Support Service at Centacare NENW on
6762 9200

*This course will be cancelled 7 days prior to commencement if there are insufficient registrations
**3/4J CLASS NEWS**

**POEMS and Jokes from 3/4J**

**Awesome**
**Caring**
**Public**
**School**

What type of monkeys flies?
A hot-air baboon!!!!
**By Max Guppy and Ryan Eastwood**

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**Amazing**
**Children**
**Practicing**
**Spelling**

Why didn’t the man eating shark eat the person?
Because it was a girl.
**By Gemma Murray and Mark Cuskelly**

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**Amazing spelling**
**Cool for Christmas**
**People cheer for friend**
**Simple work for Kinder**

What happened to humpty dumpty after he laughed?
He cracked up?
**By Bayley Mitchell and Eden Kelsall**

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**Amazing spelling**
**Chicks**
**Practising**
**Skate Boarding**

By Joshua Jacky and Bailey Eather

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**Armidale**
**Roses**
**Make It**
**Delightful**
**At**
**Laughing**
**Errors**
**Can It**
**Track Young People**
**People Use**
**Beautiful Leather**
**In Clothes**
**So Cool**
**Hoses Our**
**Outside Love**

Why was 6 scared of 7?
Because 789.
**By Delphi Collins and Areeba Tanzim**

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**Awesome Kids**
**Come and Go**
**Playing at School with Joe**

Why did the bee cross the road?
Because the bee was waiting for the buzz.
**By Piyumi Ekanayake and Imala Smith**

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**Amazing**
**Children**
**Practicing**
**Sport**

Knock! Knock!
Who’s there?
Mrs Ridley
Hello
**By Kyle Whitton and Elana Hay**

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**Why did Sally eat pet food?**
Because she was the teacher's pet.
**By Brandon White and Niki Ardalic**

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**What happened to humpty dumpty after he laughed?**
He cracked up?
**By Bayley Mitchell and Eden Kelsall**