I would like to express my gratitude to the children, parents and staff who were able to turn up on Saturday to represent Armidale City Public School in the Community of Schools’ group at the Autumn Festival. This was a very good opportunity for our school to be showcased in the local community. I also believe it to be important that we are portrayed as a prominent member of the Armidale Community of Schools.

NAPLAN Assessments will occur again this year in Term 2. The testing takes place over 3 days, 15 May - 17 May with the 18 May allocated to test students who may have been absent during the first days of testing. Any parent who has concerns about the NAPALN testing is asked to contact the class teacher to discuss their concerns.

The K-2 Easter Hat Parade is on again. All K-2 children will be participating in the Easter Hat Parade next Wednesday 27 March at 12noon. The parade will be in the school auditorium, following the parade there will be a picnic lunch in the K-2 playground. Children can wear play clothes on this day.

Next Monday our student leaders will be travelling to Sydney to participate in the National Young Leaders’ Conference. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to mix with student leaders from around the state and to listen to several inspirational leaders from within our community. The students will be accompanied by parents and we look forward to listening to their reports about what they experienced and learnt when they return.

From time to time schools have outbreaks of Head Lice. This can be very distressing for the students as well as parents. As part of an awareness raising program, our school has registered to take part in the MOOV Defend your Class Schools program. This program aims to educate and inform students, teachers and parents about Head Lice and promote more open discussion about how it affects kids at school. As part of the program all students in the school will receive a copy of a CD called ‘A Forest Adventure.’ This CD is game oriented and allows children to understand the facts about Head Lice. The CD will be followed up by class discussions.

Harmony Day
What an amazing day. It was wonderful to see so many children dressed in orange as a symbol of peace and harmony. All classes enjoyed an array of lovely international food and had fun creating some amazing art works. I would like to thank Alison Cornall for all her work in organising such a great day.

Good luck to the children who will be playing in next rounds of PSSA knockouts and sporting competitions including Rugby, Zone Football and the NW PSSA Rugby trials.

Next Wednesday is our annual Festival of the Famous.
Concert. Listening to Mrs Docksey and the teachers as they watch children’s presentations I think we are in for an amazing concert with many imaginative and informative presentations. I can’t wait to see them.

A reminder that all students who were absent last Monday for the half day in the morning, still require a note of explanation for their absence.

Cherrie Paterson
Relieving Principal

School Photos
School photos were all completed last Wednesday.
Thank you for sending your children, beautifully dressed and with big sunny smiles!
A very big thank you to the following parent helpers who assisted with the clothing pool before and on Photo Day:
Megan Towie, Moriah McLean, Jo Stewart, Andrew Simpson, Alison Reeve, Jo Grieves and Inga Brasche.
Congratulations and a huge thank you to Kate Jones, Lucy Cook, Katrina Curtis, Henry Sindel, Jesse Streeting and Malakye Cook for doing an outstanding job in collecting all the classes and assisting teachers where needed.

Kim Smith
School Photo Coordinator

WORK OF THE FORTNIGHT
KB  Chloe Porter
KR  Reeghan Woods
1/2S  Ella Reeve
1/2P  Felix Bowles
1/2K  Willow Howe
1/2W  Anusha Thapa
1/2T  Henry Blackwell
3/4J  Piyumi Ekanayake
3/4T  Alexander Cristani
3/4R  Amy Bryant & Yashaswi Shilpakar
3/4BT  Anna Dennis
5/6R  Oliver Broadbent
5/6K  Dougie Close
5/6J  Lily Wilson
5/6B  Sophie Johnson

1/2T CLASS NEWS
What a busy term we have had! 1/2T have been learning about all things Australian including animals, flags, a huge range of Aussie authors and our place in the world. Miss Trott’s most favourite Australian book is Possum Magic by Mem Fox. We worked in pairs to write a recount of what happened in the story and created our very own beeeautiful artworks to match. Pop by the classroom for a closer look! Here is a sample:

First Grandma Poss knew how to make magic. She could make Wombats blue, Dingos smile and Emus shrink, but best of all she made Hush invisible. When Hush was invisible Koalas sat on her tail and she could slide down Kangaroos and be safe from snakes. Hush was sad because she couldn’t see her reflection. So they went on a trip to find food to make Hush visible. They found some lamington on a plate, a vegemite sandwich and a piece of pavlova, they ate it and Hush was seen again. On her birthday she ate a vegemite sandwich, a piece of pavlova and a lamington so she could be visible forever.

By Chloe Neilson and Brendan Bishop 1/2T

Miss Rhiannon Trott
Class Teacher

NATIONAL Ride 2School Day
Friday 22 March 2013 is National Ride2School Day but Armidale City will be celebrating on Monday 25 March 2013. We are inviting children to bring their bikes/scooters to school on this day. Constable Fiona McCormack, Police Liaison Officer, will be in the school from 1.30pm to check over the children’s bikes and to talk about bike/road safety. If children are riding their bikes on the day, they need to be fully aware of road safety rules and we ask that the parents accompany them. Parents who do not want their child to ride to school can drop the bike off either in the morning or over the lunch break. Bikes will be stored in the Secret Garden behind the Library. At 2pm all children will attend a presentation by Constable McCormack on Road Safety Awareness.

HUGE THANK YOU
A huge Thank You to Pat and Leanne McMillan, Angela Harris, Brett and Kim Burton and the P&C for all the work they have done on the K-2 Sandpit. It looks great!

Crumbled Foam
If you have any crumbled foam please contact School Office.
Thank you
Amanda Hess & Megan Towie
Mark it on your calendar – Saturday 11th May 2013

Stalls include:

- BBQ and drinks
- Garden Café
- Hot food
- International food
- Fairy Floss, Jumping Castle, Popcorn
- Face Painting
- Crazy Hair
- Fete Raffle
- Plants & Sheep Poo
- School Stall
- Toys
- Used Clothing
- Used Baby Goods stall

- White Elephant
- Cake Stall
- Book Stall
- Fruit & Veg
- Beautiful Baskets
- Tombola (bottle stall)
- Hook a Duck
- Choc or Not
- Plaster Casts
- Pet Show
- Stage 3 Sports / Footy Pass
- Netball Pass
- Lucky Dips

And of course, anything new anyone would like to do!!!!!!!
There will be entertainment too, come and share the fun

The NEXT MEETING will be Wednesday 20th March, 7:30pm in the library 😊

No need to send in donations just yet but start getting a fete box ready with things like:
- Second-hand items in good condition: clothes, books, CDs, magazines, games, toys, household items, clean jars (preferable plastic) with lids, jar fillers such as soaps, stickers, bouncy balls etc

Traditionally each stage will focus on collecting for a particular stall:
- Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 – small prizes for Lucky Dip etc
- Stage 2 – Cake Stall
- Stage 3 – Beautiful Baskets

Sell some Fete Raffle Tickets – tickets out soon!

Feel free to contact us about anything regarding the fete.

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