PRINCIPAL’S REPORT—WEEK 9

It is hard to believe Easter is here and the Fete is once again just around the corner.

What a great day our bike riders enjoyed on Monday. As part of the education program ‘Ride Safely2School’ many children bought their bikes to school to have them checked by Constable Fiona McCormack to ensure they were road worthy. Thank you to all the parents who supported this program by bringing their child’s bike and scooter to school safely. The children in K-6 participated in a Road and Bike Safety session in the afternoon with Constable McCormack.

Armidale City has had another successful week in our sporting achievements. It is wonderful to see so many of our students progressing from District to the Regional, North West and State Levels. Congratulations to Isaac Tanikomave who has been successful in making the NW team for Rugby League. Isaac will play in the next round in Tamworth. I would like to wish swimmers good luck at Homebush next week when they compete in the State Championships.

What excitement there was today at the Easter Hat Parade. It never ceases to amaze me that teachers can continue to come up with new Easter hat designs year after year. All the staff and students looked amazing in their stylish designs. It was wonderful to see so many parents come along and enjoy the fun.

I can’t wait to see all the magnificent presentations at tonight’s Festival of the Famous. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at 6.00pm in the hall. I would like to thank Mrs Docksey for all her amazing work to help our students prepare for tonight.

Some parents may be aware that one of our families lost all their possessions in a house fire over the weekend. The staff and SRC are discussing how we can best support the family, and will, in the near future have some form of fundraising for them. Some parents have been into the school to ask how they can support this family and we will provide details over the coming weeks about how we can best help them. It is wonderful to see how our great school community pulls together to support each other at a time when one family has suffered such loss – thank you.

A reminder that next Wednesday is the Jump Rope For Heart. I am looking forward to a great afternoon of fun activities.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the road works in Mann Street there is no crossing marked on the corner of Mann and Faulkner streets. Parents are asked to take extra care when picking up children.

Accompanying this week’s newsletter is a document which outlines for parents and carers the school’s Wellbeing and Discipline procedures. Information in this document is taken from the Wellbeing and Discipline Policy which has been updated by staff and members of the School Council.

Cherrie Paterson
Relieving Principal
Science Discovery Day at UNE
On Tuesday 19 March Armidale City sent Mrs MacGregor and Mr Widders with a team of up and coming primary school scientists to attend UNE’s Highland Science Discovery Day at Lazenby Hall. Students spent the day in small groups solving scientific problems in several hands-on activities. They had to discover ways to build self-propelled vehicles, sturdy bridges, powerful catapults, earthquake-proof structures, and systems to efficiently supply electrical power to a whole city. The students showed lots of initiative as they collaborated with team mates to solve typical scientific problems that affect our lives. The students and staff wish to thank UNE and the Central Rotary Club of Armidale for providing such a stimulating day of activities. It was lots of fun and a great day was had by all who attended.

Leonie MacGregor
Teacher

REMINDER
Entries for 2013 ICAS Competitions are due to Mrs Docksey by 4 April 2013.
The Armidale City Public School Mother’s Day Fete is the P&C’s biggest fundraiser of the year. It is also a very exciting day on the school calendar with lots of fun, food and great stalls! This great event is only possible thanks to the efforts of the fabulous ACPS School Community.

What can you do now?

**START A FETE BOX**
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 with lids and jar fillers such as soaps, hair scrunchies’, stickers, pencils, small toys or bouncy balls for the ALWAYS popular bottle stall!
- Pots for the potted plants stall

**SIGN UP TO HELP ON A STALL**
We still need a couple of Stall Convenors (it’s not as hard as it sounds and there is lots of support!) or help on a stall on the day – even just half an hour is a fantastic contribution …

*Stalls include:*

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*And of course, anything new anyone would like to do!!!!!!*

**STAY TUNED … coming soon:**
- Mother’s Day Fete Raffle – tickets will be out soon
- The famous Sheep Poo Drive – working bee planned for April!
- Stage Donations - 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
  (Details will come home from class teachers early next term)

**GET INVOLVED … by coming along to a fete meeting, dropping the slip below into the front office or contacting this year’s fete coordinators:**
Leanne Cooper: coops.4@bigpond.com or 0488 559 928
Katrina Llewellyn: katrinallewellyn3@gmail.com or 0424 402 622

*All help is voluntary but very gratefully received!*

I can help! Name: ________________________________________________________________
Contact Details: _________________________________________________________________
Child/ren: ________________________________________ Class/es: _____________________