PRINCIPAL’S REPORT—WEEK 10

Although the term has flown by we still have several exciting activities for students in the coming days.

Congratulations to our students who performed at last Wednesday Festival of the Famous evening. I was very impressed with the depth of research employed by our students. It was a magnificent display of our student dedication and talent. This annual event is result of some very motivational teaching by Mrs. Docksey and classroom teachers. Every child who participated by completing the research project is to be congratulated on their excellent efforts.

Well done to our K-2 students and teachers on another exciting and enjoyable Easter Hat Parade. The hat parade is a highlight in Term 1 for staff, students and parents. Thank you to the Year 5 students who helped out on the day.

Last week the Assistant Principals attended a Curriculum workshop for the new English Syllabus. Over the next three terms staff will be involved in extensive training activities to enable them to develop a working knowledge of the new syllabus document which will be implemented next year. All executive will attend a further workshop this Friday in Bingara. The English syllabus is the first of the new syllabus documents to be implemented under the National Curriculum.

Next term, our school has been asked to host the Small Schools Conference. The Conference will run for 2 days–Sunday 28 of April and Monday 29 April and will involve approximately 160 teachers from surrounding small schools. These are Staff Development Days and our staff will be attending. This is a great opportunity for our staff to enjoy a range of professional development courses covering topics across the curriculum. Tuesday 30 April is also a SDD. This year the Minister for Education has declared an additional day for staff to work on the new English Syllabus. Students will return to school on Wednesday 1 May.

This year ANZAC Day falls in the second week of the school holidays. Our school ANZAC Day assembly will be held Friday 12 April at 12noon. Parents are welcome to join with us to celebrate ANZAC Day.

Next week on Monday 8 April we will be celebrating ‘Crazy Hair/Pyjama day’. This event has been organised by the SRC to raise money for the family in our school who lost their home and possessions in a fire last week.
Next Wednesday Year 6 will also participate in leadership training to prepare them for next term’s activities with You Can Do It.

A reminder also that our annual Mother’s day fete is at the end of Week 2 next term. The holidays are a great opportunity to clean out cupboards and wardrobes and fill some jars with goodies. The P&C will begin the collection of fete items next term and are looking forward to an even bigger and better fete. I encourage all parents to support the efforts of the P&C in this major fundraiser - every bit helps. Our first Blue and White next term will be a Fete edition with lots of information on how you can get involved.

Cherrie Paterson
Relieving Principal

SPORT NEWS

Best wishes to Jesse Streeting, Henry Sindel, Sam Watson and Clancy Roberts who are competing at the State PSSA Swimming Championships in Sydney this week. It is a fantastic achievement and we are extremely proud of the boys.

Trials have been held for several sports over the past fortnight and the following children have been successful. Congratulations to
- Isaac Tanikomave: Zone Rugby League
- Rachelle Waters: Zone Hockey
- Toby Cooper, Henry Sindel: North West Football

Henry Sindel: North West Basketball.

The ACPS Rugby Union Team: Peter Rose, Ethan Kirkwood, Ky Quaife, Jack Bell, Howard Broadbent, Oliver Broadbent, Jacob Sears, Toby Cooper, Henry Sindel, Jesse Streeting and Liam Whitehill, had success at the Armidale Primary Schools Rugby 7’s Gala Day. They will now compete in Tamworth at the Regional finals in late May. If they win at Regionals the boys may get the opportunity to play a half time game at the British Irish Lions versus Wallabies game. Well done, boys, and best of luck at regionals.

School trials and training will continue this week for netball, softball, hockey and union. Please listen to morning messages for times and days.

This week’s winning house is Oxley.

Sue Kelly
Sports Organiser

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Once the jump of day has been completed the children are asked to collect and collate the donations and sponsorship they have been given. This then needs to be returned to school as soon as possible. I would be appreciative if all money was in by this Friday.

All money should be handed to the child’s class teacher or school office in a clearly marked envelop / bag with the sponsorship form included. Please use this as an opportunity to do maths in the ‘real world’ and check that the actual amount collected matches the amount being pledged as this can often result in gaining a prize or not.

Please note - All sponsorship forms will need to be returned regardless if your child has collected money or not. If yours has been eaten by your dog or disappeared into the abyss that is a usual child’s school bag please write a note indicating this and return to me. Once again thank you for your support in raising money for a wonderful cause. I will keep you posted on the amount we raised. Thanks again.

Jodie Ridley
Jump Rope for Heart Organiser

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Apologies

There will be no Hockey training Monday 8 April 2013 as Judy will be travelling back from Sydney.
1/2S CLASS NEWS

We are so surprised at how quickly this term has gone! The children have settled into new class routines amazingly well which has given us the opportunity for some wonderful learning.

The highlights of our term include: SMASH sports with Mr Haines, The Easter Hat Parade, Harmony Day food tasting, Life Education with Healthy Harold and learning a song to perform at assembly.

In HSIE we have been madly learning about all types of groups that we belong to and what we would like to join, if we had the chance. Gymnastics and soccer proved to be very popular! We have had discussions on rules, uniforms, symbols and purposes, of a huge variety of groups that we all belong to.

Throughout the term, our Literacy focus has been on themes such as: Under the Sea, an author study on Lauren Child, Australian Easter stories and to finish the term, all things Poetry!

We are looking forward to Jump Rope for Heart this week. In PE we have covered Fundamental Movement skills such as relays, hopping and skipping. It has been so much fun!

Over the holidays, please consider topping up supplies of lead pencils, coloured pencils and glue sticks. We seem to be very low as the term comes to an end. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Enjoy what is left of this term and have a happy and safe Autumn holiday.

From Mrs Smith
and 1/2S

Rugby Union Boys take on Armidale

Armidale City Public School has just been crowned joint winners with Ben Venue Public School of the Armidale Primary Schools Rugby 7's challenge. What a great day! The power, the passion, the intensity of the Under 12s teams led them to be victorious over two of the Ben Venue teams and draw with the third in the Grand Final. The boys, being led around the park by Rugby veterans Oliver ‘Big Man’ Broadbent, Howard ‘Silent Assassin’ Broadbent, Toby ‘Running-Man’ Cooper, Jacob ‘Cracking-Time’ Sears and Liam ‘The Terrier’ Whitehill, all played fantastically.

The first encounter was a big win and the first game for many of the players in the team. They managed to run away with the game convincingly over Ben Venue’s Year 5 team. Henry Sindel, AKA ‘The Flash’, managed a swag of tries as did Toby ‘Running-Man’ Cooper. The boys did very well in keeping their defensive lines set and using support when needed.

The second encounter came down to a nail biter with ACPS winning in the dying seconds of the game by one try against Ben Venue’s B team. Jack ‘Tiger’ Bell and Peter ‘Man Mountain’ Rose played exceptionally well in this game, stealing the ball and cleaning out effectively to let Liam ‘The Terrier’ Whitehill feed great ball to the ever ball-hungry backline.

The final game was the most difficult against a strong Ben Venue A team. The boys started a bit shocked and let a few tries in early. Down but not defeated, the boys rallied after great try saving tackles by Toby ‘Running-Man’ Cooper and Kymani Quaife, AKA ‘the Ever Present’. Inspired by a new sense of victory, Jessie ‘Smasher’ Streeting, Ethan ‘the Ball is Mine’ Jones and Jacob ‘Cracking-Time’ Sears played out of their skins and were able to set the groundwork for ACPS to get the ball. This meant that ACPS was able to draw the Grand Final 2 -2.

Special mention must be made to Ethan Kirkwood, AKA ‘The Mini-Destroyer’, for his vital role in joining with the Newling Public School team in the under 10s category. Ethan was the only representative from ACPS to enter the under 10s category and he managed to score three tries in his team’s tough encounters. Congratulations Ethan, you have shown what it is to be a true all-round sportsman.

The Under 12s side will now be travelling to Tamworth to play in the North West Rugby 7s Competition. Well done to all the boys who played. Your coach is VERY proud of you. With Rugby 7s now an Olympic sport, we definitely have Olympic candidates on the cards.

Tim Bartlett-Taylor
Rugby Union Coordinator
3/4BT NEWS

Australia, you’re standing in it! 3/4BT has been learning all they can about Australian States and Territories, including their flags, faunal, mineral and floral emblems, their capital cities and significant man-made and natural icons. We have been learning about Australian Artists and mimicking some of their ideas, and listening to Australian songs and traditional Aboriginal dreamtime stories. We’ve drawn State Emblems, made PowerPoint’s (begun them at least), and toured around Armidale and Uluru (on Google Earth). And to cap it all off, we’ve been reading The Hobbit (just for fun). The students’ PowerPoints are beginning to look great. Anna Dennis, Hamish Doak, Noah Craven and Lara Widders are four particular students who have been working really well on them. Most of the children are bringing in their homework which is pleasing yet there are still a few who need to do this more often. The students have been doing some great speeches on various topics. These have all been expositions (persuasive arguments) with special mention going to: Kael Streeting, Grace Worthing, Jess Burgess, Corey Evans-Hamilton, Oliver Gerard and Mya Wilson. Keep up the great work 3/4BT, you are a cluster of stars.

Tim Bartlett-Taylor
Class Teacher

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- Family Relationship Centre
- Exchange Students Families needed
- NERAM
- Tennis Lessons
- NECOM
- Montessori Preschool Information
- Bridge Education Support Services
- OzSports – Hockey
- HipHop Information
- Golf Days
- Tutoring
- Tennis Camps

If you would like more information on these events please call into our office and check out our Community Noticeboard.
There isn’t long until the Armidale City Public School Mother’s Day Fete - the P&C’s biggest fundraiser of the year. It is always a great day filled with fun, food, entertainment and great stalls … and you can help to make this the fabulous event even better!

What can you do?

START A FETE BOX
Are your cupboards ready for a clean-out? Your trash could be someone else’s treasure!
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 ONE OF THE FANTASTIC FETE STALLS
Could you be a Stall Convenor? It’s not as hard as it sounds and there is lots of support!
Find some time to help sort donations before the day; or
Help on a stall at the fete – even just half an hour is a fantastic contribution!

Stalls include:
- BBQ and drinks
- White Elephant
- Garden Café
- Baby Goods Toys
- Cake Stall
- Hot food
- Book Stall
- Netball Pass
- International food
- Fruit & Veg
- Fairy Floss
- Stage 3 Sports / Footy
- Beautiful Baskets
- Face Painting
- Jumping Castle
- Pass
- Tombola (bottle stall)
- Crazy Hair
- Popcorn
- Lucky Dips
- Hook a Duck
- Fete Raffle
- Choc or Not
- School Stall
- Plants & Sheep Poo
- Photo Booth
- Pet Show
- Used Clothing

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

STAY TUNED … coming soon:
- Mother’s Day Fete Raffle – tickets will be out soon. Prizes for most tickets sold!
- 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)

Mufﬁti Day for Donations – an opportunity for the children to wear mufﬁti when they bring in donations.

House points for donations!

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 coop.4@bigpond.com or 0488 559 928 ; and
Katrina Llewellyn: katrina llewellyn3@gmail.com or 0424 402 622.

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

All help is voluntary but very gratefully received!