What an exciting week. Our school experienced great success at the district swimming carnival. Mrs Kelly was very proud of our students performances. We have a team of 6 students who will now compete in the State Finals in Sydney – well done, to all students who participated last Monday.

Congratulations to William Wood who is an active competitor in the PSSA Horse Sports competition. Will competed at Armidale Show last week and was awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in many events including 1st and 2nd in the Under 18 Championship Grand Prix Show Jumping. His highest jump was 1m 80cm.

Congratulations to the classes and individual students who entered art works in the Armidale Show. Our school received 2 champion ribbons for individual entries from Catalina Cox and Sophie Hay. Roaan Kelsall won a 1st place for his art work. 3/4RT was awarded a second prize and 3/4J and Shea Fonacier were awarded 3rd place for their entries. All award winning entries are on display near the Front Office.

This Saturday 15 March is the Armidale Autumn Festival Parade. A permission note was sent home earlier this week and I encourage all families to take part and support the Autumn Festival. Our school will be walking with other public schools behind the Community of Schools banner. Please return permission notes to school by Friday if your child is attending. The school will assemble outside the TAFE College at 12noon. Parents are encouraged to join us on the walk.

Harmony Day celebrations will take place next Wednesday 19 March. On this day we celebrate the cultural diversity of our school and indeed the Armidale community that we live in. We endeavour to give all our children the skills and attitudes necessary for them to live in peace and harmony by fostering a culture of respect, understanding and kindness towards others. Students are asked to try and wear something orange as a symbol of peace and harmony. If any student wishes to wear their traditional national dress we encourage them to do so. All classes are planning to hold a multicultural food tasting event for the students, and would appreciate it if families could send along a labelled dish of finger food in the morning to share at lunch. After lunch the students will be doing a variety of in class activities relating to Harmony Day and its importance.

I would like to thank Mrs Cornall for her work in organising the special events for the day and for her work in supporting our ESL students and their families within the school. I encourage all students to bring along some food from their culture to share but I would also remind parents that they need to contact class teachers if your children have any food related allergies.

Hot Cross Buns

This year Bakers Delight has again offered our school the opportunity to have a Hot Cross Bun drive. The school receives $2 from every pack of 6 buns ordered. The order form is attached to today’s newsletter. All orders must be returned to the front office by 4 April.

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. The school is in contact with council to find out when the crossing will be repainted.

Good luck to the students sitting for the Selective Schools testing tomorrow at DHS.

In last week’s Healthy Snack’s page attached to the newsletter, peanut butter was listed as an ingredient in one of the quick snack ideas. I would remind parents that we are a nut free school as we have several students with severe nut allergies. I apologise for this oversight.

Cherrie Paterson
Principal (A)

You Can Do It!

Confidence Key

Students are currently working on lessons in Confidence.

Here are some helpful hints to use at home.

Things to say to encourage Confident behaviour:

- “That took confidence.”
- “That wasn’t easy to do, but you did it!”
- “You are not afraid to take risks.”
- “You were not afraid to make a mistake. Good for you.”
- “You have a positive approach to your work.”
- “You had a red-hot-go! Well done.”

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- Family Relationship Centre
- Exchange Students Families needed
- Stamps
- Tuition
- Babysitting
- After School Care
- Campus Canter
- Blue Light Disco
- NERAM
- Bridge
- Market Sunday Concert

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

DEMON KNIGHTS FOOTBALL CLUB Inc
PO Box 891, Armidale NSW 2350.
demonknightsfc@northerninlandfootball.net.au

Registration for Demon Knights Football Club is now open.

To register, log onto myfootballclub.com and follow the links.

Our payment days are 15 March 2014 and 29 March 2014 at the Wicklow Hotel Courtyard from 10am to 1pm. Please bring invoice with you.

Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2001 the Government introduced the ‘First Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $3,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.
Mark it on your calendar – Saturday 10th May 2014

**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
- Photo Booth
- 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 J

**The NEXT MEETING will be Tuesday 18th March, 5:45pm 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 for Tombola 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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Form:

- Contact No:
- Student's Full Name:
- Class:

Remember to ask family and friends for orders too.

Back to order by 4.4.14 and your forms will be ready to collect on 11.4.14. Simply fill in the details below with the quantity of Hot X Buns you would like to order, bring your order form together with full payment to the school. Bakers Delight will give more Hot X Buns you purchase. The more people you make for every six-pack of Hot X Buns you order, the more Bakers Delight will give.

Easter Bun Raiser

We're for Real.

Bakers Delight

12/03/2014