PRINCIPAL'S REPORT—WEEK 9

It is with great pleasure that I am able to inform the school community that Armidale City has had a new Principal appointed. Matthew Hobbs has been successful through the merit selection process in being appointed to Armidale City. Matthew, who is currently the Principal of Lismore South Public School is very excited about the appointment and looking forward to taking up the position in Week 2 next term.

What a wonderful opportunity we had yesterday when our school hosted the Armidale Community of Schools Orchestra. Students from public primary schools in Armidale come together each term to workshop and perform as an orchestra. The orchestra is led by Bronwyn Jones from Ben Venue Public School and supported by teachers form other schools. A huge thank you to Felicity Jones who coordinated yesterday's event.

Monday's rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of our Year 6 students who ventured out to Thalgarrah to participate in leadership workshops in readiness for our Peer Group activities next term. Thank you to Mrs MacGregor and Mrs Kelly for all their organisation to allow this to happen. Students enjoyed the day immensely and are looking forward to next term's Peer Groups.

Student Photographs and Videos

I would like to thank the parents who regularly share with the school, their wonderful pictures of our children performing at school and community events. From time to time, pictures of students at school events or students representing the school at community events, are posted on the social media by both school community members and members of the larger Armidale community. While parents and family members or friends of students are free to take photos or videos of school events, I would ask that people be mindful of current privacy legislation which requires us to advise parents that their child's photo will be published in the social media and seek
permission from all parents before posting pictures or videos which contain images of other students on their social networks.

I also ask that parents be mindful of the need to abide by rules and regulations regarding the use of social media such as Facebook. All forms of social media have strict regulations regarding the use of logos and photos. Armidale City has a school website which contains all the information on school events and procedures and I urge parents to use this as their first call for information or to contact the school.

Reminders
There are still quite a few families who have not returned their permission to publish notes which allows us to use your child’s name or photo in school related adds or publications. Please return this note as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Stage 1 transport excursion note must be returned by - 1 April 2014.

Fete Meeting – Tuesday 1st April at 5.45pm. Cherrie Paterson Principal (A)

LIBRARY NEWS
Competitions
The closing date for ICAS competition entries in the Spelling, Writing, English, Maths, Science and Computer, is 4 April.

All children who were interested in entering the competitions received a note.

If your child needs a new note, or missed getting a note, please contact Mrs Docksey.

Past competition papers are available for students to practise for these competitions.

Festival of the Famous.
All students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 will be presenting their Festival of the Famous in Library this week.

Our evening performance is next Thursday 3 April at 6pm. Children selected for this performance will receive a note either on Thursday or early next week. We look forward to seeing you at this great night. Any enquiries about Festival of the Famous to Mrs Docksey.

Book Club
There have been a few items unclaimed from a previous Book Club. If you have missed something see Mrs Docksey. There was also one order in the current Book Club that did not have any name on the order form. Please ensure that orders are clearly marked as it saves a lot of confusion later on.

Book Fair
Our next Book Fair will be in Week 1 of next term, 29 April to 5 May. Further details later.

Mrs Judy Docksey
Librarian

APOLOGY
I would like to apologize to Nicholas Bugden who is part of the Armidale City Relay Team going to the State Swimming Championships. Nicholas’s name was left out of last week’s Sports News. A BIG ‘CONGRATULATIONS’, Nicholas.

Mrs Sue Kelly
Sports Coordinator

SHEEP POO DRIVE
SAVE THE DATE: Saturday afternoon, 12 April at Gostwyck. Come and join the happy band of poo shovellers, all welcome. For further details contact Andrew on 0402 466 894.

MUFTI DAY AND PIZZA MEAL DEAL
Next Thursday 3 April we will be having a Mufti Day to support Cancer Research. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed in casual clothes and donate a Gold Coin to support this much needed research.

On the same day we also will be holding a Pizza Meal Deal, a note will go out later this week for you to order your Pizza.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD
• Family Relationship Centre
• Exchange Students Families needed
• Stamps
• Tuition
• Babysitting
• After School Care
• Driving Course
• 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.
HARMONY DAY NEWS

It was fantastic to see such a big splash of orange and a number of beautiful traditional clothes from other nationalities being worn with pride at our school last Wednesday, when we celebrated Harmony Day.

Our school is as I overheard one staff member remark, "All the richer for the sharing of many cultures". Not to mention the fact that we were all the better fed for the sharing of a most delicious variety of food from around the world. We really appreciate the time parents and carers took to come and help out and contribute such lovely food to our multicultural luncheon.

In the afternoon the students and teachers explored the language backgrounds of the students in their own classes through a range of art/language activities. Every classroom was buzzing with students enthusiastically engaged in learning more about languages and each other. Some of the artwork is being displayed around the school and it was wonderful to hear children talking proudly of their language backgrounds. Thank you once again on behalf of all our staff and students for your fabulous support of our Harmony Day celebrations at Armidale City Public School!

Mrs Alison Cornall
(English as an Additional Language or Dialect Teacher)
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**
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 plastic 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:**
- BBQ and drinks
- Cake Stall
- International food
- Beautiful Baskets
- Tombola (bottle stall)
- Hook a Duck
- Plants & Sheep Poo
- School Stall
- Used Clothing & Baby Goods
- White Elephant
- Plaster Casts
- Fruit & Veg
- Face Painting
- Crazy Hair
- Fete Raffle
- Photo Booth
- Toys
- Netball Pass
- Garden Café
- Book Stall
- Fairy Floss
- Jumping Castle
- Popcorn
- Choc or Not
- Pet Show
- Stage 3 Sports / Footy Pass
- Lucky Dips

**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 12th!

  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: _____________________________________________________________________________

MARK YOUR DIARY!

Only 7 weeks to go until …
The 2014 ACPS Mother’s Day Fete!
Saturday 10th May