This is another busy week at Armidale City both in classrooms and with many extra curricula activities to support student learning such as the Stage 1 excursion, 5/6R Citizen Science project at Thalgarrah, selection trials for rugby and hockey, learn to swim, meal deal, mufti day, Festival of the Famous, and a visit from the new Principal, Matthew Hobbs.

**Fete**
Preparations for the fete are well under way but the committee are still looking for some helpers for some stalls. Please read the fete Bulletin attached to today's Blue and White and help out where you can. Raffle tickets will come home soon. The P&C have some fantastic prizes this year -including a weekend away. Please ensure your child sells only to friends and family. We do not want children selling tickets around their neighbourhood.

**Festival of the Famous**
I can’t wait to see all the magnificent presentations at tomorrow night’s Festival of the Famous. I look forward to seeing the students performances and as many parents as possible at 6pm in the hall. I would like to thank Mrs Docksey and the classroom teachers for all there amazing work in helping our students prepare for their presentations and develop their performance skills.

Attached to this week’s Blue and White is a brief parent feedback sheet on the changes that have been in place over the last five weeks for lunch organisation. Parents are asked to complete the survey and return it to school by Wednesday 9 April.

**Reminders**
Meal deal and mufti day on Thursday. Don’t forget a gold coin donation to support cancer research.

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**2 April 2014**

**P&C MEETING**
TONIGHT
7.30pm
In The Library
SPORTS NEWS
The Northern Rugby League trials were held yesterday at Sport UNE. Congratulations to Ethan Kirkwood, Liam Whitehill and Marvin Palad who were selected in the team. They will now travel to Tamworth next week to trial for the North West team. Best of luck boys!

The Northern and Southern District football trials will be held at Sport UNE this Friday. Good luck to Amy Showell, Sophie Hay, Kau Chadar and Mangarchot Maluach, who will vying for positions in the North West teams.

The girls' netball team Olivia Joyce, Tamika Brown, Zoe McShane, Emily Berryman, Katie Haynes, Annika Armstrong, Hannah Stewart, Amy Showell and Tabitha Petersen will play Ben Venue Public School next Monday, in Round 1 of the PSSA knockout. The game will be played here at school and we are hoping the home ground advantage, a strong supportive crowd and the ability of the girls will all work in our favour.

Good luck girls, we will be cheering you on.

This week's winning house is Mitchell. **Mrs Sue Kelly**

Sports Coordinator

KINDER BLUE NEWS
What a busy start to the year for Kindergarten Blue! We have had some exciting and informative visits lately which we have all enjoyed.

Last week we had a visit from Pet Care and met Tessa the dog. We learnt how to safely approach a happy dog with its owner and ask to have a pat. We also learnt how to tell if a dog is angry or scared and never to approach a scared or angry dog.

We also had a visit from Mr Mackenzie from Thalgarrah with Natasha from Taronga Zoo who brought their Zoomobile full of Australian animals for us to meet, pat and learn about. These are our favourite moments from these two visits:

**Jolie Hess** - I liked patting the snake at the Zoomobile.

**Brendan Smith** - I liked watching how to pat a dog.

**Ezekiel Too** - I liked the echidna's spikes.

**Eli Gaw** - I learnt that the echidna can eat ants.

**Jemma Humphreys** - I liked when we saw the lizards.

**Bahar Kakouei** - I liked the echidna because he walked.

**Cooper Galvin** - I loved to pat the snake.

**Charlie Foster** - I liked the echidna because it felt fluffy.

**Sophie Bailey** - I liked the possum because it was soft.

**Bella Young** - I liked the baby possum because it was so cuddly and soft. I wanted to cuddle it.

**Mantaj Sidhu** - I loved the grey dog.

**Zoe Reeve** - I liked when we saw the puppy dog because it was cute.

**Summer Mobbs** - I liked patting the lizard that was bumpy.

**Lily Fairleigh-Waters** - I liked patting the frog.

**Tallon Watson-Dawson** - I liked the possum because he was so cute.

**Ameilie Stone** - I liked when the echidna walked close to me.

**William Middleton** - I liked the lizards and the snake but I didn't want to pat it because I was afraid of it.

**Busby Model** - I liked the echidna because he was cute.

**Hayley Bliss** - I loved seeing the echidna because I saw one when I was going to dance.

**Jade Foster** - I liked the possum because it was very soft and fluffy.

**Mrs Northey-Manser and the Kindergarten Blue Crew**

1/2S Class News

Wow, what a busy and exciting term we have all enjoyed!

Firstly we would like to welcome Hadeel and Olivia to our class. They joined us in recent weeks and have quickly settled into new routines, both with happy smiles.

In English we have spent several weeks enjoying some very imaginative books by Julia Donaldson and writing some great character descriptions. Over the next few weeks we are looking at information reports linked to our HSIE unit on Transport.

**Mrs Smith** was amazed with our home projects! We had so much fun presenting them to the class and sharing some fantastic facts about submarines, buses, rockets and horse and carriages, just to name a few.

This Friday is our big “Transport” excursion to Uralla, which we are all VERY excited about. The train trip has been talked about with great enthusiasm! We are also looking forward to the McCrossins Mill, the fire station and the bus trip back to Armidale to visit Fleet Helicopters. In the afternoon the Vintage Car club will show us some vehicles from the past.

Other Term 1 highlights have included SMASH sports, the Pet Care visit, You Can Do It activities, Harmony Day celebrations and also learning some wonderful musical items with **Mrs Close**.

As we wind down this term we will start making our Easter hats for our annual Easter Hat Parade on the last day of term.

Enjoy the rest of this term and have a safe and happy holiday.

**From Mrs Smith and 1/2S.**
**3/4KS CLASS NEWS**

Mrs McGrath and I are really enjoying teaching the wonderful children in 3/4KS. Everyone has settled into our routines with ease.

During our Visual Literacy Unit we looked at “Tuesday” by David Weisner. The children really enjoyed this book finding that they could gain a lot of information even though it contained very few words. They produced some very interesting newspaper articles in response to this, as well as, some fantastic frog drawings.

Persuasive text has been a focus of study with Mrs McGrath during the last few weeks. She has been very impressed with the responses to topics such as: ‘Should you be friends with a Zombie?’

We really enjoyed our excursion to the Blue Hole as part of our HSIE Unit “State and National Parks”. Mrs Kennelly taught the children a lot about the various plants and animals within the park and how they were dependent upon each other. As well as a 5.5 km walk, the highlight was seeing the baby brown snake on our path.

Many thanks to the parents who were able to make it along to the parent interviews. We enjoyed meeting with you all.

Mrs Shelley Cordingley

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**K-2 Easter Hat Parade**

Friday 11th April
10-11am in the auditorium.
Followed by a picnic morning tea.
All welcome!

**You Can Do It Corner**

**Resilience Key**

Students are currently completing lessons on RESILIENCE.

Here are some helpful hints to use at home.

Things to say to encourage emotional resilience:

“You didn’t let yourself get too angry.”
“You’ve learned how not to get too nervous.”
“You didn’t let that setback stop you from trying.”
“Even though you didn’t do as well as you wanted, you are still positive.”
“You see, you can get through the tough stuff.”
“You chose not to get upset yourself about what happened.”

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**MUFTI DAY**

This 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.

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**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.

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**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.
...Remember to get in early with your order as the sheep poo always sells quickly!
...See the order form in this week’s Blue and White.
Dear Parents/Carers

We are seeking feedback from parents on the changes made in week 5 to the structure and organisation of the recess and lunch breaks. These changes were made in response to the school's self-evaluation survey last year (Blue and White November 13 2013) to determine the future direction of playground policies, procedures and facilities.

Staff and students have been surveyed at school.

*Please complete the questions below and return to the front office by Wednesday 9th April.*

Has your child/children talked to you about the longer recess break?  
YES  NO

Has your child/children talked to you about eating lunch inside?  
YES  NO

If so, what were their comments?

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What are your opinions on children eating lunch in the classroom with their teachers?

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Has your child commented on having additional teachers in the playground and more areas to play?  
YES  NO

What were their comments?

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Additional Comments
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 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 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:**

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

**NEXT FETE MEETING:** Tuesday 29th April at 5:45pm in the School Library.

**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 **Saturday 12th 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)

**Mufti Day for Donations** – an opportunity for the children to wear mufti 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 [coops.4@bigpond.com](mailto:coops.4@bigpond.com) or 0488 559 928 ; and Katrina Llewellyn: [katrinalewellyn3@gmail.com](mailto:katrinalewellyn3@gmail.com) or 0424 402 622.

I can help! Name: __________________________ Contact Details: _______________________
Child/ren: ___________________________ Class/es: ______________________________

All help is voluntary but very gratefully received!
ARMIDALE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL
SHEEP MANURE FUNDRAISER—2014 FETE
ORDER FORM

PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORM TO ACPS
FRONT OFFICE
OR TO ANDREW

Name: ..........................................................................................................................

Telephone Contact Number: ..........................................................................................

No. of Bags ..........@ $7 per bag = $ ...................................

Please Tick One Box

☐ Please deliver my manure to the following address (in town)
   @ $2 per bag delivery fee.
   Delivery is free if ordering 10 or more bags.

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Add delivery fee if applicable $ ......................

OR

☐ I will collect my manure from the fete on Saturday, 10 May.

TOTAL OWING $ ..................

Payment is required at time of collection/delivery.

For more information or to place orders please contact:

Andrew Simpson on 6775 2441 or 0402 466 894 or beemer_au@yahoo.com.au

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE 2014 ACPS FETE
LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13 - 15 May 2014.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

In 2014, as in previous years, the Writing task will be a single common task for all students. The 2014 Writing test will require students to respond to either a persuasive or narrative Writing prompt. However, the genre of the prompt will not be disclosed prior to the test period.

Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 16 May 2014.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:
- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustment or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at [www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html).