It is hard to believe the term is almost finished. Thank you to all the staff, parents, and students for another great term at ACPS. Looking at the calendar for Term 2, I know it is going to be just as busy and as exciting as Term 1.

Thank you to all the students who contributed to the SRC’s mufti day last Thursday. The event raised $500 to support Cancer Research and The Devil Ark Project.

Congratulations to our students who performed at last Wednesday’s 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. The confidence and creativity of our students is evidence of their love of learning and performing. Every child who participated by completing the research project is to be congratulated on their excellent efforts.

A huge thank you to Mrs. Ridley, Miss Trott, and Mr. Widders for supporting our students in the Learn to Swim classes over the past two weeks. This activity is a very important part of the school’s safety program and provides an opportunity for non-swimmers to have intensive lessons to ensure they begin to develop their swimming skills.

Congratulations to Sophie Hay, Amy Showell, and Mangarchot Maluach who were successful last Friday in gaining selection in the North West soccer selections.

Congratulations also to Chris Tall, Lilli-Cate McMillan, and Piyumi Ekanayake who auditioned to be a part of the production called 'The Magic Flute.' All three students were successful in gaining a place in the Magic Flute Children’s Chorus and will now work with Opera Australia before the production in August. Well done.

Today Sam Bugden, Kael Streeting, Angus Towie, Aaron George, Clancy Roberts, and Lucy Cook are competing in the State swimming championships at Homebush. I know all six students will do their best and enjoy the experience.
It is with sadness that I announce to the school that Miss Trott will be leaving us at the end of the term. Miss Trott has been offered a position at another school for the remainder of the year. Miss Trott has been a valued and respected member of our staff for the past 5 years and we wish her well in her new school.

Tomorrow is Monica Harrap's last day with us for a while. Monica will be going on leave to have her baby which is due any day. We wish her and her family all the best. We welcome Janaya Lockwood who will be replacing Monica as a support person in our school.

I can't wait for our annual Easter Hat Parade on Friday. The hat parade is a highlight in Term 1 for staff, students and parents. I look forward to seeing all the creative hats that the children have made and sharing a picnic morning tea with parents and students.

ANZAC Day is coming up in the school holidays and once again the school has been invited to join the March in Armidale. This March is on the last Friday of the holidays: 25 April. Armidale City has a long tradition of strong representation for the ANZAC March and this year I look forward to once again leading a large contingent of our students as we honour those who have served our country in conflict across the world. Students are asked to meet in Moore Street at the Armidale Plaza Car park at 10:15am. The March will commence at 10:40am and proceed along Faulkner Street to Central Park for a Commemoration and Wreath Laying Service commencing at 11:00am. Should the weather be inclement, the service will be conducted in the auditorium of the Armidale Ex Services Memorial Club. Should this change be necessary, announcement will be made over the local Radio Station.

Thank you to the students, staff, parents, carers and members of the P&C and wider school community for your support of our school this term. Your encouragement and commitment to the school has once again made my role as Acting Principal an easier one. I will be returning to my position as Assistant Principal in Week 2 next term. Mr Hobbs will take up the Principal role just in time for our fete which will give him a great opportunity to get to know our wonderful school community.

I wish all our students and families a relaxing break and a wonderful Easter.

Reminders
Fete Meeting: Tuesday 29 April at 5.45pm in the Library
Staff Development Day: Monday 28 April is a Staff Development Day. Students return on Tuesday 29 April.

Advance notice
On Wednesday 7 May, SNAKETAILS will be visiting our school. Snaketails is performed in a pit environment and involves students learning about Australian pythons, lizards, turtles as well as four of Australia’s deadliest snakes. Students are taught bush awareness and first aid. Further information and costs will be sent home in Week 1 next term.

Mrs Cherrie Paterson
Acting Principal

REMINDER
If you have order Hot Cross Buns please collect them from the School Office after 1pm this Friday.

You Can Do It Corner

Persistence Key

Students are currently completing lessons on PERSISTENCE.

Things to say to encourage Persistent behaviour

- “You didn't give up, well done!”
- “You kept trying, Great effort.”
- “Making that extra effort will help you learn.”
- “You sure do not give up easily.”
- “See, persistence pays off.”
- “The more you practice, the better you become.”
- “I see you understand that to be successful, you sometimes have to do things you do not feel like doing.”

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DON’T FORGET TO PRE-ORDER YOUR SHEEP POO
…it always sells out quickly at the fete!
The order form was attached to last week’s Blue and White or stop by the office for another copy.
A reminder that you can join our happy band of sheep poo shovelers this Saturday at 2pm, 12 April at Gostwyck.
For further details or enquiries contact Andrew on 0402 466 894 or 6775 2441.

BOOK FAIR
Tuesday 29 April to Tuesday 6 May 2014
In the Library
Opening Hours 8.30am-4pm (Not Friday 2 May 2014)

Armidale City Band is looking for new members. Become a member and receive two years free group tuition!
Interested? Come along to our information night on Thursday, 10 April, Armidale City Band hall, 120 Dumaresq St (opposite Civic Park) at 7pm.

Basketball is Back!!!
Armidale Minibasketball begins the new term with new teams and new activities. So don’t forget to turn up, otherwise we won’t know you want to play.

Miniball is basketball for primary school children and this term we are going to try something different. We are bringing back the younger age group of Kinder to year 2 - all by themselves. This session will run from 4pm - 4.50 and will include a training session followed by a mini game.
If they want, they can stay back for an extra game with the next group.
Players in years 3 & 4 can turn up at 4.50 for their game.
The first few weeks are dedicated to forming teams and getting new players in. Year 5 & 6 players turn up at 5.40 to have their game.
Games are held on Mondays at The Den, located at AHS.
The first round for term 2 will be on Monday 5th May.
Come along and try it out for a week to see if you like it; new players are always welcome. Game cost is $5 per game or $35 per term with the Annual Registration $25.

We have a free training session on Wednesday afternoons at 4.30 - 5.30 beginning 7 May at The Den and this is open to all students, even if they do not play basketball. There is no cost to this training.
If you would like to participate in this fabulous game, please contact Judy Monaghan on 6772 7771 or 0417 622 859 or catch us on email at armball@bigpond.com. We put all children into teams with as many friends as possible.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD
- Family Relationship Centre
- Exchange Students Families needed
- Stamps
- Tuition
- Babysitting
- After School Care
- Driving Course
- NERAM
- Bridge
- Hockey

If you would like more information on these events please call into our office and check out our Community Noticeboard.
The countdown ‘TO DO’ list to Fete Day …

5. **Next fete meeting:** Tues 29th April 5:45pm school library

4. **SELL SOME RAFFLE TICKETS!**
   Mother’s Day Fete Raffle tickets are attached to this week’s Blue and White.
   There are some fantastic prizes on offer for raffle winners … There are also prizes for the children who sell the most tickets!
   While we don’t encourage children to sell tickets door-to-door … family, friends and anyone who walks in your door are fair game!
   (If you need more tickets, they are available from the front office.)
   Ticket stubs and collected money should be returned to the front office prior to fete day. Don’t forget to write your child’s name and class on the front of the booklet so that they can have a chance at winning a prize!
   *(It is fine if you prefer not to sell tickets, but could you please return your unsold booklets to the front office)*

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

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

2. **COME ALONG TO THE INFAMOUS SHEEP POO DRIVE!**

*Saturday 12th April 12:30 at Deeargee Woolshed*

... AND get in early with your order as the sheep poo always sells out quickly!
See the order form attached to today’s Blue and White.
1. FILL A FETE BOX …

The school holidays are the perfect time to clean out your cupboards and collect some fete treasures. Remember, your ‘trash’ could be someone else’s treasure!

No need to send in donations just yet, but get 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 & plants for the potted plants stall

**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)

*Remember there will be house points for donations ... and a mufti day as an added incentive!*  
*Detections will be collected at the beginning of term 2 ... stay tuned!*

**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  
Katrina Llewellyn: [katrinallewellyn3@gmail.com](mailto:katrinallewellyn3@gmail.com) or 0424 402 622

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1. **I can help on these Stalls:**

- BBQ and drinks
- Beautiful Baskets
- Tombola (bottle stall)
- Hook a Duck
- White Elephant
- Face Painting
- Fete Raffle
- Pet Show
- Chocolate Wheel
- Book Stall
- Fairy Floss
- Popcorn
- Choc or Not
- Pre-school stall
- Baby Goods & Toys
- Lucky Dips
- Used Clothing
- **Plant Stall**

1. **I am available:**

- All day
- Half day – times:
- 1 hour – best time:

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

All help is voluntary but very gratefully received!