On Thursday, 22 May we have the NRMA Road Safety and Science Show coming to ACPS to run a day of activities with our students. Students are encouraged to bring in their bike helmets decorated and parents are welcome to attend the information session at 2.40pm in the hall. Thank you to Sue Kelly for organising this tremendous opportunity for all our students.

Our School Council Annual General Meeting for 2014 was held on Monday night. Thank you to the following parents and community members for agreeing to continue in their respective positions on the council. Chairperson - Nathan Craven, Secretary - Tina Rubie, P&C representative - Lea McMillan, Parent representatives - Kyra Moss and Renee Thomas, Teaching staff representatives - Deb Roach and Leonie MacGregor and Community representatives - Karen Marshall and Barry Skinner. There is still a vacancy on our School Council for a parent representative. If any parent is willing to take on the role of parent representative on the school council please advise the school office as soon as possible.

The role of the School Council is to assist and advise the school in ensuring the needs of all students are being met. I look forward to working with the School Council in the future for the benefit of students and staff at ACPS.

Last week students in Years 3 and 5 took part in NAPLAN. During the week students in Years 3 and 5 sat external assessments in language skills, writing, reading and numeracy. The assessments are a national assessment and are used to assist teachers to plan teaching and learning activities relevant to individual children’s needs. Cumulative results for each grade assist the school to plan teacher professional learning and help to establish direction when making long term plans for the school. The Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and the Writing components were held on Tuesday 13 May. Reading was on Wednesday 14 May and Numeracy was on Thursday 15 May. Results will be available in September. Thank you to parents and family members for ensuring students came to school well rested and ready to participate in NAPLAN.

On Tuesday this week our School Orchestra program re-commenced with students who already play an instrument taking part in orchestra lessons from experienced music teachers April and Ben. April and Ben are being provided as teachers to us by the New England Conservatorium of Music and we know the program will continue the great tradition of music programs at the school. At this point in time we have...
approximately 30 students who will be in our School Orchestra. We have also had a high level of interest from 45 other students who will take part in a school percussion/marimba/keyboard/didge group that will commence at the beginning of Term 3. It is envisaged that the two groups will join together for some sessions and at other times work on individual items. For this program to work parent volunteers are required to help out on a weekly basis when both groups are in action next term. If you are able to give up an hour of your time please let the office know. If you have any other questions about this program, please contact the school office for further information.

A note has gone home with students who currently attend non-scripture in Year 5 and 6 to gather levels of interest for a school based Ethics program. Notes are due back before the end of this term so we can ascertain the level of interest for the Ethics program at our school. At this stage we are commencing the program for Years 5 and 6 students and it will run at the same time as Scripture classes. The level of interest will determine whether the Ethics program will roll out to other year groups in the future.

Over the coming weeks we will have students participating in various Armidale Eisteddfod events including our Stage 2 and 3 choirs. To students participating in individual events we wish you every success and to our school groups – good luck. Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 participated in the Maths Olympiad Competition today and all students are to be commended on their efforts in completing this competition.

Well done, to our boys’ and girls’ soccer teams who played their first state knockout games this week. The boys’ team will play against Ben Venue Public School next week in the second round. Thank you to Brad Townsend for coaching the teams and to parents for your ongoing support. Good luck, to our Rugby League team who will play against Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School (Tenterfield) in the next round of the state knockout on Thursday. Thank you to Kate Schultz and Jimmy Tanner who have organised and trained the team and to parents for their support.

Yesterday at assembly I reminded students that when they are coming to and from school, expectations for positive levels of behaviour are the same as we have at school. I encourage parents and family members to reinforce the values of respect and responsibility and thank all our students for their ongoing positive approach to all challenges.

Most notes sent home from school are available on the school website along with the school’s newsletter. Please feel free to email me on the address below if you wish to raise any points of interest, thank you to parents who have already emailed me with suggestions and questions. If you would like to come in and have a chat at any time please contact the office for a convenient time.

Mr Matt Hobbs
Principal
matthew.hobbs@det.nsw.edu.au

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SPORTS REPORT

Congratulations to all the children who recently participated in our annual cross country. It was great to see so many of you improving on your placings from last year. A team of 48 runners will represent our school at the Zone carnival which will be held this Friday at Bellvue Oval, Armidale. We wish our team the best of luck.

Marvin Palad has been selected in the North West PSSA Boys’ touch team. Marvin will travel to the South

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Coast late June to compete at the State Carnival. Howard Broadbent has been selected to attend the final North West PSSA Rugby trials which are to be held in Tamworth next week. Olivia Joyce has been selected to attend the final Northern Netball trials which are to held in Inverell next week. Congratulations, we wish you all the best for these trials.

Our girls' and boys' soccer teams had mixed success this week when they competed in the first round of the PSSA knockout. The girls were defeated 1 nil in a very closely contested match against Guyra. The boys defeated Martin's Gully 6 nil and will now play Ben Venue in round 2. Mr Townsend was extremely proud of the efforts of both teams and in particular the high level of sportsmanship displayed. Congratulations to both teams.

The Rugby League team will play Tenterfield this Thursday at Rugby League Park in their next round of the PSSA knockout. The team has been training hard under the watchful eye of Jimmy Tanner and Mrs Schultz. Let's hope a home ground advantage and all the training pays off. Good luck and keep up the great work boys!

Mrs Sue Kelly
Sports Coordinator

KINDER RED
Kinder Red has settled right back into Term 2 and our class has been busily working away. In addition to all of our Mathematics and English lessons, this term we are also learning fundamental movement skills with the other Kindergarten classes. We are also learning about our survival needs and how to stay healthy and are being introduced to different percussion instruments and learning some fun songs. We are looking forward to performing a song at the assembly in Week 6.

In class, we read 'Silly Billy' by Anthony Browne. This story features a little boy with a lot of worries which are cured when his grandmother introduces him to Guatemalan worry dolls. We are excited about the arrival of some real worry dolls to our room very soon! As part of our study, we have created artworks and discussed some things we worry about. Our worries include:

- Maddy: I worry about bats eating birds.
- Justin: I worry about dinosaurs in the desert. They are scary and give me the creeps.
- Oshada: I worry about questions marks on paper.
- Emelia: I worry about my cousins because I don't want them to get sick.
- Lillian: I worry about sharks.
- Jack: I worry about walking trees lifting my house up.
- Danika: I worry about spiders because they are poisonous.
- William: I worry about big giants taking the roof off my house.
- Aahlia: I worry about geese biting me.
- Rosie: I worry about forgetting to shut my chooks in where they are safe.
- Taylah: I worry about thunder and spiders because they are scary.
- Bowden: I worry about ghosts at Nan's house.
- Zac: I worry about being sick because I was last week.
- Hollie: I worry about monsters in my bed while I am sleeping.
- Hugh: I worry about people blaming me for things that I didn't do.
- Saho: I worry when my sister is unhappy with me.
- Kaelem: I don't have any worries.
- Charlotte: I worry about the spider on my chimney and the one in the bathroom because I am scared of them.
- Lily-Mae: I worry about a tiger hiding under my bed.
- Absent: Lilly and Kristen

Mrs Carla Morris
Class Teacher

Here's what 1/2K are up to......
We are all working extremely hard in 1/2K. We have been reading and responding to poems about Autumn. Some students in our room think short poems are the best, others like long rhyming poems and some like acrostic poems. We have all shared our opinions on poetry!

Our class text this term is 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. We are loving reading the descriptions of all the characters so far! Roald Dahl has written many wonderful books but this is our class favourite. Did you all know Roald Dahl was very mischievous as a child and he grew up to be a Fighter pilot? We look forward to continuing our text and being introduced to more characters.

Enjoy your week!

From Mrs Schultz and the team in 1/2K
**3/4T Class News**
The students of 3/4T have had a very busy first few weeks of term. Congratulations to all the students who completed the cross-country course last week. It was fantastic to see so many students giving 100% effort and trying their best to run the entire course. A HUGE THANK YOU to all the Stage 2 parents, family members and friends who contributed such delicious cakes and slices to the fete.

In class, the students have shown great interest in researching convicts and the reasons why they were sentenced. It has been quite an eye-opener for some students to discover how tough living conditions were and how severe the punishments could be for simple crimes. We have also been reading ‘The Lost Thing’ by Shaun Tan and comparing it to the award winning short animation that has been created based on the book. I am looking forward to hearing the student’s multicultural speeches in the coming weeks. Some of the ideas that have been mentioned by pupils sound like we will have some very interesting takes on the set topics.

The lost property box in 3/4T’s room is starting to fill up with lost jumpers. If your child has misplaced an item of clothing please encourage them to come and look through the lost property, and as always, please check that all items of your child’s clothing is clearly labelled with their name.

*Mr Brad Townsend*
*Class Teacher*

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**1/2S Class News**
Term 2 has started with a bang and we are already in Week 4! We have welcomed two new students recently and we hope Taliesh and Jessica enjoy their time at ACPS.

We have really enjoyed learning about Poetry and loved writing some mixed up nursery rhymes. They are on display outside our room, so check them out if you are passing through. Thank you to the children who shared their favourite poem for news. Our current work in English is around a ‘Penguins’ theme. We are learning how to write book and movie reviews. This involves studying the characters, setting and events and sharing opinions.

In HSIE our topic is ‘The Way We Were’. We have had some great discussions on the lifestyles of our parents and grandparents and have had fun comparing the past with the present. Stage One will be planning a visit to the Folk Museum later in the term to look at some artefacts.

We got off to a great start with Sport this term! The ‘Little Honda’ dance, prepared by Mr Commens was so much fun! We certainly have some movers and groovers in 1/2S! Last week we started Athletic skills. The students will rotate through a variety of activities including sprint runs/relays, discus/shot put, long jump/high jump and captain ball/tunnel ball. Congratulations to Sophia who is off to Zone Cross Country. We are very proud of you.

We are looking forward to the NRMA Road Safety Day this Thursday. Don’t forget to bring your bike helmets to school on the day.

Enjoy the rest of the term as we move into the colder months.

*Mrs Smith and 1/2S*