PRINCIPAL’S REPORT—WEEK 2

Thank you to the staff, students and community of Armidale City Public School for their warm and friendly welcome to the school. I have been very impressed by the hard work being done by all students in classes and extra-curricular activities. Over the last 18 years I have worked in various schools across the state for the NSW Department of Education and Communities. My most recent appointment was as Principal of Lismore South Public School on the North Coast and I am extremely proud to say I am the Principal of a great NSW Public School – Armidale City Public School. I am looking forward to the fete this weekend and to meeting members of the ACPS and broader Armidale community.

I would like to publicly acknowledge the tremendous work of Mrs Cherrie Paterson who relieved as Principal of ACPS for the past two and half years and thank Cherrie for her ongoing commitment to the staff, students and community of the school. The professionalism, time and effort put into the role by Cherrie were always with the students of our school at the forefront. Mrs Paterson will now step back into her role as Assistant Principal and will be an integral member of our school executive team.

There are only 3 days to go to our annual Mother’s Day Fete. Thank you to all the parents and friends who have bought in items for the many stalls. The fete is the P&C’s major fundraiser for the year and all funds raised go back into the school to support your children’s learning and I would like to extend my thanks (in advance) to all the members of the fete committee and all the P&C members who have already been giving up much of their time to get everything set up so the day can run smoothly. A huge thank you to the families who spent some of the last holidays crawling under shearing sheds to collect the sheep manure for the Plant stall at the fete. A reminder that raffle tickets, beautiful bags and cakes are still needed. Last Friday the cake trays went home with Stage 2 but any parent from other areas of the school who would like to provide home baked cakes and
slices are most welcome to do so. Cakes can be left at the school on Friday or brought in on Saturday morning.

Congratulations to the winners of the Fete colouring competition. Winners were:

KB  Sophie Bailey
KR  Zac MacFarlane  1/2P  Abby Eastment
1/2S  Seb Brotherson  1/2W  Oscar Gates
3/4R  Nicholas Holmes  3/4J  Willow Howe
3/4RT  Lauren Williams  3/4KS  Lilly Green
3/4T  Hamish Gerrard  5/6K  Nikita Giles
5/6J  Sophie Hay  5/6R  Isha Lal
5/6Mac  Javan Smith

Well done!

Next week is the NAPLAN testing. During this week students in Years 3 and 5 will be sitting external assessments in language skills, writing, reading and numeracy. These assessments are a national assessment and are used to assist teachers to plan teaching and learning activities relevant to individual children's needs. The 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 Test (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and the Writing will be held on Tuesday 13 May. Reading will be held on Wednesday 14 May and Numeracy will be on Thursday 15 May. Friday 17 May is a 'Catch Up' day for students who missed the testing on any day due to illness or absence. Results will be available in September. Please ensure your child arrives at school well rested and has a good breakfast on the days of the testing.

Next week will also be the first session of our vertical groups for this term. The groups will be led by our Year 6 students who participated in leadership training last term to help them with their group leadership skills. The focus of the groups will be 'You Can Do It Strategies' and the lessons will help students develop strategies to communicate, get along and be considerate of each other. The groups will be held on Tuesday afternoons in the odd weeks. I know our Year 6 students are looking forward to this opportunity to use their leadership skills.

From next week on Tuesday students in Years 3-6 who wish to be part of our school orchestra program will have the opportunity to learn instruments 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. If you have any questions about this program please contact the school office for further details.

Good luck to our Rugby League team who play against Guyra this Friday. The boys have been training hard and are looking forward to the game. A huge thank you to Kate Schultz and Jimmy Tanner who have organised and trained the team. It is because of the goodwill of staff and some parents that our students have the sporting opportunities that they do. It is a big responsibility for staff to train and manage these teams in their own time and it is important that parents respect the decisions of supervising teachers when managing games and events.

The school has recently installed liquid foam and paper towel dispensers in student toilets and will review the use of these items at the end of this term. Thank you to parents who worked with the school on providing this resource for student use.

I would like to remind parents that all notes sent home from school are also 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 or contact the school office if you would like to come in and have a chat some time.

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

Congratulations

BRONZE AWARDS
3/4R  Fynn Eastwood  Sarah Neilson
5/6R  Amy Evans    Zeudi Pearse
5/6R  April Boyd   Roanan Kelsall
             Hayden Schultz

WORK OF THE FORTNIGHT
KB  Whole Class Book
KR  Lily-Mae O'Shea
KG  Zhara Poulter
1/2P  Tobias Kennedy
1/2S  Onew Kim and Laura Grant
1/2W  Bernie Dawson
1/2C  Finlay Tibbs
3/4J  Artip Suksing
3/4T  Grace Worthing
3/4R  Amelia Brent
3/4RT  Anusha Thapa
3/4KS  Lilly Green
5/6K  Maddy Thapa
5/6J  Shea Fonacier
5/6Mac  Breanna Boyd
5/6R  Mark Cuskelly
SPORTS REPORT
As the trees lose their leaves and the outside temperature drops, it signals the start of winter sports. Many of you have started training for your weekend sports and are looking forward to the start of competition. Good luck and enjoy learning new skills and making lifetime friendships.

This week Mangarchot Maluach is representing the North West at the State PSSA Basketball Championships in Bathurst. He is vying for a position in the NSW team which will compete at the National Championships later this year. We wish Mangarchot every success.

Trials were held today for the Armidale Zone Girls’ and Boys’ Touch and Rugby Union teams. The following children attended the trials: Touch: Ely Sisson, Marvin Palad, Liam Whitehill, Jacob Whitehill, Ethan Kirkwood, Hayden Schultz, Malakye Cook, Corey Hamilton, Olivia Joyce. Union: Howard Broadbent, Ely Sisson, Liam Whitehill, Ethan Kirkwood, Hayden Schultz. We look forward to hearing the results.

Our annual School Cross Country will be held this Thursday. A team of 48 runners will be selected to represent ACPS at the Zone Carnival on the 23 May. A huge thank you to following parents who have offered to help on the day: Tracey Barrow, Nicole Neilson, Joanne Stewart, Angela Harris, Jane Eastwood, Anna Simpson, Marieta Burgess, Victoria Chadar, Jenny Williams, Wendy Petersen, Robila Mobbs. Could all helpers please be at the oval by 12.30pm so I can advise how you can be of assistance. Your continued support is greatly appreciated, as days like this can not run as smoothly without you.

Training will continue for soccer, union, basketball, hockey and softball.

This week’s winning house is Mitchell.

3/4R CLASS NEWS
As usual it has been a busy start to Term 2. Many thanks to the parents and carers of students in 3/4R for your support and contributions towards the fete. We have been discussing some cooking options for the cake trays that were given to Stage 2 students last Friday.

In class, our HSIE unit is British Colonisation of Australia. We have also been reading Nanberry by Jacki French which everyone is enjoying. Mr McGrath has given the children a Science project to complete while Mrs Docksey has outlined the topics for the Multicultural Speaking Competition. Our Stage 2 Choir is sounding fabulous and we are looking forward to performing in the Eisteddfod.

Tomorrow is the School Cross Country to be held at Moran Oval. The children will need to wear their sports uniform and ensure they have a water bottle and school hat. We will have a picnic lunch at Moran Oval. As the weather is becoming cooler it is important to label clearly your child’s clothing. At the end term 1 we had quite a bit of lost property.

Thanks to Margie Hamilton who is continuing to cover class readers. Also to the parents who are helping at the fete. We do appreciate all that you do. A Happy Mother’s Day to all.

KINDER BLUE CLASS NEWS
We have hit the ground running this term in Kindergarten Blue! Mostly to keep warm! We really enjoyed our holiday break and we have written and illustrated a class book about all of the fun things we did. Here are some of the things we got up to in the holidays:
In the holidays I...
...made a piñata. by Lucy Norman
...went to the park and rode a bike. by Bella Young
...watched T.V. by Oliver Stubbs
...watched T.V. and a movie. by Brendan Smith
...went to the beach. by Charlie Foster
...played in my sandpit. by William Middleton
...went to the swimming pool. by Ezekiel Too
...went to the beach. by Jade Foster
...went to the beach. by Jemma Humphreys
...went for a swim. by Sophie Bailey
...watched T.V. by Mantaj Sidhu
...went to the park. by Tallon Watson-Dawson
...went to the beach. by Cooper Galvin
...went to the Lego movie. by Elijah Gaw
...went to the beach. by Jay Gates
...went to the zoo. by Hayley Bliss
...went to Jesse’s birthday. by Amelie Stone
...went to Melbourne Zoo. by Busby Model
...went to the farm. by Jolie Hess
...went camping. by Lily Fairliegh-Waters

Have a great term. It is sure to be a busy one!

Debbie Roach
Class Teacher
5/6J CLASS NEWS

5/6 J have had a great start to Term 2 and we are very excited to welcome our new student Jaylease Van Dorp Browning to Armidale City Public School. We have a busy week ahead with the Leaders Conference, the Snake Tails experience session on Wednesday and our Cross-Country on Thursday. Please bring in your permission notes for these activities and any Fete donations, especially the Stage 3 beautiful baskets! Thank you to those families who have sent in donations for the fete, it is greatly appreciated!

This term we are going to be investigating the country of China and this week we will be learning about Pandas. On Friday we drew some fantastic baby pandas and we finished our ANZAC artworks which depict the red poppies on the battlefields. We learnt about a boy who was named ANZAC after his great-great grandfather and the impact the first World War had on his family.

We will be reading a class text called "Onion Tears" by Diana Kidd which is about a young girl who wants to adjust to her new life in Australia, but she can’t. She misses her parents and her beloved grandfather too much, and she is haunted by her experiences as a refugee. This is a story that all of Stage 3 will be reading and responding to throughout Term 2.

In Sport we will be focussing on training for our field events and athletics carnival which will happen this term. We rotate around high jump, long, jump, shot put and discus practise. Thank you to our sports captains and vice captains who set up our equipment each week–you do a great job!

Mrs Felicity Jones
Class Teacher

Last Chance For Sheep Poo Orders

A reminder that it's not too late to order bags of sheep poo.

We have sold 1/2 the available bags and it always sells out early on fete day.

A big thank you to those that have already ordered and supported the fabulous ACPS Fete.

Order forms are available at the office or by contacting Andrew on 0402 466 894 or beemer-au@yahoo.com.au

Uralla Unique Markets

Uralla Unique Markets - we raise money for local charities through the stallholders' fees. We are inviting kids in having a stall at our market. We charge $1 for a stall.

Our market is a Make it, Bake it Grow it market, and is on the corner of Salisbury Street and Bridge Street, opposite the Visitors' Centre. It is a lovely park, with state of the art loos at one end, and shady trees around 2 sides. Very easy parking as well. We hold the market on the day before Armidale's PCYC market - that is, the last Saturday of the month [providing there is a following Sunday] or the Saturday before that.

We don't need our stallholders to take out insurance, so that there are no onerous fees for them. The kids only need a table and a chair.

Apart from selling sausage wraps, the Green Tea Frog sells teas and chocolate. Coffee is at the Visitors' Centre. Every one helps every one set up, and it has a lovely 'village green' atmosphere. We don't start until 9am, and finish around 1pm.

Not only are there some really lovely stalls, but Uralla also has great eateries, galleries, and the Wool Room, open all weekend, so it is really a lovely morning out for families.

Things kids could sell would be knitted goods, sheep poo, plants, plaster casts, used books, baking, bracelets, hair decorations, and I'm sure there are many more things that they can think of. It would really make UUM unique if we had a whole lot of kids selling their craft goods.

For further information please contact Jodie Ridley via the school and she can pass you on to the coordinator of the markets.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- Family Relationship Centre
- Exchange Students Families needed
- Stamps
- Tuition
- After School Care
- NERAM
- Bridge
- Hockey

If you would like more information on these events please call into our office and check out our Community Noticeboard.
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IT’S TIME TO BRING IN DONATIONS!

DONATIONS can be dropped off at the Sports Shed each morning between 8:30 – 9:30am ... STUDENTS WILL COLLECT HOUSE POINTS FOR DONATING!

What can you donate?
- Second-hand items in good condition: clothes, books, CDs, magazines, games, toys, household items ...
  Potted plants for the plants stall.

STAGE DONATIONS to be given to class teachers

Each stage is focusing on collecting for a particular stall.
- Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 – small prizes for Lucky Dip etc (details went home last week)
- Stage 2 – Cake Stall (bags and trays have gone home this week ... so have a think about what you might cook!)
  Stage 3 – Beautiful Baskets (details and bags were sent home last week)

See class teachers if you have any questions.

SELL SOME RAFFLE TICKETS ... and bring them in!

There are some fantastic prizes on offer for raffle winners ...
1st Prize: Load of Wood
2nd Prize: One night’s accommodation for up to 5 people at "Whispering Pines Cottage", Dorrigo
3rd Prize: a Pamper Pack for Mum

While we don’t encourage children to sell tickets door-to-door ... family, friends and anyone who walks in your door are fair game!

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)

CAN YOU SPARE HALF AN HOUR TO HELP ON A STALL?

The stalls we need helpers for are: Beautiful Baskets, Choc or Not Stall, Toy Stall and the Used Baby Goods Stall. If you can contribute a small part of your day this Saturday to help on a stall, contact Leanne on 0488 559 928 or Katrina on 0424 402 622.

DON’T FORGET TO PRE-ORDER YOUR SHEEP POO

The sheep poo always sells out quickly! If you need another copy of the order form, please stop by the front office.

IS YOUR PET READY FOR THE PET SHOW?

The very popular fete pet show is on again! Show off your special pet – furry, feathered or finned is fine. Special categories for best dressed and even stuffed toy pets!
And our final request to you …

COME ALONG & ENJOY THE ARMIDALE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL FETE!

Fun for the whole family with something for everyone including stalls, games, entertainment and great food…

• photo booth • mini golf
• labyrinth • delicious Indian food
• lucky dip • Japanese craft & food
• pet rocks • cake stall
• white elephant • tombola
• bottle stall • chocolate wheel
• face painting • plants & sheep poo
• pet show & dog wash • beautiful boxes, bags and baskets –
• jumping castle GREAT GIFTS FOR MOTHER’S DAY!
• LOTS of GREAT ENTERTAINMENT!
• photo booth • café and more …

Bring a friend and join the fun at the
Armidale City Public School Mother’s Day Fete!

Pet Show
Saturday 10th May – 10:30am
Categories include:
Most Wonderful Dog
Best Groomed Cat
Best Stuffed Animal
Most unusual Pet
Best any other Type
Best Dressed Pet
Best Trick New Category!
Remember to register your pet early on the day! Entry fee is only $2
Contact Tarnia Patton on
0401 007 538

if you would like further information.

To GET INVOLVED or find out MORE … contact this year’s fete coordinators:
Leanne Cooper coops.4@bigpond.com or 0488 559 928 ; and
Katrina Llewellyn: katrinallewellyn3@gmail.com or 0424 402 622.
Snake Tails