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to improve the quality of teaching in schools and to improve outcomes for all students. It is highly strategic, focusing on 3 key areas for improvement determined by the school in consultation with its community, to ensure a profound difference to the ongoing growth and development of the school. Each strategic direction will articulate the school’s approach and identify the key improvement measures using the new 5P methodology – Purpose, People, Processes, Practices and Products. The product will be an individual school plan, contextually driven to support the achievement of the key improvement measures to address the needs of students at the local level. In collaboration with our school parent body and community we want to create a shared vision for Armidale City Public School. Any parent who wishes to have input, please email me to register your interest.

An official Armidale City Public School Facebook page has been set up and this page will be kept up to date with whole school events on a regular basis. This is another way for families to see what is going on at the school. The address is https://www.facebook.com/armidalecitypublicschool. If you would like to ask any questions about this page please contact the office.

Our Stage 3 leadership team will today attend the New England Schools Remember event in Armidale. This is an important event for Armidale and I thank Mrs Paterson and Mrs MacGregor for organising our attendance.

During Term 3 all classes will be taking part in child protection lessons as part of the PDHPE curriculum for NSW DEC. If any parent would like to discuss the content of these lessons please contact your child’s teacher.

I would like to remind all parents who drop their children off each day and pick them up to reinforce safe behaviour when crossing roads - particularly when getting out of a car and crossing the road. We have a high volume of cars and buses around our school in the morning and afternoon and it is important students remember all road safety rules. I would also like to remind parents that the school car park should not be used to drop off, or collect children.

Good luck, to our basketball and touch football teams who will play in the next round of the PSSA knockout this week.

The boys’ basketball team is travelling to Port Macquarie to play in the next round of the PSSA knockout this week. Good luck, to our basketball and touch football teams who will play in the next round of the PSSA knockout this week.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – WEEK 5

Congratulations to Mrs Jodie Ridley who has been appointed through the DEC Merit Selection process to the vacant Assistant Principal position at Armidale City Public School. This means Mrs Ridley will continue as the teacher on 3/4RT for the remainder of 2014. Mrs Kelly returns from long service leave this week and we thank, Mr Bugden joins her tremendous work with 5/6K while Mrs Kelly was away.

We had ‘A Little Night Music’ last Wednesday evening in the school hall and the talent on show was wonderful. The students who performed presented a wide variety of music to demonstrate their talents. Well done, to all students involved, thank you, to Mrs MacGregor for organising the evening and thank you, parents for your support.

Our P&C meeting for August was also held last Wednesday evening and a number of items were discussed at the meeting ranging from school projects the P&C is going to support, to the next meal deal to school canteen and its viability. I encourage community members to come along to the next meeting in September and join in with this hard working group.

We are currently working on developing our school plan for 2015 - 2017. The new approach to school planning brings together a number of reforms to give NSW public schools greater authority to meet the needs of their communities,