There has been great excitement in 1/2W this term while studying the HSIE ‘Wet and Dry environment’ unit.

Earlier in the term the class looked at the issue of logging and students wrote a discussion outlining their views. We have also studied different animals from both wet and dry environments while learning to write information reports. Recently, the excitement has been due to students delivering their HSIE projects to the class.

Week 5 saw Stage 1 students head off to Thalgarrah to explore the Gara River and the bush land surrounding it. Students were given scoops to collect a variety of living creatures from the river. Many living things were collected including shrimp, mayfly larvae and leeches. These were all closely examined under microscopes before being returned to the river.

I look forward to the Book Character Parade to see what imaginative costumes the students and parents have created.

Mr Commens and 1/2W

5/6R CLASS NEWS

Term 3 is an exceptionally busy one for our class. We are currently involved in a film project which sees a small group working to make a short film based on the Armidale Community Garden. This film will become part of the Council’s website Lifestyle 2350. It will also be entered into the Northwest Film Festival which helps highlight community projects and student involvement. David Waugh has been working with these students, demonstrating filming techniques, photography, refining interviews and editing.

We have also selected our Da Vinci Decathlon teams for this year’s event. We will be entering a Year 6 team and also a Year 5 team this year. This is an academic gala day where students are pitted against teams from around the north and west of New South Wales and complete challenging activities in Maths, English, Science, Art, Poetry, Philosophy, Cartography, Engineering, problem solving and code breaking, and general knowledge.

One of our most exciting projects currently being undertaken is the Kidpreneur $50 Challenge. Pairs of students are responsible for starting and running a business from scratch, making their product and finally selling their goods. This is an excellent way to learn about ‘real world’ financial skills of budgeting, managing money and finally determining which charitable organisation to support with their profits.

Mrs Maria Russell
Class Teacher

3/4J CLASS NEWS

3/4J would like to welcome Miss Elizabeth Davis to our class. Miss Davis is with us from the UNE and will be spending 4 weeks learning with us and teaching some fantastic lessons. We are excited to have her here at ACPS.

Currently we are focused on the HSIE topic, Connected Community, and have been delighted to see how involved we all are in the wider community of Armidale. 3/4J are also currently absorbed in a creative writing unit with the focus on the writefun writing competition. There are some phenomenal writers in our midst!!

I have a sensational week.

Mrs Jodie Ridley
Class Teacher

BOOK CLUB

On Issue 6 Star, the item “Build, Discover, Survive – Mastering Minecraft” is no longer available. Please do not order.

Mrs Judy Docksey
Librarian

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Yep, it’s that time again! Time to get your ropes out (Mum and Dad’s included), start practicing your skipping skills and get your heart beating! Because Jump Rope for Heart jump off day will be happening on Wednesday 10 September 2014.

Why skip?

Here are ten reasons why you should skip:

- Exercise is important for good mental health.
- Jumping is the best exercise for a healthy Lymphatic System.
- It’s a full body workout.
- You can do it anywhere.
- Equipment is minimal and easily transported.
- It’s fun.
- It’s simple, fast, and non-interruptive.
- It can warm you up quickly if you’re feeling cold.
- There are tons of tricks to keep it interesting.
- It’s a quick activity that you can do to spend time with your kids.

We recently had a visit from a demo team from Kempsey East who showed us some amazing tricks.

Mrs Jodie Ridley
Organiser

THALGARRAH FUN!!!

SWIMMING CHAMPS!!!
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT—WEEK 6

This week, I would like to focus on the fine achievements and efforts of our students. At Assembly on Tuesday I had the opportunity to present awards ranging from Credits and Distinctions in the UNSW Science Competition, to Athletics Champions from our School Athletics Carnival to school Silver and Gold Awards. I would like to make particular mention of our first Gold Award recipients for 2014, Charlotte Coventry and Seb Dinsdale. I would also like to mention our swimmers who competed at the Hannah Shield, our basketballers who progressed to the top eight in the state knockout and our touch football team playing the final of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition in Townsville this week.

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, to improve the quality of teaching in schools and to improve outcomes for all students. It is highly strategic, focussing on key areas for improvement determined by the school in consultation with its community, to ensure a profound difference to the ongoing development of the school. Each strategic direction will articulate the school’s approach and identify the key improvement measures using the new SP 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 parents, the new plan will 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.

During Term 3 all classes will be taking part in child protection lessons as part of the PSHE 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 parents and students that supervision commences at 8.40am each day and at the end of the school day at 3.10pm, students are required to head directly home, to their bus stops or to collection points for parents. We thank parents for their support with this matter.

Thank you, to all students and staff for their efforts in contributing to our Book Week parade this week. Your costumes were wonderful. Next week is Literacy and Numeracy Week and each class will be participating in a variety of activities throughout the week to recognise the importance of Literacy and Numeracy in our school.

Mr Matt Hobbs
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SPORT REPORT

Congratulations, to the boys’ basketball team who defeated Harris Carter in the Inter Regional Final of the PSSA Knockout. The boys were strong in both their defence and attack and won the game 38 - 29. Armidale City Public School is now in the final eight of the state knockout and will travel to Bathurst in September to compete at the State Championships. Well done boys and keep training hard.

Mangarchal Malouach is away this week, representing NSW at the National PSSA Basketball Championships in Townsville. This is a fantastic achievement and wonderful opportunity for a very talented athlete. We wish Mangarchal and the NSW team every success.

Congratulations, to the boys touch football team who defeated Newling Public School 9-4 in the PSSA knockout. It was an entertaining game in which ACS dominated from the start. The team will now travel to Inverell this Thursday, to play Ross Hill in the third round. Good luck boys. We look forward to hearing the result.

Congratulations, to the team of athletes who recently competed at the Zone PSSA Athletics carnival. The following children will now represent the Zone at the North West carnival which is to be held in Tamworth, Friday 29th August. MacQUEE Chadar, William Blackwell, Fraser Wilson, Marcel Palad, Sophia Croft, Zara Smith, Zoe McShane, Jessica Burgess, Tabitha Peterson, Kate Haynes, Jovan Smith, Corey Evans-Hamilton, Ely Sisson, Emily Berrymore, Margaret Conroy, Madeline Holmes, Claudia Marshall, Jacob Whitehill, Kau Chadar, Mangarchal Malouach, Shae-Lee Murray, Brittany Swanson, Malohye Cook, Sophie Huy, Louella Gayden, John Sarota, Piyum Ekanayake and Liam Whitehill. Good luck, and we hope many personal bests are achieved at the next level.

A special thank you to Wendy Peterson, for sharing her valuable expertise with our athletics team. It was greatly appreciated and it certainly paid off!

The annual Hanna Shield Swimming Carnival was held yesterday at Sport Une. Congratulations, to all the swimmers. The boys placed second overall and the girls placed fourth. A huge thank you to our wonderful parent cheer squad. You certainly spurred our team on.

2/2W Felicity Stewart
1/2C Bailey Burgess
3/4T Wayne Weatherall
3/4T John Sarota
3/4R Shadrac Wanga and Finn Eastwood
3/4R Aaron George
3/4KS Bethany Eickhoff
5/6K Whole Class
5/6J Chloe Hamilton
5/6Mac Whole Class
5/6R Max Fairy and Roanan Kellsall

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