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We are currently working on developing our school plan for 2015 - 2017. Staff spent time yesterday afternoon familiarising themselves with the new planning documents. Staff will also be spending more time over coming weeks working on the school plan for 2015 - 2017. Thank you also to parents who have indicated their interest in being a part of school planning, a session will be held before the end of term for this group. 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 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 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 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.

Our Facebook page has been up and running for a couple of weeks and the feedback has been very positive thus far. 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 PDHPE curriculum for NSW DEC. If any parent would like to discuss the content of these lessons, please contact your child’s teacher.

With the wet weather that is about at the moment I would like to reinforce the message from the local SES around driving in and through flood water. Please do not attempt to drive or cross or drive through fast flowing water as there are very often unseen obstacles that will prevent you from doing so and place yourself and your children in possible danger. I would also like to reinforce with our students that they should not play in or near storm water drains. It is vital we all stay safe when the weather is inclement and I thank parents for their support with this issue.

The term is going very quickly and I would like to congratulate students for their great work so far - keep it up girls and boys.

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**BRONZE AWARDS**

3/4J: Justin O’Malley
Cee-Jay Pout-Roberts
Mya Wilson
Rhiannon Bryon
5/6Mac: Toby Hall
Miles Gayden

**KENT HOUSE**

Last week was book week and I had the pleasure of taking some characters to read their book at Kent House. From 3/4RT Mikayla Tombs dressed up as Pippy Longstockings, Lucas Stone dressed up as messy Mr Twit, from 3/4KS Caleb Rees was an amazing Tim Man and Zara Smith the beautiful Heidi, from 3/4R Belle Mitchell was Hormone Comicon from 3/4J with the costumes of Pippy the Cat and from 3/4R Ben Harris was Conan from Spirit Animals, from 3/4J Rubi-Lea Ainsworth was Splat The Cat and Alana Harman was Leslie from The Bridge to Terabithia and from 3/4T Pippy Bell was the fabulous panda and Alex Watson was Wally from Where’s Wally?. It was a lovely excursion that was appreciated by all, both students and Kent house participants thoroughly enjoyed it.

Miss Charmaine Perris
Teacher