10 September 2014
The past week has seen Armidale City Public School have outstanding success in the Da Vinci Decathlon, Armidale Fair Trading Centre NAIDOC Week Art Competition and NSW PSSA Basketball. Our basketball team travelled to Bathurst to play in the PSSA knockout finals on Monday and were successful in winning the title – backing up the result from 2013. The team defeated Niagara Park Public School 50 – 35 in the quarter final, Cooerwull Public School 51 – 21 in the semi-final and Regentville Public School 54 – 40 in the final. From all reports the boys played very well as a team and deserved to win the title for 2014. Thank you to Mrs Docksey for coaching the team and to Nathan Smith for travelling with the team to Bathurst. Thank you also to all parents for their ongoing support of the team and in particular the parents who travelled to cheer on the boys in Bathurst.

A number of our students have been awarded prizes in the Armidale Fair Trading Centre NAIDOC Week Art Competition. Prizes were presented to students last Friday. Congratulations to Roanan Kelsall, Juliet Knuckey, April Boyd, Zeudi Pearse and Dougie Close on winning first prize in the Year 5 to 6 category, Eden Kelsall for winning second prize in the Year 3 to Year 4 category and 1/2W and 5/6J on winning prizes in the class categories. Thank you to Mrs Kelsall for coordinating entries from ACPS for this event.

Well done also to our Da Vinci Decathlon teams on their efforts in the Da Vinci competition last Friday. Our Year 6 team successfully defended their title from 2013 and our Year 5 team was highly commended for their efforts. Thank you to Mrs Russell for coordinating and coaching the teams.

NAPLAN results were sent home on Friday last week for students in Years 3 and 5 who completed NAPLAN last term. If any parent wishes to discuss their child’s NAPLAN information, please contact your child’s teacher.

We are currently planning for 2015 and it is important we know which students are intending to come to our school for 2015. Thank you to the families who came along to our Kindergarten 2015 information sessions last week. If any parents are wishing to enrol their child for 2015 Kindergarten please let the school office know as soon as possible if you have not already done so. We are also working on developing our school plan for 2015 - 2017. Staff will be spending more time over coming weeks working on the school plan for 2015 - 2017. Any parent who wishes to have input, please email me to register your interest.

This Thursday the police youth liaison officer will be coming to Armidale City Public School to talk with all Stage 2 students about protocols for using the internet, cyber safety and some of the issues students should be aware of associated with playing games such as Minecraft online. This talk is part of the Child Protection lessons that have been taking place across all classes throughout Term 3.

Thank you to our P&C members for putting on the Father’s Day breakfast last Friday. We hope all the fathers who came along enjoyed the morning and that fathers of children at Armidale City Public School had a good Father’s Day. We have had to postpone our Jump Rope for Heart day until next Wednesday, 17 September due to inclement weather today. Good luck to our debating team and touch football team who will compete in their next rounds of state wide competition next week.

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Congratulations
Father’s Day Raffle Winners
1st Prize
Bunnings Gift Voucher
Ela Tabulutu
2nd Prize
Jackson Quality Meats Voucher
Eli Gaw
3rd Prize
St Kilda Lunch Vouchers
Johnathon Roberts

‘Jump Rope for Heart’ money is due back at school on
Thursday 18 September 2014.

Thank you for supporting this great fund raiser.
BRONZE AWARDS

1/2S  Rory Cornish
3/4R  Nicholas Holmes
3/4J  Julia Stewart  Paige Dawson  Wayne Weatherall
3/4RT Delphi Collins  Lauren Williams
3/4KS Scott Bramley  Harper Bryon  Grace Rodrigues - Anderson

DA VINCI DECATHLON

The 2014 Northern NSW Da Vinci Decathlon was held during Week 8 at The Armidale School. Two teams of eight Year 6 and Year 5 students were selected to compete in this event. It is an academic inter school gala day run in the spirit of an Olympic Decathlon with events of an academic nature.

The Year 6 students - Howard Broadbent, Lucy Cook, Juliet Knuckey, Beth Do, Roanan Kelsall, Jane Spencer, Olive Tutt and Margaret Conroy - were selected as a team who were able to complement each other in the various disciplines and work cohesively as a team. The team took out first place in the disciplines of Engineering and Code Breaking and second place in English, Maths, Art & Poetry and Cartography. This meant that they were the overall winners in the Year 6 division.

This year a Year 5 team was also entered - Hamish Doak, Adi Lal, Eli Clark, Aneeka Armstrong, Zeudi Pearse, Tomasina Model, Emilie Gates and Esther Eickhoff. They took out first place in the Mathematics discipline.

Our teams competed against teams from The Armidale School, PLC, St Johns Junior School, St Mary’s, Carinya Christian School, Calrossy Anglican School, Scone Grammar School, Holy Trinity Inverell and Macquarie Anglican College in Dubbo. The Armidale City Public School teams utilised their individual subject strengths as well as their ability to work as a team to achieve excellent results. They are also to be commended for the outstanding manner in which they represented the school.

Mrs Maria Russell
Organiser

Family Relationship Centre
Exchange Students Families needed
Tuition
After School Care
Bridge
Hockey
Scouts - Celebrations
NECOM
‘Far Out Science’ Video Comp
Frank Archibald Memorial Lecture
Kids Camp—Sport and Recreation
Little Athletics Rego
Guyra Piggy Picnic Races
Cricket
Piano Tuition
Commute Bike Challenge— Sunday 28 September
Armidale Community Weight Loss Challenge
Nature Garden Tours - School Holiday Program
School Holiday – Tennis Camps

If you would like more information on these events please call into our office and check out our Community Noticeboard.
Father’s Day BBQ