1/2P CLASS NEWS

It is hard to believe it is Term 4 already. 1/2P have had a great start to the term with our excursion to Thalgarrah last week as part of our unit on Shelters. We had lots of fun trekking through the bush to find animal shelters. In the classroom we had to use hammers and wood to build some shelters for different animals. We discovered lots of different things such as...

~Hermit crabs will use rubbish such as a broken bottle for its shell if it can’t find a suitable shell. Sam
~I learnt all about an antlion and what it looks like. Zoe R
~I discovered that if you jump up and down outside a bull ants nest they all come out to see what is happening. Paddy
~An antlion lives in a cone shaped hole under the ground. Eli
~I learnt that a possum’s shelter is called a drey and that microbats live under bark on trees. Charlotte
~I learnt that a brush tail possum lives in a shelter of twigs and sticks made high up in a tree. Jemma
~A termites mound is really cool but it is made out of mud and is really hard. Emily
~I learnt that possums make their homes out of sight. Tillie
~We built animal shelters and went for a walk in the bush. Cooper-Jax
~I learnt that an antlion has poison in its antennas and that other bugs use the termite mound as their shelter. Ily
~I learnt that you shouldn’t take the shells from the beach because the hermit crabs might need a new home. Fia

Lake Keepit

On Tuesday 13 October 2015, Year 4 went to Lake Keepit. We all had an extraordinary time. I was in lodge 5. I slept on the bottom bunk below Pippa. There was another school at Lake Keepit called Gloucester Public School. My favourite activities were kayaking, the giant swing and archery but, if I had to choose only one activity I would choose the Giant Swing because, everyone would cheer for you as you were going up and there was a great view right up the top, also I liked it when it swung really, really high. We had all of our meals in the dining hall. I really like doing the lunch duty. My favourite meals were the hunches. They were delicious. On Tuesday we had hamburgers, on my hamburger I had ham, lettuce and BBQ sauce. On Wednesday we had sandwiches, I had the same stuff on my sandwich that I had on my hamburger. Then we had wraps and on the Friday we had sandwiches again.

On the last night we had BBQ and a disco. While I was at Lake Keepit I learned how to hold a bow properly and how to use a paddle.

My advice would be when you get the chance to go on the giant swing, go right to the top because, if you don’t you will regret it. I went right to the top and it was worth it. I had a great time at Lake Keepit and I wish I could go again.

By Alix McShane 3/4R

UNE EXCURSION

On Thursday 15 October the year threes and some year fours went on an excursion to the UNE.

Firstly, we went to the museum of Antiquities it was cool, my favourite thing there was the antique coins they were fascinating with all the animals on the coins.

Next we had recess because we were all hungry. After recess we went to the Museum of Zoology this was my favourite place because I loved all the great displays of the animals, birds, dinosaur’s skeletons and the giant Galapagos turtle was my favourite.

Then we had lunch, yum.

Next we went to the chicken farm. Brendon showed us a PowerPoint about chickens.

My favourite fact was that chickens grow really fast and white chickens lay about 480 eggs a year.

Later in the day we went to have a look at the rabbits, deer, and kangaroos.

My favourite thing was the Museum of Zoology because I liked all the dinosaur skeletons as I have never seen one before.

By Mackenzie 3/4R

MUSEUM OF ZOOLOGY

At the museum there were fantastic displays. All the stuffed animals were numbered and you could check the name of the animal you were interested in.

The Platypus was my favourite. My favourite bird in the display was a falcon. The wedged tailed eagle had a lortkeen pined down. The leopard seal skeleton was scary because of its size. I had very, very sharp teeth.

I want to go back to the Museum of Zoology.

By Lachlan 3/4R

Year 3 Excursion to U.N.E

On Thursday 15 October Year 3 went on an excursion to the U.N.E we went to the Museum of Antiquities.

It had extraordinary antiques in it like pots, sculptures, paintings, skulls and pictures.

We also went to a Zoology Museum that had some amazing stuff in it like stuffed animals, skeletons of animals and draws of stuff that you could pull out and have a look.

Later we went to Rural Science and learnt how a chicken develops and grows which is actually quite interesting.

I think you should see the Museum of Antiquities.

By Finlay 3/4R

3/4R CLASS NEWS

We have talked about our Shelters project and got lots of good ideas from the excursion. Some students have already started their project - we can’t wait to share them in Week 7.

In class we are doing lots of work on explanations and descriptions. This week we looked at how honey is made and next week we will look at how to make margarine.

Lots of things still happening at school this term - Grandparents coming into the school next week, Book Fair, K-2 Sports Day and Presentation Day.

Mrs Cherrie Paterson
Class Teacher

21 October 2015
Well done to Tabitha, Jacob, Chiyo and Oliver who represented North West at the NSW PSSA Athletics Championships in Homebush last week. Congratulations to Oliver on achieving a bronze medal in the Junior Boys Long Jump and being selected in the state relay team, also to all students on their outstanding effort.

Next Monday 26 October we will be having our Grandparents Day. Grandparents of Armidale City Public School students are invited to come along to open classrooms from 10.15am followed by morning tea in the rose garden. We look forward to seeing as many grandparents as possible joining us next Monday. Our 2016 Kindergarten Orientation program has now been running for 3 weeks and we welcome all new students and their families to Armidale City Public School. The program will continue to run for the next five weeks of the term and students will experience a wide range of activities during their time at school. Participation in the orientation program assists students and families in preparing for full time school next year. Any parent who has not yet completed Kindergarten enrolment forms for 2016 is encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

As mentioned in a previous Blue and White, Peter in 5/6R and Sam in 3/4R were the winners of their respective Premier’s Spelling Bee Regional Finals late last term. The following information explains how the Spelling Bee is run and provides details of the State Final. The Premier’s Spelling Bee is coordinated by The Arts Unit and provides a fun and educational way for primary school students to engage in spelling and to promote improved literacy in combination with the English K-6 Syllabus. This year 42 Regional Finals were held around the state from 7-18 September, to find the best spellers who will compete in the State Final on 11 November at the Eugene Goossens Hall, ABC Centre. The Final will be broadcast live on ABC Local Radio, statewide from 5-5.30pm. A total of 3,562 students from 939 NSW Schools have been involved in the Premier’s Spelling Bee in 2015. Each of the 42 Regional Finals hosted on average 20-25 schools from the surrounding area and had up to 50 students competing in each division. Approximately 20 remote schools participated via Video Conferencing.

Have a great week everyone.

Mr Matt Hobbs
Principal
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Our Year 3 students went to Lake Keppel Sport and Recreation Centre last week accompanied by Mrs Ridley, Mr Townsend, Miss Roberts and Mr Casey. Students took part in a range of activities including archery, canoeing, abseiling and kayaking. All students and staff enjoyed the experience and came back to Armidale last Friday exhausted. Thank you to parents for supporting the attendance of students on this excursion and to the Armidale City Public staff who have given of their personal time to ensure this excursion went ahead. Stage 3 are off on the Canberra/Ballarat excursion in Week 5 and final payments for this excursion are now due.

Principal’s Report—Week 3

Don’t forget to fill out your sheep in shure order form as soon as possible. You can find it in last week’s Blue & White. Call Andrew (0402 466 894) if you have any questions!

Do your notes come home looking like this?

If an important piece of paper doesn’t make it home you have a good chance of finding it on the school’s website. The Blue & White can be found on the front page and the Notes Home page has copies of current notes.

GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDFRIENDS MORNING TEA
Monday 26 October 2015
11am in the Rose Garden
Classes open from 10.15am for visits…

Thank you to the Stage 3 Parents who supported the Movie Night.