Last week, Jessica and Hamish travelled to Timumburu Public School to represent our school and participate in the Northern Districts debating trials. Students from this event were selected to go to Sydney and participate in the NSW Debating trials. Jessica and Hamish were given individual feedback and told they each had lots of potential. Thank you to Jessica’s and Hamish’s parents for taking them to the event.

BOOK FAIR

Book Fair has been going very well and we seem to be on track to raising $1000 worth of new books for the students. Every time you buy a book from Book Fair, 25% of your purchases go directly towards new books for the Library.

Thank you to the Hewitt family (Eddy 5/6J) and the Zikan family (Welly 3/4S) for your very generous donation of books for the library. Lots of students will be able to enjoy these beautiful books.

HOW MANY SHELLS IN THE JAR?

Congratulations to the following students who were very clever in guessing how many shells were in a jar, (there were 124):
- Kinder - Hamish
- Years 1/2 - Hugh
- Years 3/4 - Hamish
- Years 5/6 - Amelia

Each of these children has won a $15 voucher that they can use in our Book Fair or in Book Club.

COLOURING-IN COMPETITION

Our colouring-in competition was a huge hit. The following students have won a stationery item from our Book Fair:
- Kinder - Archie, Alexis, Sahibjot, Dezi and Charlotte
- Years 1/2 - Sophie, Noah, Eli, Ashlia and Kelem Thapa
- Years 3/4 - Saran, Jasmine, Anna, Sarah, Millie, Mia and Elana
- Years 5/6 - Jessica, Milana, Piyumi, Emilie, Alana, Eden, Tomasina, Camiela and Neta

BEAUTIFUL VOLUNTEERS

During this Book Fair I have been able to enjoy seeing a very special group of students blossom into excellent young assistants. Each of these students have shown confidence, resilience, persistence, giving attention to the tiniest details all while smiling and being cheerful. Thank you to Leila, Breanna, Delphi, Anna, Oluoma, Amy and Ella. These students came into school early, gave up their lunch times and/or stayed back late to help out in the library serving customers, tidying shelves, arranging displays, offering advice and sometimes being personal shop assistants to help others. The girls always displayed beautiful manners and their families should be very, very proud of these lovely young ladies.

Mrs Cardingley and Mrs Woods
CLASS TEACHERS

BOOK FAIR ENDS THURSDAY 29
BOOK CLUB IS DUE FRIDAY 30
Having this green space for our kids to run around finding out the best way to do this. It is so fantastic. pay for a system to make watering the big playing area easier. We are currently in the process of finding out the best way to do this. It is so fantastic having this green space for our kids to run around on and for community groups to use.

Advance notice: Cupcake Sale Tuesday 24 November. Kids can buy cupcakes at recess time. We’ll need donations of cupcakes, volunteers to help sell them and cupcake stands. All money raised will go towards covering the costs of Presentation Day. The money raised at the Fete was set aside to help towards covering the costs of Presentation Day. Donations of cupcakes, volunteers to help sell them are available for purchase from the office to support Oliver’s participation in this event.

As mentioned in last week’s Blue and White, Oliver achieved a bronze medal in the Junior Boys Long Jump at the recent NSW PSSA Athletics Championships. He has also been selected in the Junior Boys Relay team to compete at PSSA National Championships to be held in Canberra later this term. Well done on this achievement Oliver. Raffle tickets are available for purchase from the office to support Oliver’s participation in this event.

On Monday, 26 October we held our Grandparents Day. Grandparents of Armidale City Public School students came along to open classrooms from 10.15am followed by morning tea in the Rose Garden. We had over 200 Grandparents and Parents of Armidale City Public School students in attendance and we appreciate the support shown for our students and teachers. Thank you to all families who assisted in providing morning tea for the event.

Our 2016 Kindergarten Orientation program has now been running for three weeks and we welcome all new students and their families to Armidale City Public School. The program will continue to run for the next four 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.

Parents are reminded that our school car park is for staff parking only and should not be used as a drop off or collection point in the morning, afternoon or throughout the school day. This is to ensure the safety of students and staff and we would appreciate all parents supporting us with this matter. We also request parents reinforce the importance of walking safely to and from school for students who do this on a regular basis. It would also be appreciated if parents could remind their children how to cross the road safely. This will assist in ensuring children get safely to and from school on a daily basis.

Thank you to all families who have supported our Book Fair, have a great week everyone.

Mrs Sue Kelly
Sports Organiser

3/4J CLASS NEWS
This term certainly did start with a bang! Lake Keepit excursion for the Yr 4 children and a trip to the UNE for the Yr 3’s.

Currently 3/4J are really enjoying the HSIE unit from paddock to plate. This topic allows us to see the processes that are involved in producing the food we consume. It’s a real eye opener! We are reading the series Max Remy super spy and loving the fact that our imaginations are running wild. For the next few Thursdays we will be having sport at the Gymnastic Centre.

Mrs Jodie Ridley
CLASS TEACHER

Congratulations to Oliver on his selection in the National Athletics team. Oliver will be representing NSW in the Junior Boys relay team and Junior Boys Long Jump at the National PSSA Athletics carnival which will be held in Canberra. This is a fantastic achievement and we are extremely proud of you!

Congratulations to all children who participated at the recent Armidale Outdoors Schools Orienteering Championships. Piyumi, was first in the Green Course Year 5-6 Girls and Brayden and Marley came second in the Green Course Year 3-4 Boys.

This week Sam is in Barooga representing North West at the State PSSA Boys Cricket Championships. We wish him every success and look forward to hearing the team’s final results.

Week 9 will see the commencement of our annual Water Safety program. The program will run for 2 weeks. This program is designed to enable students to develop their confidence and competence in the water. It will allow students to plan for safety and respond appropriately in risk situations. It will also be a great way of finishing off Term 4 especially if this hot weather continues. All children in Years 3 to 6 are expected to participate in the program.

Notes will go home shortly. We will also be asking for any assistance from parents who can assist the teachers with running the program. Thank you.

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