KINDER RED CLASS NEWS

We have been writing descriptions in Kinder Blue and playing a fun game called Guess Who! We have worked out that adjectives are so important when you are describing people, places and things as they let us get a really detailed picture in our heads! We have made posters about crazy animals that have escaped from the zoo such as:
- A fish and squid eating anaconda.
- Pink unicorns with blue horns.
- A yellow and blue kangaroo.
- A smelly cheetah.
- A spider snake with sharp fangs.
- A snake skunk who needs to find its manners.
- A blue, red, black and yellow crocodile.

Please let Kinder Blue know if you have found any of our escaped zoo animals!

Due to the rain we missed going to Thalgarrah last week but are super keen to go this week, let’s hope the sun is shining. We are all taking our Teddy Bears for a special picnic and adventure!

We hope you enjoyed reading our news!

FROM KINDER BLUE AND MRS SCHULTZ!

1/2S CLASS NEWS

We have been very busy in 1/2S and how quickly this term has gone. Firstly, welcome to Shay who has joined us from Sydney. We hope you have an enjoyable time at Armidale City Public School, Shay.

Thalgarrah has been our highlight so far. Even though we had a few showers of rain during the day Mr MacKenzie packed heaps of learning in about “Animal Shelters”. It was great fun building bird boxes and also spotting natural shelters in the bush. As a treat we even got to pat his pet python!

In English we have been learning about narratives and focusing on descriptive writing. We changed the ending to “Ferocious Wild Beasts” and Mrs Smith was very impressed with our imaginations!

Art lessons have been great fun. We have just completed digital art and have moved on to study Vincent Van Gogh’s paintings. Our sunflowers turned out very well.

In Information Technology we are working with a buddy to create a PowerPoint presentation on animal shelters. They are progressing nicely with lots of clip art and animations being added.

Just a reminder that our "Shelters" project is due in next week. Lots of students have been very excited about what they are working on, so we all look forward to listening to the oral presentations.

Enjoy what is left of this term.

From Mrs Smith and 1/2S
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – WEEK 6

Sam R (Junior Division) and Peter G (Senior Division) are in Sydney today. 11 November competing in the state finals of the Premier’s Spelling Bee. Armidale City is one of just six schools across the state to have finalists in both the junior and senior divisions. More than 34,000 students from 939 public schools across NSW took part in the Premier’s Spelling Bee competition in 2015 and 3500 students competed in the regional finals where Sam and Peter won their respective divisions. We wish Peter and Sam every success in the final and look forward to hearing about the experience from them when they return.

Peter has also achieved great success in the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition achieving the highest score in the Year 5 division in northern NSW – well done, Peter. There were over 34,000 students from 311 schools who competed in the competition and Peter’s award was presented to him on Monday, 9 November by Robyn O’Neill, a Director Public Schools NSW. Robyn is a former parent of Armidale City Public School and she was very proud to present Peter with his award recognising this outstanding achievement.

Next Wednesday, 18 November, students from Armidale City Public School will be involved in a video conference with the Premier of NSW and students from Woy Woy Public School, Mt Tenny Public School and Manly Village Public School to recognise the outstanding achievements of Armidale City Public School students in the Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015. Well done to all students who completed the challenge this year and thank you to staff and parents for supporting the involvement of our students.

Applications are currently open for current Year 5 students for the 2017 Selective High Schools Entry Test and applications need to be made by 10pm on Monday, 16 November. Information was sent out to all Year 5 parents on Monday, 9 November. Further information is available from http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/koosessments/shplacement/index.php or contact the office for more details.

Our 2016 Kindergarten orientation program has now been running for six weeks and we welcome all new students and their families to Armidale City Public School. The program will have its last session next week with students coming for a full school day on Wednesday. Thank you to parents for ensuring the involvement of their children in our orientation program. The teachers have been very impressed by the student participation in the program. 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. We also ask that parents do not park in driveways of private residences around the school when dropping off or collecting children. These driveways are access points for residents of the area and they should not be used as a drop off or collection point. This is to ensure the safety of students, staff and residents in the area. We would appreciate all parents supporting us with this matter.

Welcome back to all the Year 5 and 6 students who have returned to school this week from their Canberra / Ballarat excursion. From all reports everyone had a great time on the trip. We would like to acknowledge the time and effort put into making the excursion possible by the Stage 3 and Office Staff at the school – this sort of experience would not take place without your high levels of commitment and professionalism.

The term is flying by and I encourage all students to continue putting high levels of effort into all they do, have a great week everyone.

P&C NEWS

Cupcake Stall: On Tuesday 24 November we’ll be having a cupcake sale at recess. Cupcakes will be $1 or $2 each and kids will be able to buy them in both the infants and primary playgrounds. We would appreciate donations of cupcakes but don’t worry, we’ll remind you closer to the date!

Is there a big project that you’d love see happen in and around the buildings at Armidale City Public School? The teachers have already given us a list and the kids will soon have a chance in class. Here is your chance! Go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/K8ZXMBD and answer the two easy questions.

At the last P&C meeting Mr Hobbs shared our school’s Resource Allocation Model report from the government. This report explains how much money the school will be given and how it is to be spent including new money coming from the Gonski reforms. If you are interested in reading this report, Mr Hobbs would be happy to give you a copy. Please contact him at matthew.hobbs@det.nsw.edu.au

As a thank you for her tremendous efforts with our kids, the P&C gave the retiring Mrs Docksey a gift of a night at the Tenterfield Golf Club which included a round of golf and dinner. She sent us a card recently to say thank you.

GOLD AWARDS

KB: Dolma, Slok: Gabriel
KG: Amelia, MJ: Tommy
KR: Taylor, Kaitlyn: Homish
1/2S: Braith, Lilly: Noah
1/2KS: Louisa, Charlie: Rosie
1/2P: Danika: Jemma: Fia
3/4T: Millie: Sara: Charlie
3/4S: Tyler: Archie: Anusha
3/4R: Mikayla, Pippi: Anusha
3/4P: Bailey
3/4R: Anna
1/2Mac: Delphi: Dolly: Danika
5/6K: Erin
5/6R: Ella: Esther

SILVER AWARDS

KB: Cody: Lilliana
KG: Rilee: Meycach
KR: Jai
1/2S: Sonny: William: Henry
1/2KS: Nathan: Hayley
1/2P: Brodie: Paddy: Cooper-Jak
3/4J: Sophie: Finlay: Shaun
3/4P: Charlie: Paige
3/4R: Zack
3/4S: Bhaya: Tobias: Christopher
Sanar: Aashrita: Jessica
Reed Maya: Shantaya
Alexander: Scott: Brock
Matilda: Imogen: Seth
Mary: Phoebe: John
Chiao
5/6K: Blake: Archer
5/6Mac: Tom: Tykeisha

BRONZE AWARDS

1/2KS: Mahirah
3/4S: Bhaya: Elsie: Aashrita
Reed: Maya: Shantaya
Alexander

WORK OF THE FORTNIGHT

24/11.15 – Mr Matt Hobbs, Principal matthew.hobbs@det.nsw.edu.au

HUTCHISON & HARLOW SCHOOLS TEAM CHALLENGE

SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2015
RACE START 8.00AM
ENTRY $30.00 PER TEAM
HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 11 & 12 (DARWIN PREPARATORY TEAM) vs DARWIN HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 11 & 12 (SNAP BLACK)
PERMANSAR 10 YEARS MEMORIAL CHARITY FESTIVAL
(Teams entering the Primary School Challenge must be attending a Primary School)
3 Person Teams / Pre / Event Registration Only
Team number allocation 7.30am / race brief 7.55am
Race Start 8.00am

All entries to your school for collection on Friday November 1st

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