It is great to see so many children with fresh fruit and vegies for ‘Crunch and Sip’ and I would remind parents that this Crunch and Sip is just a small snack to start the day. We would ask that if you pack pre-packaged food that your child is able to open it independently and if not that you start the opening process before putting in their lunch box.

Homework and home reading will not start until after parent information evenings as we would like to explain the processes to parents before they begin.

A reminder that the East bus now picks up children from the Dangar Street bus stop.

Finally I would like to thank parents for encouraging their children to go straight to the playground before school and not entering the buildings. The teachers have been very impressed by the Organisation and Confidence of our Year One students. Year Two have been excellent role models to our Kindergarten having a great time!!!!

Mrs Paterson, Mrs Smith, Mrs Close, Mrs Woods and Mrs Cordingley
Stage One Teachers

3/4R CLASS NEWS
It’s been a happy and busy start to 2015 in 3/4R. We welcome Georgia who has come from Sydney over the holidays.

In English we have commenced a unit called ‘Tell Me Story’. We will be looking at stories from around the world and how stories can be told for entertainment, information or as a persuasive device.

3/4R will have library on Fridays and Science on Wednesdays. Next Wednesday is our annual school swimming carnival and all children should have taken notes home.

I am very impressed by the courteous manners and school uniform displayed by the students in 3/4R. Thanks to those parents and carers who have sent their children to school well equipped and ready to start each day. Remember that we have ‘Crunch and Sip’ each morning before going to class.

Mrs Debbie Roach
Class Teacher

Physie
Physie is an affordable way to learn to dance and keep fit with a touch of glamour! Fun, upbeat, pop music is the soundtrack to our sport that fuses dance styles such as jazz, ballet, hip hop, contemporary and aerobic dance which is designed for maximum variety and fun. Classes commence early February. For more information please visit our website www.armidalephysie.org.au

United Hockey Club Trial Day/Rego Day
United Hockey Club would like to invite any Under 9’s and Under 11’s who wish to play hockey this year to come to our trial day which will be held on the Wednesday 11th Feb from 4pm till 4.30pm. If you wish to play for United a registration day will be help on the 15th Feb 12pm till 2pm at Curtis Park. If you require further information please contact Emily Hammond on 0401359668 or email unitedhockey@live.com.au

ACPS Blue & White Newsletter 4 10/02/2015
Our classes have been formed at this stage for 2015. If, over the next couple of weeks we have more students enrol then we may have to look at adjusting our class structures but this will only be done in collaboration with the school community. In the Blue and White last week we listed our teaching staff for 2015. In the newsletter today we have listed our school support staff all of whom play a very important role in our school.

Events coming up this term include Welcome BBQ, Parent information evening, Festival of the Famous, Swimming Carnival and fortnightly assemblies which will commence in Week 4 and will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 2:00pm. Our P&C is currently selling tickets which are available from the school office for their Trivia Night to be held on Saturday, 21 March at the golf club and planning for the annual school fête in May. All parents are more than welcome to come along to the P&C meeting tonight which will be held from 7.30pm in the library.

Congratulations to our School Captains for 2015 who are Emilie Gates and Javan Smith. School Councillors are Airlie Walsh, Zoe McShane, Esther Eickhoff, Fraser Wilson, Hamish Doak and Bayley Mitchell and we know this leadership team will lead Armidale City Public School with distinction in 2015. Student Representative Councillors from each class will be elected before our Assembly in Week 4.

Our school support staff this year are Carol Campbell (School Administration Manager), Vicki Keogh and Cherie Boyd (School Administration Officers), Joanne Matthews (Library Assistant), Brian Shaw (General Assistant), Brad Widders (Aboriginal Education Officer), Monica Drozdowski, Lyn Thomas, Stephanie Crowley, Katherine Stevenson and Wendy Petersen (School Learning Support Officers). If parents could please ensure their children bring their hat to school each day it would be greatly appreciated as we are a Sun Smart school and children must wear a hat when out in the playground. Parents are also reminder the school car park is not to be used as a drop off or collection point in the morning or afternoon - this assists school staff in ensuring children are safe at these times.

If parents would like to discuss any aspect of their child’s education then I encourage them to make contact with their child’s teacher as soon as possible. All students have made a great start to 2015 and we encourage them to keep up the tremendous work.

If any parent would like to email me with suggestions or comments at any time, please do so on the address listed below.

Mr Matt Hobbs
Principal
mathew.hobbs@det.nsw.edu.au

PRINCIPALS REPORT
Welcome to our new Kindergarten students who have commenced at Armidale City Public School this week after completing their Best Start Assessments last week. All students have a fabulous start to their schooling and Mrs Kelsall, Mrs Rubie and Mrs Schultz have been delighted with their wonderful efforts and achievements thus far. We also welcome all new families to our school and look forward to working with you all over the many years ahead for your children.

LIBRARY NEWS
This year, Mrs Kate McGrath, will be teaching classes on Mondays - Thursdays for their Library lessons and Mr Graham Commens will be teaching 3/4B and 3/4T on Fridays.
We are diving straight into a jam-packed year, full of amazing events and opportunities. Here are a few things we will be learning about in Term 1.

UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) has named 2015 as the International Year of Light and Light-Based Technologies. This is partly because it is the 100th anniversary of Albert Einstein’s discovery of the Theory of Relativity, or as it is more commonly known E = mc2.

Albert Einstein was a scientific genius known for having fun.
Check out the official video trailer for Cosmic Light - IYL2015 at www.light2015.org
It is also the 100th anniversary of the ANZACs landing at Gallipoli.

Term 1 Weeks 9 – 10 & Term 2 Week 1
Kinder – Year 6
All students will be learning about the ANZACs landing at Gallipoli in 1915. ANZAC day is the first Saturday after school comes back for Term 2.

BORROWING will begin in Week 3
NO BAGS NO BOOK
Students MUST have a library bag - hopefully one that is waterproof. The ‘always fashionable’ ACPS Library bags can be bought from the clothing pool each Friday morning before school OR from the Front Office for $8.50

This year, each student will get a Library comment in their Half Yearly and End of Year reports.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
This year Scholastic is trying to reduce the amount of paper in the environment. They have decided to put out one book club catalogue for Kinder, one for Years 1-2, one for Years 3-4 and one for Years 5,6 & 7. Last week each class was given their Year level. If your child would like catalogues from other Year levels please let your Teacher or Librarian know. Spare catalogues are available from the Library.

Mrs Kate McGrath
Librarian

STAGE ONE NEWS
Welcome back to another exciting year at Armidale City Public School. The Stage One team are looking forward to meeting with parents at the Information Evenings in a few weeks but I would like to take this opportunity to let parents know a few things about Stage 1.

Firstly, thank you to all the families who have sent in tissues and whiteboard markers, it is much appreciated.