**KINDER RED NEWS**

A big warm welcome to all our Kinder Red students and their parents! Kinder Red has settled into their class and school routines with enthusiasm and amazing manners - what a mature, organised group they are! We have been learning our school routines and making lots of new friends - it’s been a very busy, but an exciting start to the school year.

Some of Kinder Red’s favourite activities at school are:

- Violet - I like reading books at school.
- Janani - I like playing with my friends.
- Pohanma - I like going to school in the morning.
- Keira - I like playing at school.
- Arlea - I like playing at the top playground.
- Katie - I like when we paint and draw at school.
- Dezi - I like learning our rules at school.
- Charlie - I like playing on the chain on the equipment.
- Jo - I like playing on the equipment.
- Hamish - I like going to the top playground.
- Edward - I like going to the school library.
- Jai - I like play-time.
- Cooper - I like playing on the equipment.
- Zac - I like when I get to play with my brother Owen and his friends.
- Callum - Playing pirates and with friends.
- Sarah - I like when we paint and get to play with our friends.
- Liorsa - I like painting and playing with my friends at school.

Have a fantastic Term and I look forward to seeing our kinder parents at the Information Session tonight.

**The “INCREDIBLE” Kinder Red**

_and Mrs Kelsall_

**1/2P CLASS NEWS**

Wow! Where have the last four weeks gone. 1/2P have settled in and are amazing themselves- and me, with their fantastic writing and reading. We have been reading the text called The Gruffalo and have written some great descriptions of the Gruffalo. We have a few here for you to read. Come along and have a look at all our descriptions and the artwork outside our room.

Congratulations to Annessa and Cooper-Jack who are our Class Representatives for Semester 1. These students were voted in by their classmates and are looking forward to their role of representing our class at SRC meetings and working with the other students to build and improve the resources in our school.

In HSIE we are discovering who we are and where we belong. We have had some great discussions about the kinds of groups we belong to and what makes each group unique and why we are members of those groups. It has been amazing listening to all the activities our children are involved in after school and on weekends.

We are looking forward to starting Home Reading and Homework starting next week. Information about these will be handouted at tonight’s Parent Information Evening.

**ACPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Go to the myfootballclub.com and follow the links to register. Our payment days are the 14 and 21 March 2015 at the Wicklow Courtyard from 10am to 1pm.

**ACPS BLUE & WHITE NEWSLETTER**

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18 February 2015
CAKAL
18.02.15  5.30pm P & C BBQ and Parent Information Session
19.02.15  Zone Swimming Carnival
22.02.15  School Photos
03.03.15  2.10pm K-6 Assembly
04.03.15  7.30pm P&C AGM Meeting
09-13.03.15 Mobile Dental Health Visit
17.03.15  2.10pm K-6 Assembly
21.03.15  P&C Trivia Night at The Golf Club
31.03.15  2.10pm K-6 Assembly
01.04.15  7.30pm P&C Meeting
02.04.15  Last Day of Term
20.04.15  First Day of Term Two for Students

Scholastic Book Club
Due back by Thursday 19 February
Hand your order in to your teacher
OR deliver it to the Front Office.

School Photos
Wednesday 25 February 2015

Envelopes for the school photos were sent home yesterday. Please return your child’s envelope to school before Tuesday 24 February 2015.

Full summer uniform should be worn on this day.
If you would like to have a Family Photo taken, please collect a sibling order envelope from the Front Office.

ALL children are asked to wear their summer uniform. Girls – Grey shorts, pale blue short-sleeved shirt OR pale blue polo shirt with school logo (if possible), grey socks, black shoes. Girls – Blue checked mid weight skirt OR skirts, pale blue short-sleeved blouse OR pale blue polo shirt with school logo (if possible), long or short navy socks, black shoes.

This year we have additional staff in the school to help coordinate between teachers and the canteen.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT—WEEK 4
What a wonderful performance by our Kindergarten students at our first whole school assembly for 2015 yesterday. Thank you to all students from Kindergarten Blue, Kindergarten Red and Kindergarten Green for entertaining the entire audience and for doing it with big smiles on your faces - well done. Congratulations to our SRC representatives, House Captains and Vice Captains and Arts and Culture Captains on receiving your badges yesterday.

We look forward to your contributions to all the great things that happen at Armidale City Public School.

We congratulate Yapa and Aneska on being selected as our Arts and Culture Captains. A list of sports captains and vice captains are included in the sports report.

Our Parent Information Evening will be held this evening, Wednesday, 18 February commencing at 5.30pm. The P & C will be hosting a welcome BBQ for all parents and classroom teachers are looking forward to meeting parents and providing information for 2015. Information Sessions will run as follows: Stage 3 – 5.30pm until 6pm; Stage 2 - 6pm until 6.30pm; Stage 1 – 6.30pm until 7pm and Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) 7pm until 7.30pm. Parents are invited to attend the appropriate sessions relevant to their children and also enjoy the BBQ provided by the P & C. Information Sessions will be run in the library for Stages 2 and 3, the Stage 1 computer lab for Stage 1 and Kinder Blue classroom for Kindergarten.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the school swimming carnival last week. Good luck to students attending the zone carnival tomorrow. Thank you to all parents and other community members who helped out with our carnival, also to Mrs Kelly for organising and coordinating the carnival.

Our P & C is currently selling tickets which are available from the school office for their Trivia Night to be held on Wednesday, 24 March at the Golf Club. The next P & C meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 4 March from 7.30pm in the library. Positions that have to be filled at the AGM are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting and any nominees for positions must be in attendance at the AGM and have paid their $1 membership to the school office last Friday, 13 February. It is essential all positions are filled at the meeting so that our P & C can continue to support the school and all students for 2015 and beyond. The P & C will be holding their first 2015 fete planning meeting from 7pm in the library on Tuesday, 24 February - all welcome.

We are currently organising teachers for Scripture groups and they will commence next Tuesday. Any student who has nominated to attend Non Scripture has been provided with a note today about the opportunity to attend Ethics classes.

If parents would like their child to attend Ethics please complete the note and return it to the office as soon as possible. Any parent or community member who may wish to train as an Ethics teacher is also asked to contact the office for further details.

The Department of Education has revised its attendance policy for the 2015 school year and beyond. The major change that affects parents and students of Armidale City Public School is that exemptions for family holidays during term time will no longer be granted for students. Students will be provided with a certificate stating the reason for leave - family holiday. All days will count against the overall attendance of a student for reporting purposes. Parents are encouraged to plan holidays during school holiday periods and if they wish to discuss this further to contact Mr Hobbs.

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
matthew.hobbs@det.nsw.edu.au

A list of sports captains and vice captains are included in the sports report.

Arts and Culture Captains

Congratulations to our 2015 House Captains:

Cunningham:
Captains: Jessica, Michelle, Zack
Vice Captains: Annie, Olivia
Carnival:
Junior Girls: Zoe, Kael
Junior Boys: Luke, Max

Sturt:
Captains: Hamish, Mitchell
Vice Captains: Anusha, Nicholas
Carnival:
Junior Boys: Jack, Alex
Junior Girls: Sam, Anusha

Ceko:
Captains: Nikita, Eli
Vice Captains: Tabitha, Ethan
Carnival:
Junior Boys: Aaron, Angus
Junior Girls: Jessica, Luke

KB
Captains: Cheryl, Reuben
Vice Captains: Jessica, George
Carnival:
Junior Boys: Mitchell, Andrew
Junior Girls: Emily, Zoe

KR
Captains: Nikita, Eli
Vice Captains: Margie, Erin
Carnival:
Junior Boys: Fred, Alex
Junior Girls: Sam, Anusha

5/6J
Captains: Hamish, Mitchell
Vice Captains: Anusha, Nicholas
Carnival:
Junior Boys: Kael, Alex
Junior Girls: Zoe, Alex

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