FESTIVAL OF THE FAMOUS

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in this year’s Festival of the Famous. There were some that hated the idea of speaking in front of others and after they had, realized they could. There were some who overcame major nerves and did a wonderful job and others that did the job and did it really, really well.

This Thursday night, 19 March, we will celebrate some of the most outstanding presentations our students did. We would love for you to come and enjoy these presentations and meet some of the most amazing people in history.

There will be presentations from:

- J K Rowling (Anna, Yr 3)
- Christopher Columbus (Hamish W, Yr 3)
- King John (Steve, Yr 3)
- Enid Blyton (Ella, Yr 3)
- Zheng He (Sam, Yr 3)
- Emmeline Pankhurst (Zara, Yr 4)
- Albert Einstein (Phoebe, Yr 4)
- Sir Humphry Davy (Catalina, Yr 4)
- Cleopatra (Anusha, Yr 4)
- Dolly Parton (Pippi, Yr 4)
- Antonio Stradivari (Chiyo, Yr 4)
- Albert Einstein (Jesse, Yr 4)
- Enid Blyton (Ella, Yr 3)
- Zheng He (Sam, Yr 3)
- Emmeline Pankhurst (Zara, Yr 4)
- Albert Einstein (Jesse, Yr 4)
- Amelia Earhart (Amelia, Yr 5)
- Malala Yousafzay (Rubi, Yr 5)
- Orville Wright (Fynn, Yr 5)
- Wilbur Wright (Ryan, Yr 5)
- Robert Louis Stevenson (Eden, Yr 5)
- Andy Griffiths (Lucas, Yr 5)
- Leonardo da Vinci (Noah, Yr 5)
- Alfred Yousafzay (Airlie, Yr 6)
- Neil Armstrong (Alexander, Yr 5)
- Buzz Aldrin (Bayley M, Yr 6)

Festival of the Famous will start at 6pm. Our esteemed guest speakers will need to be in the Library at 5.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

PS If your child is in Yr 2 OR Yr 3, coming to see Festival of the Famous can give you lots of tips and ideas about what your children will be asked to do NEXT year.

ANZAC CENTENARY

This year there will be lots of ANZAC Day celebrations because it is 100 years since the landing of the allied troops at ANZAC Cove, in Turkey. There were soldiers from India, Ireland, Canada, Ceylon, Senegal, Algeria, France, England, Malta and of course - Australia and New Zealand fighting against the Turks, Arabs and Germans.

To pay respect to those that have fought for our freedom we are creating the Armidale City Public School ANZAC wall of remembrance.

We want your pictures of any family members that have fought in ANY war, conflict OR Peace Keeping Mission. PLEASE DO NOT send in original photos. DO send in photocopies or scanned images. OR email your images to me at kmcaruso@hotmail.com

Just fill in one of the labels below, or email the information required and we will hang up your images outside the Hall ready for our ANZAC Assembly.

FOR EXAMPLE:

- Name: Uncle Bill
- Conflict: WW1
- Students' Name: Bobby Green
- Class: 1/2C

Mrs Kate McGroath
Librarian

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Today with the Blue and White is a Garden Express Bulb Order. Please return this order form and money by Thursday 2 April 2015. Money made from this fundraiser will be used in Environment Projects.
Bakers Delight Easter Bun Orders
Due back this Friday 20 March 2015

Fundraising Help Needed
What: Election BBQ & Cake/Craft Stall
When: 26 March from 5pm to 8pm
Who: Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Relatives, Carers and anyone who wants to help
How: Help in the kitchen or front stall, help mingle, serve, rotate the tray etc.

PS : At the moment we know the following have volunteered:
• 3/4T: 2/3S: Kadi
• 1/2P: Ethan, Archie
• 1/2KS: Ethan, Corey, Shaun, Jacob and Eruera
• 3/4S: Kael, Harry, Matthew, Elliot and Eruera

CALENDAR
Parent Teacher Interviews
21.03.15
P&C Trivia Night at The Golf Club
28.03.15
State Election Cake and Craft Stall
28.03.15
1.30pm K-6 Assembly
01.04.15
1.30pm P&C Meeting
02.14.15
Easter Hat Parade
02.04.15
Last Day of Term
03.04.15
Good Friday
20.04.15
Staff Development Day
21.04.15
First Day of Term Two for Students

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT—WEEK 8
Today we celebrated Harmony Day at Armidale City Public School and students recognised the importance of getting along with one another, celebrating diversity and some of the differences between cultures around the world. Thank you to families for supporting this special occasion.

Our P & C is currently selling tickets which are available from the school office or via our Trivia Night to be held on this Saturday, 21 March at the golf club. It is promising to be a fun night and I encourage school community members to come along. Fete committee meetings have commenced and they will be held each Wednesday at 3.15pm in the library until the fete commences.

This Thursday evening selected students will present talks at The Festival of the Famous in the library. Congratulations to all students who worked hard to prepare and present talks as part of this annual event and thank you to Mrs McGrath for coordinating the festival for 2015.

Thank you to students, family members and staff who came and walked as part of the Armidale City Public School community in the Autumn Festival Parade last Saturday. It was wonderful to see our students enjoying the atmosphere of the event and to see the contribution to the parade made by the Armidale Community of School of which Armidale City Public School is an integral member.

The ‘Tell Them From Me’ student survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the ‘Tell Them From Me’ student feedback survey.

The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the ‘Tell Them From Me’ survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 26 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey has been sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Monday 23 March. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

On Wednesday, 1 April, Armidale City Public School will be hosting a parent information session in the hall from 6.30 – 7.15pm about the Opportunity Class for Year 5 students in 2016. Parents who may wish for the child to apply for this DEC initiative are encouraged to attend. Further information is available by contacting the Principal.

Thank you to parents who have attended Parent Teacher meetings so far this week. Thank you also to teachers for making their time available over the next two weeks to prepare these important meetings take place. 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

WORK OF THE FORTNIGHT
KR
Violet
KB
Violet
KG
Keani
1/2P
Asher
1/2C
Koelme
1/2KS
Nathan and Louisa
1/3P
Pipiti
3/4J
Finlay and Sarah
3/4T
Archie
3/4R
Lachlan
5/6R
Whole Class
5/6K
Tabitha
5/6Mac
Alex
5/6Z
Alex

SPORTS REPORT
Congratulations to the following children who have been successful at recent District PSSA trials.
Soccer: Fraser
Hockey: Imogen (shadow)
Rugby League: Ethan, Corey, Shaun, Jacob and Eruera

Ethan and Jacob had further success at the Northern League trials and will now travel to Tamworth next week for the North West trials. Congratulations to all boys on their achievements.

Kael will be attending the State PSSA Swimming Championships at Homebush after his recent success at the North West Carnival. Kael will be swimming in the 10 years boys 50 m freestyle event.

Congratulations, Kael, and best of luck at the next level.

The boys’ cricket team bowed out of the PSSA knockout after their match with Ben Venue Public School. Their efforts and sportsmanship is to be commended.

This week’s winning house is Mitchell

Mrs Sue Kelly
Sports Organiser

KINDER GREEN CLASS NEWS
What a busy and fabulous term so far in Kinder Green! All students have settled beautifully into our school routines and lovely new friendships have been made. We have enjoyed learning about our school as part of our HSIE unit and we are well on our way to becoming fabulous readers and writers. We have produced some fabulous artworks and we especially like our foxes that we drew to go with our letter ‘f’ work in Literacy. We can’t believe that we are over half way through Term 1 and Mrs Rubie is so proud of how we are already using our You Can Do It keys. So much more to learn before the Easter break, and so much more fun to have! We love being in Kindergarten!

Kinder Green and Mrs Tina Rubie.

3/4S CLASS NEWS
In 3/4S students have been learning about ‘Community and Remembrance’ as part of the Stage 2 new History curriculum. Last Thursday all of Stage 2 conducted a classroom activity about the survey is the Armidale, visiting heritage sights and historical landmarks. 3/4S were accompanied by Mrs Wendy Peterson and were first to visit the Town Hall. Students were excited to sit in the mezzine level of the hall’s theatre and see how events work behind in scenes of the hall’s kitchen and staging. 3/4S were very well behaved and asked some brilliant questions of Mr Chambers at the Armidale Folk Museum. Students compared photos of Beardy Street over a 90 year period and learned about Armidale’s old telephone exchange. All Stage 2 teachers would like to congratulate students on their behaviour and manners during the excursion.

A big thank you to all students in Stage 2 who joined in the Autumn Festival Parade. It was my first Autumn festival since moving to Armidale and I was thrilled to see many 3/4S students walking with poppies (as the Armidale Community of Schools contribution to the 100 year ANZAC memorial) and blowing bubbles to their friends and family on the street watching.

Another thank you to all Stage 2 and in particular 3/4S parents who have made arrangements for parent teacher interviews to talk about their wonderful children. I am thankful to have been welcomed to Armidale City Public School so warmly by these parents and others in the school community.

Miss Stephanie Roberts
Class Teacher

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