FESTIVAL OF THE FAMOUS  

_Last Thursday night, 19 March, we celebrated some of the most outstanding presentations from Festival of the Famous that our students have done in 2015. A HUGE thank you to Mrs Maria Russell, who ran the night and took video footage, to Mrs Kim Kelsall, for taking photos and to Mr Craig McGrath, who also helped with the behind-the-scenes evenings’ organisation.

I would like to personally thank Emilia Russell for taking video footage of the nights’ performances and for transferring this to CD.

We will soon be turning our sights on the New South Wales Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition and Debating.

Armidale City Public School will host a local Debating Workshop next Wednesday, April 1. A number of students from Years 5 and 6 will be attending. Invitations for the workshop will go home this Thursday.

J K Rowling  
_Anna Year 3_  

Albert Einstein  
_Jesse Year 4_  

Sir Humphry Davey  
_Catalina Year 4_  

Zheng He  
_Sam Year 3_  

Cleopatra  
_Anusha Year 4_  

ANZAC CENTENARY  

_This year is really, really special as it marks 100 years since the landing of Allied troops at Gallipoli._

Thank you to the families and staff members that have emailed or sent in photos of their family members who have served Australia in the armed forces in both conflict and peace-keeping missions. If only these pictures could speak ! ? !

We need your pictures of any family members that have served Australia in ANY war, conflict OR Peace Keeping Mission.

Please DON’T send in original photos. Please DO send in photocopies or scanned images. OR email your images to me at kmcaruso@hotmail.com

Just fill in one of the labels from last week’s Blue and White, or email the information required and we will hang up your images outside the Hall ready for our ANZAC Assembly.

Mrs Kate McGrath  
_Librarian_  

Malala Yousafzai  
_Airlie Yr 6_  

Buzz Aldrin (Left)  
_Bayley Year 6_  

& Neil Armstrong  
_Alexander Year 5_  

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_Armidale City Public School_  

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School Captains: Emilie, Javan

School Executive: Mrs Cherrie Paterson, Mrs Leonie MacGregor, Mrs Jodie Ridley

25 March 2015  

MORE HARMONY DAY PICS
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT—WEEK 9

Congratulations to our P & C on hosting a successful Trivia Night held last Saturday, 21 March at the Golf Club. It was wonderful to see the wide variety of community members present, supporting our great school. This Saturday our P & C will be running a BBQ and cake stall at the polling booth for the state election at Armidale City Public School. Please come along and support our P & C by purchasing some of the goods on offer.

Well done to students who presented talks at The Festival of the Famous evening last Thursday. Your presentations were outstanding and you are to be commended on your levels of effort. Thank you to staff and community members for their support of this event.

On Wednesday, 1 April, Armidale City Public School will be hosting a Parent Information Session in the hall from 6:30pm – 7:30pm about the Opportunity Class for Year 5 students in 2016. Parents who may wish for their child to apply for this DEC initiative are encouraged to attend. Further information is available by contacting the Principal.

We had two students attend North West PSSA Rugby League Trials yesterday. Congratulations to Ethan and Jacob on their selection in the North West teams to attend NSW PSSA championships next term.

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 about the survey 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 for Years 4, 5 & 6 and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 26 March and 2 April.

Parents are reminded that the school car park is for staff use only and that it should not be used as a pick up or drop off point in the morning or afternoon. Parents are also advised to remind that school commences each day at 9.10am and finishes at 3.10pm. Supervision is provided for students from 8.40am in the morning and students should go home as soon as possible in the afternoon. If parents could also make sure students are bringing a healthy lunch and recess each day it would be greatly appreciated. Next Thursday 2 April our SRC will be having a mufti day to support the Red Cross efforts in Vanuatu. Students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation and come dressed in mufti to support this worthwhile cause.

Thank you to parents who have attended Parent Teacher meetings in the past two weeks. Thank you also to teachers for making their time available after school to ensure 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

CALLING ALL CRAFTY PEOPLE!!!

If you are a clever, crafty character we need your help! Get making and donate some of your amazing creations to the Armidale City Public School Mother’s Day Fete. The fete is on Saturday, 9 May so you don’t have much time...get cracking! Spread the word, tell your friend and family...all donations welcomed :)

By Georgia

BRONZE AWARD
1/25 Michaela

STAGE 2 EXCURSION

On Thursday 12 March Stage 2 went on a history walk around Armidale to learn about how it has changed.

First 3/4R went to Central Park for the first bit of the treasure hunt. After that everybody was hungry so we got to eat recess. I went and ate by the water fountain with Maddi. My favourite thing about Central park was getting to read all interesting facts about each structure.

After eating our bellies were nice and full so we could go walk again. Next we went to the Folk Museum. At the Folk Museum, the lovely Mr Chambers showed us four pictures of Beardy Street from the past, to the present. Later on he showed us what an old shop looked like. Following on after that, he let us have a free look around. My favourite part to look at was an old fashioned bedroom.

After 40 minutes at the Folk Museum we went walking around town. First, the Post Office. We had to write down what colour it was. Nearby the Court House and the Celtic Cross. We had to write down how much the Court House cost to build and what year it was built in. For the Celtic Cross, we had to write down how many people lived in Armidale at the time which was a shocking 76! We all had to write down when the first church session was held in Armidale.

Later on after everybody wrote down all those interesting facts, we had to write down the new name of the Imperial Hotel. Mrs Roach showed us a pole with a horse head on the top and a ring attached to that in front of the Imperial Hotel. She said the people in the olden days used to tie their horses on the ring.

After, we looked at old horse stables and close by was The Sheriff’s Cottage.

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Election BBQ and Cake/Craft Stall
Saturday 28 March

The roster is available on the window at the school front office.

You have the time you nominated unless you have contacted you.

More help needed

Baked Goods, 
(must include a list of ingredients or it can’t be sold) 
and crafts can be dropped into the Armidale City Public School office either this Thursday or Friday. 

Any questions please contact the ACPS Office or Andrew Simpson at beemer.au@yahoo.com.au or 6775 2441

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