1/2S CLASS NEWS

Wow, we cannot believe how quickly this term has gone!

We have settled into our new class very well and made lots of new friends. We are really lucky to have new buddies from other schools, too. Welcome Rachel, Henry, Tobias and Ruby.

This term we have enjoyed ‘Under the Sea’ as our English theme. ‘Tiddler the Story Telling Fish’, by Julia Donaldson was one of our favourite stories. We had fun relating to Tiddler’s tricks of always being late for school. Tiddler used his imagination so well and came up with some amazing excuses. Here are a few of our own excuses for being late to class:

Good afternoon Mrs Smith,

I am very sorry that I am late for school but……..

I was stuck inside a squid’s tummy! (Zhara)
I was going to school and I got stung by a bug! (Lillian)
I was swimming in my pop’s pool and then I ate breakfast. (Sonny)
I was chased by five foxes, then I fell on a stick, I got up and jumped into a river and I met a mermaid! (Noah)
I went for a swim in the pool but I got stuck on the bottom, I was about to get out and a big wave took me deeper into the water. A mermaid saved me! (Emily)

In HSTIE we have been learning about ‘Groups We Belong To’ and in Health we have discussed healthy food choices and exercises to help keep our bodies and minds healthy and strong.

Over the last week we have been very busy making Easter hats for the parade this Thursday. The wonderful children from 5/6J helped us make our exciting and cute hats. We are looking forward to singing our delightful Easter song, too.

Happy Easter!

Mrs Smith & 1/2S

P & C Election BBQ, Cake and Craft Stall Results

The P&C would like to thank everyone who supported our efforts on Saturday. Especially the teachers, staff, family members and parents who gave up their time to run the stalls, make craft and bake.

The baked goods where the big winner on the day, with 100% clearance. We raised $606 profit and the Easter raffle sold a lot of tickets.

WOULD YOUR DAUGHTER LIKE TO PLAY SOCCER THIS YEAR IN A GIRLS ONLY SOCCER PROGRAM?

I am seeking expressions of interest on behalf of Northern Inland Football for girls aged between 5-7 and 8-10 to participate in a one hour program every Saturday morning involving 30 minutes of skills and games followed by 30 minute matches. The focus of this program will be ensuring maximum participation for all girls, no matter what their skill level, and having fun with existing and new friends in a non-competitive environment. If you think your daughter may like to participate or for further information, please email me (Norm Lockett) at norm.lockett@gmail.com or Steve Griffith at admin@northerninlandfootball.com.au

STAGE 3 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NOTE AND DEPOSIT FOR EXCURSION DUE BACK BY TOMORROW THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2015…. DUE BACK 2 APRIL 2015
P & C MEETING
TODAY
WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2015
5.30pm
IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT—WEEK 1

Last Saturday our P & C ran a BBQ and cake stall at the polling booth for the state election at Armidale City Public School. Thank you to all P & C members who worked during the day and to all community members who supported this fundraiser.

This evening Armidale City Public School will be hosting a Parent Information Session in the Staff Common Room from 6.30pm - 7.30pm about the Opportunity Class to be based at Armidale City Public School for Year 5 students in 2016. Parents who may wish for their child to apply for this initiative are encouraged to attend. Further information is available by contacting the Principal.

Our P & C meeting for April will also be held this evening from 7.30pm in the School Library. All P & C members are encouraged to attend. All parents are welcome to come along, even if they have not been to a meeting before.

Miss Charmaine Perris will be on leave for the first five weeks next term as she is getting married during the holidays and will be on her honeymoon. Mr Luke Casey will be the teacher on 3/4P for this time period. We would like to wish Charmaine and James all the best for their upcoming wedding.

Mrs Maria Russell will be on special leave for the first four weeks next term as she will be travelling overseas doing research as part of the Premier’s Teacher Scholarship she received in 2014. Mrs Simone Lord will be the teacher on 5/6R for this time.

The ‘Tell Them From Me’ student survey
Students in Years 4 - 6 are currently participating 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:

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.

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 reminded 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 be at home as soon as possible in the afternoon. It is important that children arrive each day on time to be in class at 9.10am. If a child arrives late 15 minutes per day over one school week throughout the year it means they will miss fifty hours of their education per year. Multiply this over seven years of primary education and it means that a student who arrives 15 minutes late each day will have missed 350 hours of schooling – the equivalent of almost 59 days - over one term of schooling. We appreciate parents are busy people but it is vital that students do not miss this crucial time at school and we thank parents and families for ensuring their children do get to school on time each day.

All students will finish school for Term 1 on Thursday, 2 April and return for Term 2 on Tuesday, 21 April. Staff will return on Monday, 20 April and will be participating in a Staff Development Day focusing on the Performance Development Framework and Quality Teaching Framework. I thank all parents, students and their families for their support of our great school throughout Term 1 and look forward to working with you all again in Term 2. If any parent has something they would like to discuss at any time, please email me on the address below or contact the school office to make an appointment. Have a safe and happy holiday, see you again in Term 2.

Mr Matt Hobbs
Principal

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How clever are Kinder Blue!
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It’s Happening Again
KINDER - YEAR 2 FABULOUS EASTER HAT PARADE TOMORROW
Thursday 2nd April 2015
Commemorating 10am-11am
In the auditorium

VENUATU
Mufi Day
TOMORROW
THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2015
PLEASE WEAR PLAY CLOTHES AND SEND A GOLD COIN TO SUPPORT CYCLONE VICTIMS.

Calender
01.04.15
7.30pm P&C Meeting
02.04.15
10am Easter Hat Parade
02.04.15
Mufi Day - Fundraising for Vanuatu
03.04.15
Last Day of Term One
04.04.15
Good Friday
06.04.15
Staff Development Day
07.04.15
First Day of Term Two for Students
08.04.15
9.30am School Anzac Service in Hall
08.04.15
School Cross Country -Years 3-6
27.04-01.05.15
Dental Van Visit
28.04.15
2.10pm K-6 Assembly
28.04.-7.05.15
Book Fair
06.05.15
7.30pm P & C Meeting
08.05.15
District Cross Country
09.05.15
School Fete
11.-14.05.15
Naplan—Years 3 and Year 5
12.05.15
2.10pm K-6 Assembly
19.05.15
ICAS - Computer Skills
26.05.15
2.10pm K-6 Assembly
03.06.15
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09.06.15
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15.-19.06.15
ICAS - Writing
16.06.15
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13.07.15
First Day of Term Three for Students

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