1/2P NEWS
Wow it is hard to believe it is Week 4 already. The term is flying past.
It was lots of fun at the Fete on Saturday and we really enjoyed the dancing. We have been very busy already this term making mothers day gifts (we hope you liked them) and looking at lots of different kinds of poetry. We have had fun playing with Nursery Rhymes and writing poems of our own. We discovered that a lot of the Nursery Rhymes were written a long, long time ago and had some strange words and ideas. Some of the rhymes Mrs Paterson learnt when she was a little girl. We had a go at writing our own ‘Diamante Poems’ about our mums. We are publishing them but we have a few here for you to read.

Mum
- kind
- loving
- helps
- cleans
- works
- beautiful
- sings
- smiles
- lovely
- pretty
- mum

By Edward

Mum
- kind
- beautiful
- loving
- helpful
- clever
- the best
- mum
- ever
- cleans
- writes
- cooks
- pretty
- funny
- mummy

by Annessa

Last week we started our vertical groups. It was fun to meet our Year 6 leaders and the other members of our group. We will meet again next week. Our leaders are helping us learn how to use our ‘You Can Do It’ keys to enjoy school and make new friends.

This term we are investigating the theme ‘Families Past and Present’ and discovering how our families have changed over time and how families from the past have helped make our community such a great place to live. We are looking forward to the excursion to Saumarez Station and the Folk Museum in Week 7. Some of us are working really hard at preparing our project about our families ready for Week 5.

This term all the classes in our stage are reading the story called ‘Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs’ so we can learn how authors plan a story and create characters. We are going to compare the book and the movie and write a review about the movie.

We have been busy learning our songs for the Eisteddfod with Bek and Robyn from NECOM and we are looking forward to participating in the Eisteddfod next week. It would be great if we had lots of friends and family come along to watch and hear us sing.

Students of 1/2P

3/4T NEWS
Welcome to Mrs Faria, who is studying teaching at the University of New England. Mrs Faria will be working with 3/4T for 4 weeks and I’m sure will thoroughly enjoy her time with the students of Armidale City Public School.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the parents, grandparents and friends of Stage 2 students who helped make the fete such a great success. The delicious baked goods that were donated by Stage 2 for the cake stall all looked fantastic and helped raise lots of money. All of the customers to the cake stall suggested that the most difficult part of their day was trying to decide which cake, selection of biscuits or slice to buy as they all looked so good!

3/4T has started a poetry unit this week and the students have already written and published their first poem. An acrostic poem about Autumn. I look forward to reading more of their creative and thoughtful poems over the coming weeks as we look at a range of different styles of poetry.

Over the coming few weeks we will be giving students the opportunity to learn and develop their athletics field events skills in preparation for the field events carnival in Week 6. These include high jump, long jump, shot put and discus.

Can I please encourage all parents to double check that your child’s name is clearly marked on their jumpers and jackets. With the children often removing them during PDH and playtime we have an increasing number of un-named items building up in lost property.

Check out the sign up for 3/4T’s annual Eisteddfod coming soon.

Mr Brad Townsend
3/4T Classroom Teacher
Monday 27 April 2015:

Online applications close; Wednesday 22 July 2015:

Opportunity Class Placement Test

Parents will be able to access the online application at www.schoolls.new.nsw.edu.au/acplacement.

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Well done to students who competed in the District Cross Country at the University last Friday. All students did their best and they represented Armidale City Public School with distinction. Good luck to the students who will compete at North West Cross Country in Cooalan on 12 June.

All students in Years 3 and 5 are participating in NAPEP this week. Students completed Language Conventions and Writing components yesterday, the Reading component today and Numeracy on Thursday. Students are to be congratulated on their high levels of effort thus far and we thank parents for ensuring their children come to school during this time.

Our School Council Annual General Meeting will be held next Monday, 18 May from 7pm and there is currently a position vacant for a parent representative on the School Council. Nomination forms for the vacant position were sent home a couple of weeks ago and close this Friday, 15 May at 4pm.

We would like to remind parents that if they have an issue to discuss about their child with the class teacher that an appointment should be made through the school office on 6772 3420 so that a mutually convenient time can be made. We remind all parents of their responsibilities when approaching a member of staff – it should be done in a respectful and calm manner, not in a confrontational, aggressive manner, either in person or over the phone. Being respectful and calm are values which we teach our children through our ‘You Can Do It’ program and values we aspire all members of our community to have. We thank parents who do work with our teachers in a positive manner and look forward to continuing working with you all to educate your children.

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.

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

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Congratulations to the team of 48 runners who represented Armidale City Public School at the North West carnival, last Friday. The following children placed in the top 6 of their age divisions and will now go on to compete at the North West carnival: Javan, Sam, Chio, Jessica, Corey and Brock. We wish them every success at the next level.

Sam has had a very busy fortnight attending cricket and rugby union trials. Sam gained selection in the North West Cricket team and the Armidale Zone Rugby Union team. He will travel to Barooga in Term 4 for the State Cricket Carnival and the Northern Rugby Union trials will be held in Armidale next Monday. Well done, Sam, on this fantastic effort.

This week’s winning house is Oxley.

Mrs Sue Kelly
Sports Coordinator

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**SPORT NEWS**

The girls’ softball team had mixed success at the PSSA knockout carnival in Tamworth last week. In the first round Armidale City Public School defeated Tamworth 23-5. The second round match proved to be a greater challenge and Duri Public won the game 21-9. Mrs MacGregor was extremely impressed with the girls’ efforts and overall sportsmanship. A special thank you to Greg Eichhoff, Julie Walsh, Shaun Collins, Lucas Hazel and Adam Armstrong, who transported the girls to Tamworth and supported the team.

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**KINDER RED NEWS**

Wow, it’s amazing how fast Term 2 is flying by! It’s already week 4!! I was so delighted to see all of Kinder Red’s bright smiles faces return to school and hear about everyone’s fantastic Easter holiday adventures. We’ve enjoyed writing about them too.

In class we have been enjoying some very beautiful books written by Oliver Jeffers and Chris Haughton. We are currently using these as inspiration to create some beautiful artwork. Please feel free to come and visit our classroom to view our art creations.

Throughout this term as a part of our HSIE unit we are learning about all the things we need and want as well as looking at healthy food choices. We had loads of fun last week searching for healthy and unhealthy food pictures which we used to create two ‘Huge’ collage posters. We now currently using these as inspiration to create some beautiful artworks. Please feel free to come and visit our classroom to view our art creations.

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**ENVELOPES DUE BACK THIS FRIDAY 15 MAY 2015**

Please support Stewart House!