PRINCIPAL’S REPORT—WEEK 5

Well done to all students who have performed in the Armidale Eisteddfod last week. Students who have been chosen to represent Armidale City Public School with pride.

All students in Years 3 and 5 participated in NAPLAN this week. Students completed Language Conventions, Writing, Reading, and Numeracy components and approached the challenge with a positive attitude - well done children.

Thank you to parents for ensuring their children came to school during this time.

Our School Council Annual General Meeting was held on Monday, 18 May. Nathan Craven is continuing as President, Tina Rubie as Secretary and our new parent representative is Ben Gooley - welcome Ben. The Armidale City Public School Council would like to acknowledge the commitment of Karen Marshall and Barry Skinner as community representatives over the last few years and we look forward as Council members to finding appropriate representatives from the local community to fill your very big shoes.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, 3 August.

Well done to our netball team who played against Sandon Public School in the first round of the PSSA Knockout yesterday. Congratulations on the excellent result and on your positive attitude throughout the entire game. Thank you to parents and family members for assisting with transport.

For all parents of Year 4 students, Opportunity Class Placement information for intake into classes for 2016 was sent home a few weeks ago and applications have now closed as per the timeline below. Students who have submitted an application will be notified of testing arrangements in the next few weeks. If parents have any questions about the process, please contact the school office for more information.

Monday 27 April 2015: Online applications open
Friday 15 May 2015: Online applications close
Wednesday 22 July 2015: Opportunity Class Placement Test

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 with your child’s teacher. Like parents, the time of teachers during and outside school times can have a number of priorities that need to be fitted in and it is also important for teachers to have time to prepare relevant responses to the issues parents may raise. Teachers have a very important role in the education of all students and thus, 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.

A reminder that North West Sloppy Joes should only be worn on Sport Days. If parents could please encourage their child/children to wear full school uniform to school, it would be greatly appreciated.

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Fire and Rescue NSW Open Day 2015

Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its annual Open Day on Saturday, 30 May 2015 between 10am and 2pm at our Training Centre, 10 Mann St Armidale.

Children and their parents are invited to come along and watch fire safety demonstrations, hop aboard our station’s fire truck, hold a fire hose, enjoy a sausage sizzle and get a fire safety activity booklet while chatting with firefighters about what they do.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local firefighters. Winter is just around the corner and it’s the worst time of the year for house fires, so this is also a great opportunity to learn as much as you can about home fire safety.