



The Blue and White Armidale City Public School

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Welcome Back to School

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Calendar

3 February	Kindergarten's First Day
5 February	5pm Welcome Picnic
	6.30pm P&C Meeting
12 February	Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival
17 February	7pm School Council Meeting
18-27 February	Life Education Visit
18 February	2pm K-6 Assembly
20 February	District PSSA Swimming Carnival
4 March	6.30pm P&C AGM Meeting
12 March	Selective High School Testing

Please check this calendar weekly for updates.

P&C Important Dates

Monday 3 February 2020

Tea and tissues with P&C members for new Kindergarten parents

Wednesday 5 February 2020

5pm P&C welcome picnic followed by first P&C meeting for the year, school library from 6.30pm

Wednesday 4 March 2020

P&C AGM, School Library from 6.30pm

Bottle Top Count

A BIG Thank You to all those who are collecting bottle tops.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to our new and returning students and families in this 2020 school year. It is wonderful to start the year having received much needed rain and with skies clear of smoke. Let us hope that this welcome change continues for the rest of the year.

We are excited to have approximately 450 students attending Armidale City Public School this year. In addition, we welcome **Mr Wayne Bulmer as a class teacher**, and **Mr Cameron Baker, Mrs Angela Girard, Mrs Kirrily Hahn and Mrs Isabel Zardain** as part time teachers.

The staff and students have settled very quickly into their new classes today, with our Kindergarten students due to start 'big school' next Monday. Kindergarten students will be involved in Best Start sessions until then.

We are fortunate to have the following committed team working with our students this year:

K Purple	Mrs Ridley (Assistant Principal, Early Stage 1)
K Red	Miss Rowland
K Blue	Miss Hague
K/1L	Miss Lewis
1/2B	Mr Bulmer
1/2C	Mrs Clarke (Assistant Principal, Stage 1)
1/2D	Mrs Dollisson
1/2JS	Mrs Cook and Mrs Cordingley
1/2L	Mrs Druit
1/2W	Mrs Woods
3/4B	Miss Bateman
3/4C	Mr Commens
3/4E	Miss Eastlake
3/4R	Mrs Rubie
4/5S	Mrs Schultz
5/6C	Mrs Carson
5/6J	Ms Joyce
5/6K	Mrs Kelly
5/6R	Ms Raftery
5/6T	Mr Townsend (Assistant Principal, Stage 3)
RFF	Mr McGrath/Mrs Zardain/Mr Baker/ Mrs Girard
Library	Mrs McGrath/Mrs Hahn

Mrs MacGregor is the Assistant Principal for Stage 2. **Mr MacGregor, Mrs Cook and Mr Baker** are our Support Teachers.

Mrs Campbell is our School Administration Manager, supported by **Mrs Keogh, Mrs Boyd and Mrs Petersen**. We are fortunate to have a number of very capable support staff as well in 2020.

Miss Griffin-Jones is relieving as our Aboriginal Education Officer until **Ms Toni Widders** takes up her permanent appointment as AEO this term. We thank **Miss Griffin-Jones** for the work she has done in her relieving capacity.

Novel Coronavirus

The following information has been provided in relation to the current concerns relating to the Novel Coronavirus:

The NSW Ministry of Health and NSW Department of Education have recommended that any student who was travelling in China (including Hong Kong) over the past 14 days should not return to school or child care services this week, as the coronavirus' incubation period can be as long as two weeks.

Students who returned to Australia more than 14 days ago and have shown no symptoms are able to return to school this week.

There has been a small number of cases of confirmed Novel Coronavirus in New South Wales.

In accordance with national public health guidelines, exclusions only apply for those who are a:

Confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus - exclude until medically cleared

Close contact of a confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus - exclude for 14 days since last contact with the confirmed case

Close contact is defined as living in the same household, 15 minutes face-to-face contact with a person with confirmed coronavirus in any setting, or sharing a closed space with a person with confirmed coronavirus for more than 2 hours.

The Ministry of Health has processes in place to identify any close contacts of cases confirmed in Australia. Advice about not attending school would be provided to these close contacts by the Ministry of Health.

Consistent with current guidelines, staff and students who are unwell with respiratory illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve. In accordance with our current practice if any child becomes unwell we will implement our infection control guidelines and follow the advice provided by the Ministry of Health as appropriate.

We will provide any updates or change to information as these become available.

Allergies and other health issues

Any students who have been identified with a severe allergy and have been prescribed an adrenaline injector need to have an Action Plan completed by their treating doctor and provided to the school.

Students identified with asthma, diabetes or epilepsy are also being encouraged to provide Action Plans to the school to allow us to better manage your child's condition whilst at school.

Healthy food

Parents and carers are asked to provide a healthy lunch option in student lunch boxes. Chocolate, lollies and soft drinks are not to be brought to school, but are best kept for after school.

Ours is a Crunch and Sip School. Fruit break occurs at the start of the day, with students asked to bring along a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school. When selecting water bottles, please check that the lid does not leak when placed in school bags to prevent flooded bags.

Students should bring a sandwich, or healthy alternative for lunch. Due to the numbers of students with nut allergies, we ask that parents not send peanut butter or nutella on any food items and remind children of the need to not share food with other children.

Uniform

All students are expected to be in full school uniform at all times. If for any reason this is not possible, please send a note or contact the school.

Footwear is an important safety item. Good soles provide a sound grip on the floor preventing accidents such as slips, trips and falls from occurring. Footwear can also protect feet from damage caused by accidents such as falling objects. As such, we ask that parents provide appropriate school shoes or joggers in line with our uniform policy.

Our school has a 'no hat, play in the shade' policy. Broad-brimmed hats need to be worn by students when playing in the sun, including for sporting activities. Students are asked not to wear a cap.

Swimming Carnival

Our annual swimming carnival is planned for Wednesday, 12 February. All students in Years 3 - 6 are expected to attend the carnival as this is a school day and part of the school curriculum. We advise parents that students are not permitted to stay home on the day of the carnival.

Students in Year 2 who turn 8 years old by the end of this year and can swim 50 metres are also able to participate. These students can request the appropriate forms from the office.

Further information about the swimming carnival will be sent home in the next week. We ask that these be returned as soon as possible.

P&C Welcome Picnic

All parents and carers are invited to bring along a picnic next Wednesday, 5 February from 5.30pm. During the picnic you can meet teachers and other parents and attend the first P&C meeting of the year.

Road Safety - Keeping Children Safe

We all want the children of Armidale to be safe on the way to and from school. Please ensure that you pay attention to the signage about where to park and times that bus zones are active to avoid any fines. Parents are reminded that the staff car park is not for parent parking or setting down or collecting of children. This is an area that students use each morning and afternoon.

We ask that parents help us to keep children safe by making use of the pedestrian crossings on Dangar, Brown, Faulkner and Mann Streets and not walking near or between buses when collecting students.

Since 2019, our Blue and White has been made available on the School Stream app and the school website with a limited number of copies of the Blue and White available at the office. The School Stream app can also be utilised to provide absence notes or update your details at no cost. Information relating to downloading the app are attached to this Blue and White.

Have a fantastic week.

Ms Deborah Nay
Principal

**ARMIDALE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL
EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH CLASS—2020**

Item	Kindergarten	Stage One Year 1 & 2 (Sport Day - Thursday)	Stage Two Year 3 & 4 (Sport Day - TBA)	Stage Three Year 5 & 6 (Sport Day - Friday)
Pencil HB	No	Yes (6 per term)	Yes (4 per term or as necessary)	Yes (4 per term)
Coloured Pencils	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Textas	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pencil Case	No	Yes (Small only)	Yes (Small only)	Yes (Small only)
Ruler	No	No	Yes - Wooden or firm plastic	Yes - Wooden or firm plastic
Eraser	No	No	Yes	Yes
Glue Stick (Bostik - Blu)	Yes (2 per term)	Yes (2 per term)	Yes (2 per term)	Yes (2 per term)
Sharpener	No	No	Yes. Barrel Sharpener	Yes. Barrel Sharpener
White Board Marker (Non -Permanent)	Yes (2) (per term)	Yes (2) (per term)	Yes (2)	Yes (2)
Biro — Blue/Black	No	No	No	Yes (2 per term)
Biro — Red	No	No	No	Yes (2 per term)
Take Home LIBRARY Bag	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Take Home READER Bag	Yes	Yes	Optional	No
Paint Smock/Art Shirt	Yes	Yes	Yes	Optional
Plastic Document Wallet	Yes	No	Optional	Optional
1 Box of Tissues (240)	Yes <u>2 per term</u>	Yes <u>1 per term</u>	Yes <u>2 per term</u>	Yes <u>2 per term</u>
A4 Homework Book (96 page)	No	Yes	No	No
1 Packet Playing Cards	No	Yes	No	No
Whiteboard Duster	No	Yes	No	No
Earphones	No	No	Optional	Yes

It is essential that all items are labelled clearly with your child's name and class. It is also important that you regularly check your child's equipment supply and restock when necessary. Thank you for your help!