

Principal (A): Mrs Cherrie Paterson

School Captains: Kate Jones, Jesse Streeting

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

27 November 2013

CALENDAR

27.11.13	1/2K Thalgarrah Visit
28.11.13	Combined Orchestra - Sandon
29.11.13	9.30am Flute Trio
02-16.12.13	Water Safety - Years 3-6
6.12.13	Presentation Day
13.12.13	Parent Helpers' Morning Tea
16.12.13	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
17.12.13	5pm-7pm BBQ and Items from Students
18.12.13	Last Day of Term for Students
28.01.14	Teachers and Staff return to School
29.01.14	Year 1- 6 Return to School
03.02.14	Kindergarten First Day

**BOOK CLUB
DUE
THURSDAY
5 DECEMBER 2013**

Year 6 Dinner Parent Meeting

**Tuesday 3 December
5pm
in 5/6K Classroom.**

**TICKETS ARE NOW ON
SALE FROM MRS JONES
COST \$30**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT-WEEK 8

It is hard to believe we are nearing at the end of another year. This year has been an amazing year for our students and our school as a whole.

At yesterday's Assembly we celebrated the achievements of many of our students. It has been wonderful to see so many students reaching the level of Silver and Gold Award. Congratulations to the students who achieved their Principal's Medallion - this is a great effort. The names of the students who received Principal's Medallions will be included in the Presentation Day program.



I would especially like to congratulate those students who have been elected as Student Councillors for 2014. This is a great honour and responsibility that I am sure every one of our elected students will appreciate and respect. The staff and executive are looking forward to working with them next year. The Student Councillors for 2014 are **Mangarchot Maluach, Liam Whitehill, Roanan Kelsall, Dougie Close, Jane Spencer, Olivia Joyce, Amy Showell and Lucy Cook**. The names of the captains will be announced at Presentation Day.

Next Monday is the first day of the 3-6 Water Safety program. This activity runs until Monday 16 December. Water Safety is a mandatory part of the

PD/H/PE syllabus. Students are expected to take part in this program unless the school is provided with a written letter from parents outlining why they are unable to participate. **Students are also expected to attend every day. Students who do not bring their swimming equipment will still attend the sessions and be expected to pay.** I ask for your support in this as it is becoming more and more common to hear of tragic events involving students drowning when we listen to the news. Water Safety is a vital life skill necessary for all students.

Next Wednesday we will be taking students up to Armidale High School to have a rehearsal for our school's annual Presentation Day. Students attending the rehearsal have received a permission note which must be returned by Friday 29 November. The cost of the bus for the rehearsal is \$3. The students do not pay for the bus on Presentation Day. Presentation Day is Friday of next week 6 December at 11.00am. Full school uniform is to be worn on Presentation Day and Year 6 students are to wear normal school uniform **-not their year 6 shirts** as this is a formal celebration.

Today was the final session for our new Kinders. It was a great day for a picnic lunch. Over the last 7 weeks we have all enjoyed watching our newest school community members make new friends and get to know the teachers. I would like to thank the Kinder teachers **Mrs Close, Mrs Morris and Mrs Schultz** for all their work in ensuring our kinders had a great experience each week and a huge thank you to our current kinders for lending us their teachers and their classrooms. As always many other school staff were on hand to support our new students. Thank you to the **Year 5 students, Mrs Kelsall, Mrs Cornall, Mr Casey and Mr Widders.**

As we start to wind down towards the end of the year I would urge parents to remember that students are expected to be in attendance at school every day that lessons are provided. The school year for students finishes on Wednesday 18 December. All staff will be attending school on Thursday 19 December and some staff will attend on Friday 20 December to participate in professional learning activities. If parents are withdrawing their children from school early please complete an exemption form and notify your child's teacher.

We have a HUGE amount of unclaimed clothing in the various Lost Property boxes around the school. Please check that your child is not missing some of their clothing and ask them to have a look for anything that might be missing.

We have been informed that Essential Energy will be completing upgrades on the underground lines in Brown

Street at the bottom end of the school between 9.00am and 3.00pm each day for the next 2 weeks. They will erect barricades along the footpath. Please ensure you use an alternate entrance during this maintenance time.

The Parent Helpers' Morning Tea is an annual event at ACPS and one which all staff look forward to. It is an opportunity for us to say thank you to all our wonderful helpers who have supported the work of the school throughout the year. This year the morning tea is to be held on Friday 13 December. Invitations will be sent home shortly and we ask that parents contact us if they have names of people who deserve to be recognised at this special time. Many of our helpers work behind the scenes and are not always visible at school. I look forward to sharing a cuppa with these special members of our school community.

A FEW REMINDERS

Semester 2 reports will go home on Friday 13 December.

Parents will have to collect their child's report if they are not at school on that day. Families who are leaving school for an early vacation must call into the office to complete a certificate of exemption for the time they will be absent and inform the child's teacher so arrangements can be made to collect reports.

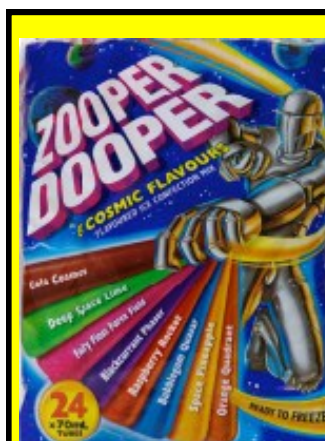
Thursday 12 December is the K-2 Sports Day.

Information about this event was sent home today.

Year 6 Icy Pole day - tomorrow Thursday 28 November.

50c each. The money is to support Year 6 gift to the school.

Cherrie Paterson
Principal (A)



**ZOOPER
DOOPER
Icy Poles
Thursday
28
November
50c each**

Congratulations

BRONZE AWARD

1/2K	Alex Lazarev	Ebony Hayne
1/2W	Kendall Bradley	Stevie Rees
3/4BT	Kael Streeting	Blake Brennan
	Cody Cheeseman-Clare	
3/4J	Blake Cornish	
3/4R	Tabitha Petersen	
5/6B	Chris Tall	Will Robinson
	Tahlia Ingleby	Sam Tombs
	Clancy Roberts	
5/6J	Lilli-Cate McMillan	Jeszie Murray
	Jasmin Poulter	
5/6Mac	Deekshika Elango	Peter Rose

SILVER AWARD

KR	Felicity Stewart	Anika Joice
	Taliah Anderson	
1/2K	Tahli Smith	
	Leo Watson-Rote	Willow Howe
	Jesse Willson	
1/2P	Lachlan Simpson	Noah Hamilton
	Mya Ewen	
1/2S	Alex Watson	
	Zack McCallum	Welly Zikan
1/2T	Macuei Chadar	
	Onew Kim	Matilda McLean
1/2W	Pippi Bell	Laura Grant
3/4BT	Zoe McShane	Breanna Boyd
	Michelle Haynes	
3/4J	Alec Showell	Nicholas Bugden
	Brandon White	Blake Rose
	Bayley Mitchell	Elijah Clark
	Bailey Eather	Eddy Hewitt
3/4R	Charlotte Thomas	Tomasina Model
	Lucas Stone	Ned Maurer
	Harry Watson	Erin Johnson
5/6B	Jacqueline Tracey	Chloe Hamilton
	James Morton	Daniel Gollop
	Andrew Henderson	Amy Showell
	Sophia Johnson	Jacinta Brash
	Damien Tyers	
5/6J	Georgia Mitchell	Darcy Barker
	Lily Wilson	Hannah Stewart
	Paige McKay	Heather Girard
	Louella Gayden	Max Fairy
5/6K	Shae-Lee Murray	Brittany Dell
	Mangarchot Maluach	
	Isaac Tanikomave	
5/6Mac	Manar Al-Hassani	

GOLD AWARD

KR	Ty wood	
1/2K	Willow Howe	Hamish Wallace
	Flynn Hess	
1/2P	Clio Knight	Sieun Kim
	Tyler Grant	Laura Towie
	Amelia Schultz	Phoebe Girard
1/2S	Hamish Gerard	Jo Talkes
	Ella Reeve	Charlie Bailey
	Marley Doak	
1/2T	Ben Harris	Chloe Neilson
	Montana Galvin	
1/2W	Archie O'Connor	Chiyo Brown
	Anusha Thapa	
3/4BT	Jessica Burgess	Anna Dennis
	Grace Worthing	
3/4J	Cayleb McCallum	Eden Kelsall
	Gemma Murray	
3/4R	Nikita Giles	Yash Shilpakar
	Flynn Knuckey	
5/6K	Brittany Dell	Kymani Quaife
	Liam Whitehill	Rachelle Waters
	Alyssa Armstrong	Sha Talkes
	Mackenzie Bradley	
5/6J	Olivia Joyce	Andre Nadimi
	Jane Spencer	Madison Towner
	Chloe Kirkwood	Isobel Harris
5/6Mac	Claudia Marshall	Talita Craven
	Sophie Hamilton	Juliet Knuckey
	Haley Sousa	

1/2T CLASS NEWS

A busy term has been had in 1/2T!

The children were curious about the thunderstorms we have been having lately and some were even a little bit nervous. So we researched some facts and videos about lightning and storms. We found out lots of interesting things and were able to remember some exciting facts for our classroom poster. Here are a few examples:

Did you know... Lightning is only about an inch wide?

Did you know... Lightning is 6 times hotter than the surface of the sun?

Did you know... Lightning strikes somewhere in the world every second?

We also learned how to stay safe during storms and where thunder actually comes from (and no it does not come from Santa moving his furniture to get ready for Christmas, Miss Trott!).

So if you have any questions or worries about storms just stop one of the kids from 1/2T, they can help you out!

1/2T & Miss Trott

5/6K CLASS NEWS

Hello Blue and White readers. It's 5/6K with all the gossip on our PE/PD Health workshops, with Armidale High School 8CR class.

When **Mrs Kelly** told us that we were doing an activity with AHS, we were all very excited to see what they had in store for us. The 8CR class came to our school and we were put into small groups of 5 or 6. We were told that we were going to learn about nutrition and how to live a healthy lifestyle. They used many funny and weird techniques to teach us about this important topic. By the end of the lesson our brains were full of knowledge of the food pyramid and how long you should wash your hands for. Did you know the appropriate length of time to get your hands clean, is the time it takes you to sing the Happy Birthday song. Keep scrubbing and get singing everyone.

A few weeks after the PD session, Year 8 then wanted us to go to AHS to do some physical activities with them. We were all stoked about seeing them again. We arrived at the DEN with aching ears from all the cicadas and many of us feeling as if our legs were about to fall off from the long walk. We were all still excited about the morning ahead though. Year 8 had organised a session where we rotated around the skills of indoor soccer, basketball, netball and cricket. By the end of the morning we all deserved a good treat which in our case was a Freddo Frog. Hope they are still handing them out next year.

We really enjoyed being mentored by Year 8. We made many new friendships and Year 6 are looking forward to catching up with them next year in the AHS playground. We hope to do more activities with AHS. That's all we have to say for now. Be tuned in for the next story.

**Alyssa Armstrong, Dougie Close,
Mackenzie Bradley and Marvin Palad**



5000 Origami Butterflies to be installed in Armidale for International Day of Disability

An installation of 5000 origami butterflies is to be suspended over the laneway between Cinders Lane and Armidale's Mall to mark the International Day of Disability.

The ephemeral public art work, which will be in place from 7am until 7pm on Thursday 12th December, is the creation of Armidale artist Genevieve Tavener.

"I was inspired by the story of Hiroshima-born Sadako who had contracted the 'atom bomb disease' - leukemia," Genevieve said. "Sadako recalled a Japanese legend that prompted her to begin folding 1000 paper cranes. She believed that it would make her healthy again."

Unfortunately Sadako died before completing her task. The cranes however, were completed by others on her behalf after her death and the story remains a powerful symbol of strength and hope.

"I understand that 1 in 5 Australians has a disability. So in theory, 5000 Armidale residents could be living with disability," said Genevieve, who lives with disability herself. "This is the reason why I have chosen to create 5000 origami butterflies."

The butterflies will hang in a rainbow above the laneway on the International Day of Disability.

"I have been working with children from St Mary's school to create the butterflies," Genevieve said. "This process has added another layer to the artwork as the butterflies are all a little different. Each one is unique, but together they will appear as a colourful mass."

Armidale Dumaresq Council's Public Art Advisory Panel has supported Genevieve in her plans to create the temporary public art installation. She has also received support in the form of public liability insurance cover through 'Care for Children with Disabilities'.

"The Public Art Advisory Panel is very happy to support Genevieve in this project which will make a powerful and quite beautiful public statement," said Cr Chris Halligan, Chair of the Public Art Advisory Panel. "I am looking forward to the opportunity to experience this artwork by walking under the butterfly-filled canopy of the laneway on December 12th."

For more information, please contact the Public Art Advisory Panel on 02 6770 3832.

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NOTICE BOARD

- Family Relationship Centre
- Exchange Students Families needed
- Tennis Lessons
- NECOM
- Tutoring
- Violin Teacher
- Out of School Hours Care
- For Sale - Hand printed Serviettes
- MathsOnline
- PCYC Activities
- Montessori Pre-School- Long Day Care
- Baby Sitter

If you would like more information on these events please call into our office and check out our Community Noticeboard.