

Relieving Principal: Mrs Cherrie Paterson

School Captains: Kate Jones, Jesse Streeting

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

6 November 2013

CALENDAR

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| 7.11.13 | 1/2W visit Thalgarrah |
| 8.11.13 | Stage 3 - Science in the Bush |
| 8.11.13 | Milo Cricket |
| 12.11.13 | 1/2K visit Thalgarrah |
| 13.11.13 | 1/2S visit Thalgarrah |
| 13.11.13 | 12noon-3pm Kinder Orientation |
| 13.11.13 | 7.30pm P&C Meeting |
| 14.11.13 | 1/2P visit Thalgarrah |
| 20.11.13 | 12noon-3pm Kinder Orientation |
| 27.11.13 | 12noon-3pm Kinder Orientation and Picnic Lunch |
| 28.11.13 | Combined Orchestra - Sandon |
| 6.12.13 | Presentation Day |
| 18.12.13 | Last Day of Term for Students |

P&C MEETING
POSTPONED
TO
WEDNESDAY 13
NOVEMBER 2013

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT-WEEK 5

I would like to start this week's newsletter with a huge thank you to the staff who organised and attended last week's major excursions to Canberra and Lake Keepit. It is always a great relief when students who have been out of the school for a lengthy period of time return with smiles and stories to share. I am very proud to be principal of a school whose students draw praise and commendations from strangers as well as staff for their exemplary behaviour and manners when visiting and participating on excursions. The staff from both excursions have relayed to me the positive comments that they

received about our students when in Canberra and Lake Keepit. Well done kids you have done yourself, your teachers and our school proud.

I would like to wish our debaters the best of luck in Sydney next week as they compete in the finals of the Premier's Debating Challenge. I would also like to thank **Mr Docksey** who has coached the team and will accompany the debaters who leave on Sunday.

This week Year 5 students will nominate for the position of Student Councillor for 2014. All Year 5 students have the opportunity to nominate themselves or accept nomination by another student. The next step is for Year 5 students to vote to reduce number of councillor nominations to 20 (10 boys and 10 Girls). In week 7 - 20 November the student councillor nominees will give a speech to the students in the school and the students will then vote by secret ballot to nominate the student councillors for 2014. These votes will be counted by a staff member, a member of the School Council and myself. Students who are successful in being voted in as a councillor will be informed at a morning tea on Tuesday 26 November before the names are announced at assembly in the afternoon. Parents of all nominees are welcome to attend the morning tea.

I would like to remind parents and members of the school community that the school grounds are not to be used over the weekend. The signs around the school give clear indications that members of the community are not permitted within the school grounds.

As the school year is quickly slipping away, it is time to start the planning for 2014. I would like to request information regarding students and families who may not be returning to our school next year to ensure planning for 2014 classes we need to have accurate numbers. If you know you will not be at ACPS in 2014 or will be returning late from holidays please complete the attached form and return it to **Mrs Paterson** as soon as possible.

Mrs Leonie MacGregor and Mr Ian MacGregor will be taking leave as from Week 7 this term. Mrs MacGregor will be replaced by Mr Heeney and his faithful guitar and Mrs Kelsall will teach Mr MacGregor's program.

In response to ongoing issues with the butcher bird in the Mann Street area, I would like to assure parents that everything is being done to resolve the matter. Representatives from WIRES, and Parks and Wildlife have visited the school and put in place appropriate measures to ensure the safety of the school community and the problem has now been referred to the local police for further action.

I ask that parents use one of the other three school entrance points to drop off and pick up students until the matter is resolved.

Reminders

Claim the date - Grandparents/Grandfriends Morning Tea is on Monday 18 November at 10.45. Grandparents and friends are invited into classrooms from 10.15 and then to a lovely morning tea in the rose garden.

This week is the Orientation Days for Year 6 students attending Armidale High and Duval High School in 2014.

This week is the fourth session for our new Kinders and the last of the morning sessions. Next week the Kinders will be coming from 12noon until 3.00pm.

Cherrie Paterson
Principal (A)

Congratulations

BRONZE AWARDS

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| 1/2W | Georgia Bursle | Roxley Scott |
| 3/4BT | Oliver Gerard | Eruera Heremaia |
| | Aaron Coop | Haydon O'Grady |

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
- Guitar Lessons
- Montessori Pre-School- Long Day Care

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



Have you heard?

ARMIDALE DISTRICT BAPTIST CHURCH
Invites you to a week of
JUNGLE FUN

THERE WILL BE BIBLE STORIES, GAMES, CRAFTS, COOKING, SONGS AND MUCH MORE

WHEN: 13th January - 17th January 2014
WHERE: Armidale District Baptist Church
Cor. Rusden and Jessie Streets
TIME: 9.00am - 3.00pm
YEARS: K-8

COST: EARLY BIRD OFFER IF BOOKED AND PAID FOR BY 31st DECEMBER 2013
\$5.00 a day or \$20.00 a week
OR AFTER 31st DECEMBER
\$8.00 a day or \$30.00 a week.

MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEA WILL BE PROVIDED

CHILDREN CAN BRING THEIR OWN LUNCH OR ORDER LUNCH FOR AN EXTRA \$3.00 A DAY PER CHILD. (SEE FORM INSIDE)
HOWEVER, CHILDREN WITH FOOD ALLERGIES OR SPECIAL DIETS, PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN FOOD.
PLEASE BRING A DRINK AND HAT EACH DAY WITH THEIR NAME ON THEM.

For Bookings or enquiries please ring
Kerry Gailer 6772 3562



Blue Light DISCO

CHRISTMAS COSTUME!

PM

Ages 5 - 12 TICKETS \$5

Tickets on sale from 04/11/13 at Armidale Police Station and Armidale Bowling Club
No tickets available at the door

NO ALCOHOL | NO DRUGS | NO PASSOUTS
All Blue Light events are drug and alcohol free and supervised by Police Officers.
www.pccnsw.org.au

Blue Light

Planning for 2014

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

In order to plan classes for 2014 it is important that we have accurate information about our enrolments. If you know that your child/children will not be returning to Armidale City next year please complete the form below and return to the front office as soon as possible.

If your child will be returning to school after the normal starting date of Wednesday 29 January, 2014 (Kindergarten students start on Monday 3 February, 2014) please complete the form below and return it to the front office as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Cherrie Paterson
Principal (A)

My child/children will not be returning to ACPS in 2014:

Children's names: _____

Reasons for not returning to ACPS: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

Returning after 29 January

My child/children will be returning to ACPS **after the date of Wednesday 29 January 2014** because _____

eg we will be overseas

My child/children will return to school in 2014 on _____(date)

My children are _____

Summer Holiday Camps at Lake Keepit Sport & Rec Centre

Looking for something to do this January? Why not let us take the kids off your hands for a week with one of our fun and exciting 'Kids Holiday Camps'.

Hooked on Fishing

Learn the basics of fishing and experience the excitement of landing the 'big one'. Add this to other exciting camp activities such as kayaking, rock climbing and even prepare a delicious meal in a camp oven at our bush cookout.

This camp includes a fishing workshop in which all participants will receive a fishing pack containing: Shimano fishing rod and reel, shirt and other fishing related items.



Make A Splash

Summer fun at Lake Keepit for kids who love to swim, splash and paddle! All of Lake Keepit's aquatic activities will be offered from sailing to kayaking as well as opportunities to hang in a hammock, try your hand at archery and splash around the pool. Fun activities by day, social games and events by night. Get a taste of the great outdoors and meet new people or bring your friends along.



Details:

Dates: Monday 6th - Friday 10th Jan 2014

Age: 7 to 12 years of age
(Primary School Years 3 - 5)

Cost: \$295.00

Each camp includes a gift pack from the Centre

To Enrol:

Contact the Centre by:

Phone: 02 6769 7603

Fax: 02 6769 7585

Email: lake.keepit@communities.nsw.gov.au

Download and send an enrolment form with full payment to our Client Service Centre. Forms are available at www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps

Private transport only on these programs

Participants can arrive at the centre from 11:00am on Monday and be collected for the centre by 1:00pm Friday



For more information: Phone (02) 6769 7603 or Email: lake.keepit@communities.nsw.gov.au

OR return this form via fax to 02 6769 7585

Full Name: _____

School Grade: _____ DOB: _____ M F

Program: Hooked on Fishing Make A Splash

Parent Name: _____

Contact #: H: _____ M: _____

Email: _____

Numbers are limited so please book early!