

**FREE! 13TH DEC 2014
2PM UNTIL 9PM
ARMIDALE SHOWGROUNDS**

The Festival of the Brave brings the whole community together for a day of music, dance, art, food and celebration

Visual Artists' Market
Cultural Food Stalls
Projections
Interactive Performances
Spoken Word Performances
Dance! Song! and more!

BE BRAVE CONVERSATIONS
1-2pm daily from 9th-11th December in the Armidale Mall and 6pm on Saturday 13th December at the Showgrounds

Beyond Empathy will host a series of BRAVE Conversations. Local identities will address topical controversial issues that get us all thinking. Bring your lunch and join the conversation.
*this event will be streamed live at be.org.au

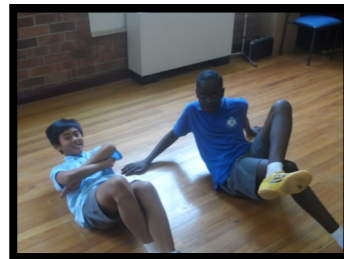
NO SHAME DAY
4-6pm, 12th December on the Armidale Mall Stage

No Shame Day encourages young people to step out into the light, be proud of who they are and what they can contribute. Using public performances of dance and song, No Shame Day helps to create pride in the Aboriginal community. It is a day to be shame free!

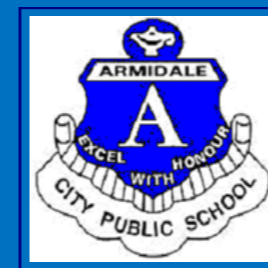
FESTIVAL OF THE BRAVE

For more call 02 6772 0101 or go to www.be.org.au/festival-of-the-brave

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The Blue and White Armidale City Public School

the heart of Armidale

Quality teaching since 1861

Principal:

Mr Matt Hobbs

School Captains: Lucy Cook, Mangarchot Maluach

School Executive:

Mrs Cherrie Paterson, Mrs Leonie MacGregor, Mrs Jodie Ridley

10 December 2014

School Performance 'The Case of the Missing School'



STUDENTS RETURNING TO ARMIDALE CITY AFTER 31 JANUARY 2015

Please return the below slip if your child or children will not be returning to Armidale City Public School in the first week of 2015.

✂ _____

This to confirm that my child/ren

will be returning to Armidale City Public School in Term 1, 2015
(anticipated returning date: _____)

Yours sincerely,

(Parent/Guardian)

■ Address: 142-152 Faulkner St, Armidale NSW 2350
■ Phone: 02 6772 3420
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■ Website: www.armidalec-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

CALENDAR

12.12.14	Presentation Day
15.12.14	11.45am Sports and Arts Assembly
15.12.14	Year 6 Dinner
16.12.14	Helpers Morning Tea
17.12.14	Last Day of Term 4 for Students
18.12.14	Staff Development Day
27.01.15	Staff Development Day
28.01.15	Yr1—Yr6 Return to School
02.02.15	Kindergarten First Day

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

SPORTS AND ARTS AWARDS
ASSEMBLY
MONDAY 15 DECEMBER 2014
11.45am
ALL WELCOME

MUFTI DAY TOMORROW THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER

Students are permitted to wear mufti clothes to ensure their uniforms are clean and well presented for Friday's Presentation Day Assembly at Armidale High School.



SWIMMING

Stage 2 and Stage 3 Water Safety Program

Due to the wet weather last week, we have extended our Water Safety Program to Tuesday 16 December 2014.

There will be no permission note for the extra day.

A huge thankyou to the following people for helping with the annual water safety program; Dawn Tyler, Jenna Walsh, Michelle Guppy, Rachelle Todd, Greg Eickhoff, Mary Eickhoff, Virginia Roberts, Joanne Stewart, Kazumi Knight, Tracey Barrow, Anna Murrell, Kylie Rees, Angela Harris, Camille Dunsford, Penny Grant, Tim Collins, Marita Burgess, Kiera Shaw and Tom Campbell. We could not run this valuable program without your continued support.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT—WEEK 10

'The Case of the Missing School' was held last week and the students displayed their talents on stage. Congratulations to the students on their fine performance, the staff on their professionalism and dedication in ensuring the students were prepared and parents and community for their support of the event. Thank you to our P&C members for running the BBQ before the night.

Students went to Armidale High School today for Presentation Day rehearsal. Our 2014 Presentation Day will be held this Friday, 12 December from 11am - 1pm in the Armidale High School Hall and parents and community members are invited to come along and join with us on this special occasion. All students will be attending the Presentation Day - it would be greatly appreciated if full school uniform could be worn by all.

Congratulations to **Mangarchot Maluach** who receive a 'Bar to Blue' award at the North West PSSA Awards ceremony held in Tamworth yesterday. Mangarchot received this award as recognition for his contribution to North West and NSW school sport, in particular in the sport of basketball.

If parents have any friends who may be intending to send their child to Armidale City Public School next year and they have not let the school know please ask them to contact the office as soon as possible. This enables us to plan our class structures effectively for 2015. On the back of today's newsletter is a form for families who know they are not returning to school in the first week of 2015. Classes will be formed on a permanent basis when we know our exact numbers at the beginning of next year.

Individual student reports have been sent home today. Reports are written based on progress made in Semester 2 against syllabus outcomes for individual students. Effort levels and overall grading information per key learning area are provided as well as comments from teachers. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher when they receive reports with any questions they may have.

The school car park is not to be used by parents in the morning or afternoon as they drop off or collect their children. Safety around cars is an integral part of the duty of care for staff and we thank all parents and carers who consider this request when thinking about where they are going to drop off or pick up their child.

Farwell to Year 6 students, their families and students not returning in 2015. We wish you every success for the future.

As this is the last Blue and White for 2014 I would like to take the opportunity to thank all members of the Armidale City Public School community - staff, students, parents, family members and friends for their ongoing support throughout the year. We have had many great highlights and 2014 is one which our community can be very proud of. The last day of term for students is next Wednesday, 17 December. Students in Years 1 - 6 will return on Wednesday, 28 January 2015 with Kindergarten students completing Best Start Assessments between 28 and 30 January and commencing school on Monday, 2 February 2015. I wish all families a safe and happy holiday and look forward to working with you all again in 2015.

Mr Matt Hobbs
Principal

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PRESENTATION DAY 2014

This Friday is our school's annual Presentation Day which is held in the auditorium at Armidale High School. The assembly begins at 11am and will conclude by 12.30pm. As this is a whole school event a permission note is not required. Students are to wear full summer school uniform - including black shoes. Year 6 students are permitted to wear their year 6 shirt however, students in Year 6 receiving awards are to wear the full summer uniform - not the year 6 shirt. Parents are reminded that they must send a note or contact their child's teacher if they intend taking their child home after the Presentation Day Assembly.

ARE YOU MISSING ANYTHING?

We have a HUGE amount of unclaimed clothing in the K-2 lost property box and in the bag rooms. 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.

CLASS PARTIES AND CLUB DAY

Next Tuesday children in the K-2 will enjoy A 'Clubs Day' where they will rotate around the various classes to do a range of activities including craft, art, cooking and technology. As a highlight of the day, we will hold class parties at lunch time. A special note will be sent home later in the week about the class parties. Children are permitted to wear play clothes for the day.

PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA

The Parent Helpers' Morning Tea is an annual event at Armidale City Public School 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 Tuesday 16 December at 11am. Many of our helpers work behind the scenes and are not always visible at school. We look forward to sharing a cuppa with these special members of our school community.

Cherrie Paterson

KINDER BLUE

Kindergarten has been working really hard finishing off work and getting ready for Year 1. We celebrated the first day of summer last Monday and made some beautiful suns. We are also getting into decorating our room for Christmas.

Kinder Blue had so much fun performing the play last week. I was very proud of the effort they all put in to learning the moves and listening to all instructions and they showed a lot of patience all week. Well done!

Ms Jessica Upton
Class Teacher

1/2S CLASS NEWS

A very warm welcome to our new student Tobias Goldzieher-Parkin. We are excited to have Tobias in our class and we hope he enjoys his time at ACPS.

As we near closer to the end of our school year



we would like to highlight some exciting activities we have enjoyed this term.

In English we became entomologists as we studied "Insects". We added some fantastic new words to our vocabulary as we discovered facts, created Power Point Presentations and wrote descriptions and acrostic poems.

One of our favourite activities this term was Grandparents Day. With our Nans and Pops in the room to help, we added funny photo props to our faces to look like dancers. We also played "Roll a Nan or Pop", sketching some lovely portraits of our visitors. Our grandparents really enjoyed watching us dance too, showing off some stylish moves.



The K-2 sports morning was lots of fun. We enjoyed the running races and novelty events as well as watching our mums, dads and toddlers run. But the best laugh was watching the teachers run their race!



Over the last few weeks we have been looking at Celebrations around the World as part of our HSIE studies. What we have discovered is that many countries celebrate Christmas in ways similar to Australia, except for some differences in the Northern Hemisphere, like snow!



To finish, we would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday. See you next year.



From Mrs Smith and 1/2S.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

The P&C raised \$853.90 from the BBQ on Thursday night.

We were very over whelmed by how many people turned up for the BBQ. We are sorry for the long queues and running out of food.

Ross & Marieta Burgess	Andrew Wallace
Andrew Simpson	Graham Cummins
Kylie Rees	Angela & Christian Girard
Margie Roberts	

Thank to the following people who all worked hard,

A HUGE THANK YOU TO TINA LONG FOR ORGANISING THE BBQ.