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FLANDERS FIELDS

IN FLANDERS FIELDS WHERE POPPIES GROW THEY LIE THERE UNDER POPPY ROWS FOR WHEN THEY HEARD THE WAR BORN CRIES THEY WENT TO WAR AND RISKED THEIR LIVES WE THANK THEM NOW FOR WHAT THEY'VE DONE THEY SAVED A LAND, A NEW LAND BEGAN By ARWYN TODD 3/4R

STAGE 3 CANBERRA/BALLARAT REPORT

One hundred excited students and six teachers boarded two buses at 6:30am on Sunday morning and headed off to Canberra. After an uneventful trip, we arrived at Canberra YHA in time for dinner. Telstra Tower was spectacular at night with the wonderful lightning display. It was disappointing we couldn't get out onto the viewing platform though.

Monday morning we began our day at the Electoral Office. It was a fabulous experience where the students got to participate in a mock vote and learn how the Federal voting system works. Then it was off to Old Parliament House where we visited the Senate and other parts of the building. Back on the bus, we set off for Ballarat stopping for a Chinese meal at Seymour. Tuesday was an amazing day at Sovereign Hill. The children panned for gold (and found some!), watched lollies and candles being made, saw a gold bar being poured, toured an underground mine and learned how students used slate boards back in the gold rush times. Tuesday evening we attended the 'Blood on the Southern Cross' show and learned all about the battle at Eureka Stockade. It was awesome!!

Wednesday morning it was off to the Museum of Democracy - Eureka where we saw the original Eureka flag. Back on the bus to Canberra with a stop in the park at Holbrook to see the submarine and have pizza and ice-cream for dinner (thanks Mrs Jones!).

Thursday was very busy. First stop New Parliament House. Here we visited both the House of Representatives and the Senate. We were treated to morning tea but unfortunately we didn't get to meet the Hon. Barnaby Joyce M.P. our Federal member.

Next, the Mint, where we saw the robots that help move the barrels of coins and then onto the Australian War Memorial. The students would have liked more time to explore the fantastic, thought provoking displays. The National Museum was next on our itinerary. Everyone was amazed to see the size of Phar Lap's heart.

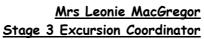
Last stop was Questacon. This was definitely a highlight of the excursion. Earthquake houses, lightning strikes and the BIG DROP were all attention grabbers. Even Mrs Mac had a go on the big drop.

A weary but very satisfied group of students and teachers arrived back in Armidale at 7:45pm on Friday night.

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I would like to sincerely thank all the teachers and Mr Woods who gave up their time to accompany the students on this very valuable excursion.

I would also like to acknowledge the assistance received from our PACER (Parliament and Civics Education Rebate). This is an initiative by the Australian Government which provides financial assistance for students in Years 4-12 across Australia to travel to Canberra. Our school will receive a \$30 rebate for each student who attended the excursion. We are very grateful for this assistance.



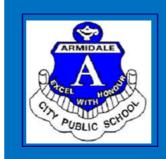








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CALENDAR

23.11.15	Pizza Meal Deal
24.11.15	Cupcake Stall
24.11.15	2pm K-6 Assembly
27.11.15	11am Helpers' Morning Tea
30.11-11.12.15	Year 3-6 Water Safety Program
01.12.15	Scripture Concert
03.12.15	Special Assembly- Sports
04.12.15	K-2 Sports Day
8.12.15	2pm K-6 Assembly- Principal's Medallions and Arts Awards
11.12.15	Presentation Day Rehearsal
14.12.15	Presentation Day
15.12.15	BBQ and Carols
16.12.15	Last Day of 2015 for Students

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Book covering working bee: THIS FRIDAY the 20 November -9:10am-12pm in the Infants staffroom. No experience necessary, you don't have to come for the whole time and there will be brownies!

Cupcake Stall: Tuesday 24 November at recess. Cupcakes will be \$1 or \$2 each and kids will be able to buy them in both the infants and primary playgrounds. Donations of cupcakes will be gratefully received. Please see separate note.

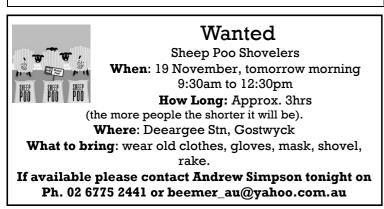
COMING SOON: Cookie dough fundraiser!



Pre-made cookie doughfantastic for Christmas gifts, to bake into cookies or just to eat straight from the container! Keep an eye out for the order form.

Support Oliver going to the National Athletics with the PIZZA MEAL DEAL on Monday 23 November!

Is there a big project that you'd love see happen in and around the buildings at ACPS? The teachers have already given us a list and the kids will soon have a chance in class. Here is your chance! Go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/K8ZXMBD and answer the two easy questions. Check the ACPS Facebook page for easy access to the link.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT-WEEK 7

Congratulations to Sam R (Junior Division) and Peter G (Senior Division) on their outstanding efforts in the state finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee last Wednesday, 11 November. Armidale City was one of just six schools across the state to have finalists in both the junior and senior divisions. Sam performed admirably in the junior division and got through to round 5 of the knockout stage. Peter went through the rounds spelling words such as malleable, bocconcini, ineptitude and contemporaneous before being knocked out in round 13 of the senior division and ending up as the state runner-up, a tremendous effort. Well done to both boys on representing our school with distinction and displaying their spelling talents.



Another student - Max G, will be travelling to Sydney next Friday, 27 November to attend the award ceremony for the ICAS Science Competition. Max will be receiving a medal for the highest score in the state for the Year 5 division. This is also a wonderful achievement and we congratulate Max on his superb result in this competition. Well done, Max.

Today, Wednesday, 18 November students from Armidale City Public School were involved in a video conference with the Premier of NSW and students from Woy Woy Public School, Mt Terry Public School and Manly Village Public School to recognise the outstanding achievements of Armidale City Public School students in the Premier's Reading Challenge 2015. Well done to all students who completed the challenge this year and thank you to staff and parents for supporting the involvement of our students.

Our 2016 Kindergarten orientation program has now concluded after running for the past seven weeks. Students attended school today for a whole day and participated in a wide range of activities throughout the orientation program. Thank you to parents for ensuring the involvement of their children in the program. Our Kindergarten orientation program is comprehensive and a feature of our school that we are very proud of. Students will now attend school at the beginning of 2016 to complete their Best Start assessments. Any parent who has not yet completed Kindergarten enrolment forms for 2016 is encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

Parents are reminded that our school car park is for staff | Hamish - We were playing tip. Edward kept tipping me and I parking only and should not be used as a drop off or kept tipping Edward. collection point in the morning, afternoon or throughout the Janani- The leaf felt like rough wood. It was scratchy. school day. We also ask that parents do not park in Charlie- I like Thalgarrah because the bearded dragon driveways of private residences around the school when climbed on me, it was very funny and lots of people laughed dropping off or collecting children. These driveways are and laughed and laughed. access points for residents of the area and they should not **Isaac**- I love Thalgarrah because of the lizard eating be used as a drop off or collection point. This is to ensure cockroaches. the safety of students, staff and residents in the area. We Kaitlyn- We saw a very small lorikeet and we would appreciate all parents supporting us with this matter. also saw a big parrot.

I will be taking leave from Monday, 23 November until Enjoy the rest of the term! Friday, 11 December and Mrs Ridley (23/11/15 - 1/12/15) and Mrs MacGregor (2/12/15 - 11/12/15) will be relieving as Mrs Kim Kelsall and KR Students Principal for the time I am away. Thank you to staff and students for their efforts this term and throughout 2015 5/6J CLASS NEWS and thank you to parents and community members for their SCIENCE IN THE BUSH outstanding levels of support during the year. Working with On Friday 6 November selected students travelled out to students and their families in a positive and productive the University to participate in the Science in the Bush with manner is essential in the success of all students and we Mr McGrath. We all did an experiment with cabbages, we appreciate your support. Enjoy the next few weeks and I poured vinegar, lemonade, sea water and fresh water look forward to seeing everyone at our Presentation Day to through them, they all changed colour. We made fake be held on Monday, 14 December at the Armidale High wounds out of play dough, food colouring, coffee, rocks and School hall. nails. They looked very real and disgusting. We watched a Mr Matt Hobbs scientist use an ice rocket, it was an amazing experience. Principal Thank you **Mr McGrath** for taking us.

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KR CLASS NEWS



On Tuesday November 3, KR and KG went on an excursion to Thalgarrah, where we got to enjoy a Teddy Bears Picnic and also discover the secret of P.A.W.S. We had

loads of fun and were exhausted by the end of the day, so Spending time with friends was really enjoyable and we had to write about our exciting adventures the next day! exploring new places. Indy Here is just a snippet of what Kinder Red wrote (sorry we I liked walking down underground into the gold mine. It was couldn't include all of our fabulous writing, but if we did, it very realistic and I learnt lots of fun facts.-Rose would fill the entire Blue and White!)

Josie - My favourite is the teddy bears picnic. Aaron C Sarah - I had so much fun. Edward - I love Thalgarrah and we went on a bus. Parliament House was very interesting and seeing where the Phoebe- I missed Kinder Red because they were at Senate and House of Representatives and where the Prime Thalgarrah. Minister sits. Caleb R Violet - My favourite part was the teddy bears picnic. I loved been able to gold pan and use the cradle to find Ariana- On Tuesday KR and KG went to Thalgarrah and flecks of gold. Montanna brought my blue teddy bear for the Teddy bears picnic. Cooper - I like Thalgarrah. I liked going to the War Memorial and seeing all the historic Arlea - When I was at Thalgarrah I was exhausted. war pieces. Caedyn Keira - Thalgarrah is fun because we learned about P.A.W.S. Seeing the big submarine which was in Holbrook was my Dezi- My favourite part was the lizard eating moving food highlight. Oliver. and I also liked the hunt too. Zac - I went to Thalgarrah and it was fun because I got to Learning how to dye candles in the old shop at Sovereign Hill play. was very interesting. Alana

Callum- I like Thalgarrah.

Jai - My leaf is bumpy.

Liora- My favourite thing that we did at Thalgarrah was when we got to feel the baby birds.

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By Tyrone and Oluoma.

BALLARAT/CANBERRA EXCURSION

The "Free Fall" was amazing at Questacon! Jake

Walking around Sovereign Hill was really good. I liked seeing all the olden days things. Alex

I liked looking at all the old machinery at Sovereign Hill.

I liked having a go at gold panning and watching the gold bar being made. Joey.

5/6J Students

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