

3/4R CLASS NEWS

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.

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.

Mrs Leonie MacGregor
Stage 3 Excursion Coordinator



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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

P&C NEWS

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 dough-fantastic 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.

Wanted

Sheep Poo Shovelers

When: 19 November, tomorrow morning 9:30am to 12:30pm

How Long: Approx. 3hrs (the more people the shorter it will be).

Where: Deeargee Stn, Gostwyck

What to bring: wear old clothes, gloves, mask, shovel, rake.

If available please contact Andrew Simpson tonight on Ph. 02 6775 2441 or beemer_au@yahoo.com.au

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 parking only and should not be used as a drop off or collection point in the morning, afternoon or throughout the school day. We also ask that parents do not park in driveways of private residences around the school when dropping off or collecting children. These driveways are access points for residents of the area and they should not be used as a drop off or collection point. This is to ensure the safety of students, staff and residents in the area. We would appreciate all parents supporting us with this matter.

I will be taking leave from Monday, 23 November until 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 Principal for the time I am away. Thank you to staff and students for their efforts this term and throughout 2015 and thank you to parents and community members for their outstanding levels of support during the year. Working with students and their families in a positive and productive manner is essential in the success of all students and we appreciate your support. Enjoy the next few weeks and I look forward to seeing everyone at our Presentation Day to be held on Monday, 14 December at the Armidale High School hall.

Mr Matt Hobbs
Principal

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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 we had to write about our exciting adventures the next day! Here is just a snippet of what Kinder Red wrote (sorry we couldn't include all of our fabulous writing, but if we did, it would fill the entire Blue and White!)

Josie- My favourite is the teddy bears picnic.

Sarah- I had so much fun.

Edward- I love Thalgarrah and we went on a bus.

Phoebe- I missed Kinder Red because they were at Thalgarrah.

Violet- My favourite part was the teddy bears picnic.

Ariana- On Tuesday KR and KG went to Thalgarrah and I brought my blue teddy bear for the Teddy bears picnic.

Cooper- I like Thalgarrah.

Arlea- When I was at Thalgarrah I was exhausted.

Keira- Thalgarrah is fun because we learned about P.A.W.S.

Dezi- My favourite part was the lizard eating moving food and I also liked the hunt too.

Zac- I went to Thalgarrah and it was fun because I got to play.

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.

Hamish- We were playing tip. Edward kept tipping me and I kept tipping Edward.

Janani- The leaf felt like rough wood. It was scratchy.

Charlie- I like Thalgarrah because the bearded dragon climbed on me, it was very funny and lots of people laughed and laughed and laughed.

Isaac- I love Thalgarrah because of the lizard eating cockroaches.

Kaitlyn- We saw a very small lorikeet and we also saw a big parrot.



Enjoy the rest of the term!

Mrs Kim Kelsall and KR Students

5/6J CLASS NEWS

SCIENCE IN THE BUSH

On Friday 6 November selected students travelled out to the University to participate in the Science in the Bush with **Mr McGrath**. We all did an experiment with cabbages, we poured vinegar, lemonade, sea water and fresh water through them, they all changed colour. We made fake wounds out of play dough, food colouring, coffee, rocks and nails. They looked very real and disgusting. We watched a scientist use an ice rocket, it was an amazing experience. Thank you **Mr McGrath** for taking us.

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**

Spending time with friends was really enjoyable and exploring new places. **Indy**

I liked walking down underground into the gold mine. It was very realistic and I learnt lots of fun facts. **Rose**

I liked looking at all the old machinery at Sovereign Hill. **Aaron C**

Parliament House was very interesting and seeing where the Senate and House of Representatives and where the Prime Minister sits. **Caleb R**

I loved been able to gold pan and use the cradle to find flecks of gold. **Montanna**

I liked going to the War Memorial and seeing all the historic war pieces. **Caedyn**

Seeing the big submarine which was in Holbrook was my highlight. **Oliver**.

Learning how to dye candles in the old shop at Sovereign Hill was very interesting. **Alana**

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

5/6J Students