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Fresh Hope

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

AN UNEXPECTED CHRISTMAS

All Welcome All Welcome

Starts at 5:30pm

What's happening: Christmas carols, Drama, Children's activities, Free community dinner

Where: Newling Public School, 80 Chapel St, Armidale

When: Sunday 18th December

Fresh Hope Armidale is a local Christian church meeting at Newling Public school

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT IN CENTRAL PARK

Wednesday 14th December 2016
(If raining postponed to 21st December)

7pm to 9pm
Free entry - bring camping chair or rug

Proudly sponsored by the Armidale Lions Club

Come and join us for carols, candles, Santa's visit, and wonderful community atmosphere



The Blue and White

Armidale City Public School

the heart of Armidale

Quality teaching since 1861



14 December 2016

2017 School Councillors



The Northern Inland Academy of Sport (NIAS) has great pleasure in inviting you to the 2017 inaugural National Football Camp (NFC). The NFC is an inclusive football camp catering for athletes (boys & girls) of all standards for Primary and Secondary School students aged U12, U13, U14, U15 and U16's in 2017. The NFC will be held over the week 22nd – 25th of January and will be hosted in the beautiful city of Armidale. The NFC has the support of Sydney's Newington College Head of Football Brian McCarthy and is fully endorsed by Northern NSW Football who will be providing high profile coaches. Please contact the NIAS team on 6766 2526 for further details or email james.cooper@nias.org.au. This is a fantastic opportunity to develop and expand your football skills.



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CALENDAR

16.12.16	Last Day for Staff and Students
27.01.17	First Day for Teachers
30.01.17	First Day for Students
06.02.17	First Day for Kindergarten

P&C NEWS



It has been a fantastic year and together as a school community we have been able to both raise funds to improve our kid's education and enjoy community life together. None of that would be possible without the hard work of volunteers and the support of the whole school community. So, thank you to everyone who has contributed, from sending your kid to school with \$1 for a Zooper Dooper, to running the fete, to shovelling sheep poo, to washing cars, to turning up at the Welcome picnic, it all combines to make Armidale City a great place for our kids to go to school. Thank you to Mr Hobbs and the teachers who have supported us in and out of school hours and especially to Vicki, Carol and Cherie who have tackled our constant requests with a cheerful smile.

Thank you especially this week for your support of Odd Sock Day and the Concert BBQ, we raised about \$800 between the two events.

Thanks to Tina and her band of Merry Elves who made the BBQ go so smoothly.

Another thank you to Paddock to Plate for making a \$1080 contribution to the excursion fund from their profits in the canteen over the course of the year.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to students who received awards at our 2016 Presentation Day. Well done to all students who performed as part of our school choirs and orchestra. Thank you to our student leaders for running the day in such a professional manner. Thank you also to staff for the efforts they put into the day, ensuring it again went off like clockwork and to invited guests, parents, friends and family who came along and made the day a very special one.

The last day for students and staff this term is Friday, 16 December. No staff will be on site at Armidale City Public School on the two staff development days on Monday, 19 December and Tuesday, 20 December as all have already met the professional learning requirements for the year as advised in previous Blue and Whites. Staff will commence back at school on Friday, 27 January 2017 with students in Years 1 - 6 beginning school on Monday, 30 January 2017 and Kindergarten students commencing after Best Start Assessments on Monday, 6 February 2017. If any community member has questions regarding this information please contact the School Office.

Despite objection letters sent to council on behalf of the Department of Education we have received notice that the Armidale Race Day 2017 (20/03/2017) will be a half day Public Holiday. Schools will be closed from 12noon. Please begin to consider arrangements for students on this day and ensure you take any complaints to council as this was not a school decision.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the many great achievements made at Armidale City Public School over 2016. Our students are at the centre of everything we do and we appreciate the positive support we get from our wide and varied community. We encourage students to think about what they have learnt this year and how they may apply that learning in 2017. Farewell to our Year 6 students and their families who are moving on to high school and to other students and their families who are moving towns/schools in 2017.

It is a privilege and an honour to be the Principal of such a great school and I wish everyone at this time of year a safe and happy holiday period with family and friends and look forward to leading you all again in 2017. Thank you again for your outstanding efforts throughout 2016, enjoy the break everyone.

Please feel free to send me an email at any time on the address below. Enjoy the rest of Term 4 everyone.

Mr Matthew Hobbs

Principal

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K-2 Sports Day



Who are you?