



# The Blue and White Armidale City Public School

the heart of Armidale

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## 20 November 2019



# Stage 3 Parliament House

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# Calendar

22.11.19	Tonya Mallinson Speeches—Year 5
22.11.19	Helpers Morning Tea
25.11-6.12.19	1.30pm-3pm Water Safety Monckton Aquatic Centre
27.11.19	Kinder 2020 Experience Day
03.12.19	9.10am SRE K-6 Presentation
03.12.19	2pm K-6 Assembly
05.12.19	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
06.12.19	Sports and Arts Assembly
11.12.19	Evening Play Performance
12.12.19	11am Presentation Day
13.12.19	Matinee Play Performance
18.12.19	Last Day for Students

Please check this calendar weekly for updates.

## Important Dates to Remember

**Thursday 5 December**

**Year 6 Farewell Dinner**

**Friday 6 December**

**Sports and Arts Assembly**

**Wednesday 11 December**

**Evening Play Performance**

**Thursday 12 December**

**11am Presentation Day**

**Friday 13 December**

**Matinee Play Performance**

**Wednesday 18 December**

**Last Day for Students and Staff**

**Wednesday 29 January**

**Students return to school**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

With warmer temperatures and windy weather expected this week, it is important that we do not become complacent around preparations to reduce the risk of fire around our homes and community. Some smaller schools in the area have temporarily closed in the past week to ensure the safety of students and staff.

Air quality has been quite poor for much of the past week. Our students have been fantastic when required to stay inside. If your child has an updated asthma plan, please notify the office.

People adversely affected by the bushfires occurring in the past few months can find information about Disaster Recovery payments at the following link:

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/nsw-bushfires-september-2019-australian-government-disaster-recovery-payment>

### Special Visitors

Our school has had the pleasure of hosting six students and a teacher from a South Korean elementary school this week. Students in 5/6R have been working with these students and their class via video conference throughout the year. Our visitors treated those present at the assembly to a couple of clever performances.

### Stories Connect

It was a privilege to attend the launch of *Stories Connect* last Saturday. There is a wonderful pop-up exhibition of photographs, artworks and video at the NERAM until 4 December, 2019. An explanation of the *Stories Connect* project at the various schools, including Armidale City Public School can be viewed at <http://www.newc.org.au/stories-connect.html>

### AEO Position and Yarn Up

The vacant Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO) position was advertised yesterday on *I Work For NSW*. Anyone interested in applying for the position can find information advertised at the following link:

<https://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au/job/aboriginal-education-officer-armidale-city-public-school-184093>

Further information about applying for an AEO position will be discussed at a Yarn Up to be held on Friday at 12pm in the school hall. Come along and find out more about some of the changes to the process and criteria for the position.

### Social Media

Parents and carers are role models for our young people and therefore need to consider the manner in which they utilise social media. If you allow children to be a 'friend' on a social media site, they or their friends will be able to follow the threads of your writing or the writing of others. Sometimes there are things written by adults on social media that would not be uttered in front of children. It is difficult when some of these writings are disrespectful of people that parents want children to respect. Please be careful for the sake of all of our children.

### Swim School

Water Safety for students in Stages 2 and 3 commence next week. Parents are asked to return completed permission notes and money as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful week.

**Ms Deborah Nay**  
**Principal**

# Congratulations

## WORK OF THE FORTNIGHT

KR	Zachary	3/4R	Way	} All Students
KP	Kushmi	3/4S	Kody	
K/1H	Chizaram	3/4C	Darcy	
1/2M	Neriman	5/6R		
1/2D	Donjoe	5/6J		
1/2L	Oscar	5/6T		
2/3C	Hayley and Aedan	5/6C		
3/4E	Ariana	5/6K		

## STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Last week 102 excited children and 6 teachers headed off for an adventure in Canberra. Our week was filled with activities from which the students gained a lot of knowledge and experience. Many of the students were able to see the High Court of Australia in action and all of the students witnessed the Senate in operation. Learning about the electoral process was a very valuable experience. Touring Parliament House and having the opportunity to role-play the process of debating a Bill proved to be very educational.

The National Gallery, the Mint, the National Museum, the Australian War Memorial and the National Dinosaur Museum all offered wonderful insights into our cultural history.

Questacon and the CSIRO Discovery Centre both provided a diverse range of activities to peak the students' science interests. The AIS was very interesting as was Cockington Green, Telstra Tower and Mt Ainslie Lookout.

On Friday, 102 weary students and teachers returned to Armidale having had a fabulous time!

The opportunity for the students to visit Canberra and participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy was, in part assisted by the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program. The PACER grant contributes \$30 per student to assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. We would like to thank the PACER program for providing this assistance.

**Mrs Leonie MacGregor**  
**Assistant Principal**

## Bottle Top Count

A BIG Thank You to all those who are collecting bottle tops.

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School: Armidale City Public School  
Position: Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO)  
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