



The Blue and White Armidale City Public School

the heart of Armidale

Quality teaching since 1861



11 December 2019



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Calendar

11.12.19	5.45pm Evening Play Performance
12.12.19	11am Presentation Day
13.12.19	12noon Matinee Play Performance
18.12.19	Last Day for Students
28.01.20	First Day for Teachers
29.01.20	First Day for Students
03.02.20	First Day for Kindergarten 2020

Please check this calendar weekly for updates.

Important Dates to Remember

Wednesday 11 December

5.45pm Evening Play Performance

Thursday 12 December

11am Presentation Day

Friday 13 December

12noon Matinee Play Performance

Wednesday 18 December

Last Day for Students and Staff

Wednesday 29 January

Students return to school

P&C Important Dates

Monday 3 February 2020

Tea and tissues with P&C members for new Kindergarten parents

Wednesday 5 February 2020

P&C welcome picnic followed by first P&C meeting for the year, school library from 6.30pm

Wednesday 4 March 2020

P&C AGM, school library from 6.30pm

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As the 2019 school year draws to an end, I would like to thank the students for their efforts in Excelling with Honour, and school staff for their commitment to providing a quality education and a variety of extra-curricular activities in the pursuit of excellence for the students of Armidale City Public School. Our thanks also go to parents, carers and community in supporting our students and school. It is through working together that our school and community is reaping the rewards.

Last week, we celebrated student achievement in sport and arts at a special assembly. Our congratulations go to the eight students voted as school counsellors for 2020: **Hugh, Charlie, Firas, Henry, Zara, Jolie, Alma and Saho**. I would also like to congratulate the other thirteen students who nominated for the position. All of their speeches were impressive, with staff feeling very proud of all twenty-one students and their presentations.

We are having a very busy last week with the school performance of 'Passing Time', written by **Mrs MacGregor**, being held this evening from 6pm with a matinee performance to be held on Friday at 12pm. Our annual Presentation Day will be held from 11am at the Ex-Services Club on Thursday, 12 December, where the two students elected by their peers to be our 2020 School Captains will be announced and our Year 6 students presented with graduation certificates. We ask that parents arrive by 10.55am and stay to recognise all of the students being recognised. I would like to thank our staff for their dedication in ensuring that these opportunities exist for students to excel or be recognised.

Student Reports

Students reports will be sent home next Monday, 16 December. Please contact the office if you do not receive your child's report by next Wednesday. Alternatively, reports can also be collected from the office at the beginning of next year.

Summer Slump

Research has recognised that student reading levels can fall from the end of one year to the beginning of the next. This happens during the summer vacation period due to a lack of reading practise. To help your children maintain their current reading level, daily reading of books or magazines is recommended. For younger children, parents can help engage children by reading to them. Books make wonderful presents. A visit to the local library is a wonderful school vacation activity.

Important Dates

School finishes for our students next Wednesday, 18 December. It is important that all absences in the next week are explained by the last day.

Students in Years 1 - 6 will return to school on Wednesday, 29 January 2020. Kindergarten students will be involved in Best Start Assessments on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 29 - 31 January. They will start 'big school' on Monday, 3 February.

Information about Best Start Assessments will be sent to families where enrolment forms have been received.

We wish all students, parents and carers, staff and community a safe, happy and healthy Christmas and New Year. Let us hope that we see a reduction in smoke and fires and some significant rainfall very soon.

Have a wonderful week.

Ms Deborah Nay
Principal

Bottle Top Count

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

832 323



**ARMIDALE
SECONDARY
COLLEGE**

Year 7, 2020

Commencement Date

ATTENTION PARENTS AND CARERS OF YEAR 7 2020

The previously advised commencement date for Year 7 has been changed due to an extra staff development day planned at the beginning of Term 1 in 2020.

We look forward to welcoming Year 7 on

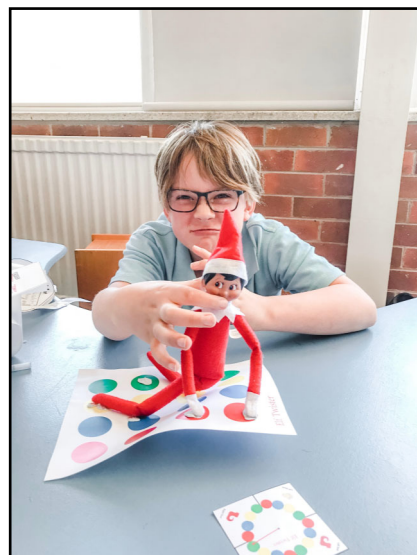
Thursday, 30 January 2020.

Students are required to be at school by 8:40am on that day.

3/4R CLASS NEWS

What a fabulous, busy and jam-packed Term 4 we have had in 3/4R! Our highlights have certainly been making wonderful memories on our camps to Thalgarrah Outdoor Education Centre and Lake Keepit. We have had so much fun working with a partner to review our maths content through a computer-based Escape Room resource and of course, practising for our school performance with our friends in 3/4E. We are all getting excited for our moves to Year 4 and Year 5 next year, but we still have six days left to enjoy some fun learning and end of year activities with our friends here in 3/4R! We would like to wish you all a wonderful and safe Summer break!

From Mrs Rubie and the AWESOME 3/4R



School Holiday Events - Jan 2020

NERAM Puppy Picnic

Have you seen our current exhibition, *Hinton's Menagerie?* Full of all sorts of animals, one of our favourites is the English Sheep Dog, Jack! It will be Jack's 83rd birthday (575 in dog years) in 2020 and to celebrate we are hosting a Puppy Picnic!

A family friendly event for the school holidays. Bring a picnic, brush and your puppy friend along to the Black Gully Nature Reserve behind NERAM.

Date: Saturday, 19th January 2020
Time: 10am - 11am
Venue: Black Gully Nature Reserve, Behind NERAM
COST: FREE
 See NERAM website for details: www.neram.com.au/event/nerams-puppy-picnic/



Experimenta: School Holiday Kid's Tours

Bring your kids along for a children's tour of our curious and interactive exhibition, Experimenta: Make sense. Using art and technology, these art installations are exciting and thought-provoking. Children will be taken through the exhibition and partake in three guided art activities as they go through.

Activities include capturing the motions of turbulence on paper and drawing their future self to be transported into a virtual reality! **SUITABLE FOR AGES 5 - 15 YEARS.**

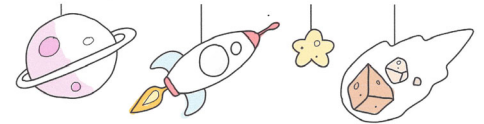
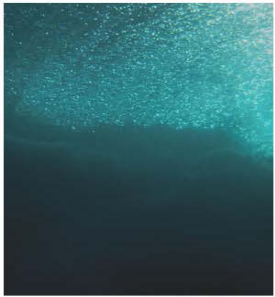
Date: 14th, 15th and 16th January 2019
Time: 11am - 12pm each day
Venue: Gallery Space, NERAM
COST: Gold Coin Donation
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: www.trybooking.com/BHCSX



Experimenta: Movement and Film Workshop

Participants will be guided through an introduction to slow motion in moving image and changes to time in accompanying audio. They will be provided with a range of hands-on techniques to address how slow motion cinema can be used to explore time, movement and forces – both human and beyond. The workshop will also experiment with audio recording and its relation to slow motion visuals. **SUITABLE FOR AGES 15+**

Date: Friday, 24th January 2020
Time: 10am - 4pm
Venue: Packsaddle Studio, Behind NERAM
COST: \$13 Friends of NERAM, \$15 General
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: www.trybooking.com/BHARU



SPACE HOLIDAY KIDS CLUB

FOR AGES 5-12

@ ARMDALE DISTRICT BAPTIST CHURCH
13-17 JAN 2020

Bible stories, craft, cooking, and more.

9:00am-3:00pm each day
 \$50 for the week (Larger family rates: \$80 for 2, \$100 for 3 or more children)
 Children to bring their own lunch, drink bottle and hat. Morning and afternoon tea provided.

Special kids and parents afternoon on Friday 2pm. Come along!

To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/574042>

For further info contact:
 Samantha Thorpe: 0474 705 402 / samanthagaller2@gmail.com
 or Mike Nott: 0410 707 224 / i_m_nott@hotmail.com

Limited spots available!



An invitation from the Armidale Uniting Church.

What are you doing for Christmas?
 You are welcome to come to our "Free"
CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

At the UNITING CHURCH HALL
 (Behind the Church)

114 Rusden St. Armidale
 Drinks and Savouries from 11.30am.

Lunch from 12.00 noon.

**All welcome---come by yourself,
 bring a friend--- bring the family**

*We would like to meet you
 and share this 'Special' day with you.*

If you would like to help--need transport or any further information

Contact Martin Hazell--6772 5916-- 0439 485 169
 Church office on 6772 3233
admin@armidaleunitingchurch.org.au

Family Christmas Carols

Sunday 22nd December 2019

6:30pm Light refreshments

7:00pm Carols

8:00pm Supper

Newling School Hall

80 Chape St. Armidale

All Welcome

Fresh Hope Church, Armidale

More info? Call 6775 1901