



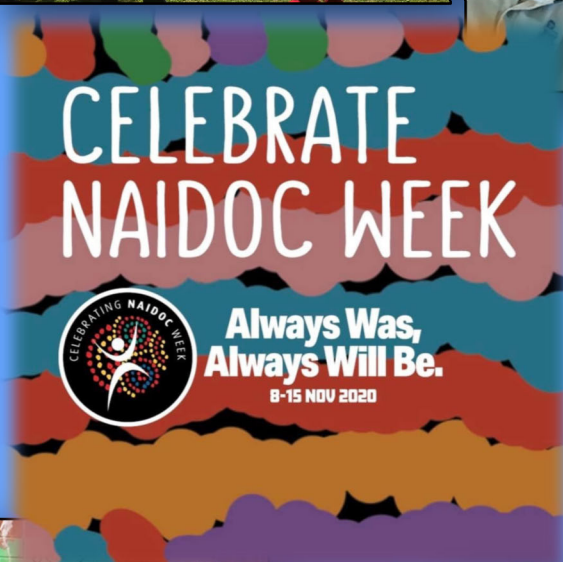
The Blue and White Armidale City Public School

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Calendar

9-13 November	NAIDOC Week
11 November	Art Extravaganza
11 November	2021 Kinder Orientation Half Day
13 November	1.30pm Stage 3 Leisure Sports
11 December	Presentation Day
16 December	Last Day for Term 4

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

NAIDOC Week is being celebrated this week, much later in the year due to COVID-19. The theme *Always Was, Always Will Be* recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. Armidale City Public School students and staff gathered for a flag raising ceremony and the presentation of certificates on Monday morning. Activities continue within each class throughout the week.

Kindergarten Orientation

This week, we have held our final on-site Kindergarten orientation session for children who have been enrolled. Some children attended the first session and others attended for the first time today. A range of videos are available on the school website to support the orientation of children to 'big school' - <https://armidalec-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/kindergarten-2021-orientation-to-school.html>. Orientation packs are available from the office for any children who are yet to be enrolled.

Art Extravaganza

Every student had an artwork on display as part of our Art Extravaganza (with a difference) today. While we usually hold this event in the hall, due to the COVID-19 restrictions the artworks were displayed around the fence line of the school for the entire community to see. I would like to acknowledge the students for their creativity and the staff for the preparation of artworks for display in an external venue.

Hail damage update

Our school library received clearance to reoccupy on Monday. Lessons recommenced in the library yesterday.

Today, some work commenced in the office and foyer area. The removal of a section of the ceiling impacted briefly on operations today. We do ask that parents only come to the office if necessary for the next week. Other storm related building works are expected to be completed during the summer vacation period.

OC Assessments

The opportunity class placement tests will be held at school next Wednesday, 18 November. Those students who nominated for this assessment will need to bring their letter and present to the hall.

Our school is participating in a Pilot Online OC test on Thursday, 19 November. Twenty-four of our Year 5 students have been asked to participate in this trial to identify any concerns with the online format.

Reminder about COVID restrictions

To ensure that learning will continue to be held on site and more restrictions can be lifted before the end of the year, it is vital that everyone continues to follow the advice provided around being COVID-safe: staying home if unwell, being tested if showing any signs of respiratory or flu-like symptoms, physical distancing, hand hygiene, cough and sneeze etiquette, the wearing of masks where required and staying away from areas where COVID-19 has been identified in the community.

The following information has been provided by the Department of Education:

Parents and carers are not allowed on school sites or at offsite school events held during school hours except for the following purposes only:

- essential parent and carer meetings with teachers and/or school executives
- parents and carers who attend a school administration building or another defined location for the purpose of picking up their child if they are unwell or where they have been asked to arrange for a COVID-19 test after their child has displayed flu-like symptoms while at school

Parents can access current information at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

Selective high school placement process in 2020 - closing Monday

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2022 are now open. Applications will close on 16 November 2020. Parents can apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Anyone experiencing difficulty completing or submitting an application, can contact the High Performing Students Team on 1800 880 376 or email ssu@det.nsw.edu.au.

Take care,

Ms Deborah Nay
Principal

PRESENTATION DAY AWARDS

The Armidale City Public School Presentation Day Awards will look a little different in 2020. Due to COVID-19, as you are aware, most representative opportunities for students were cancelled. As a school, we have created ways to recognise students in the best way possible under the circumstances. Class Awards and other awards which can be awarded will still go ahead.

Students who are eligible are encouraged to read the criteria and submit their achievements to **Mrs Sue Kelly by Friday 20 November 2020.**

JOANN GRIFFITHS AWARD FOR MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

This award will be awarded to one student, who need not necessarily be a Year 6 student, for excellence and a high standard of achievement in Music.

Performances in examinations, eisteddfods, district festivals and school activities shall be considered.

A list of current achievements is to be compiled by candidates for the award prior to the meeting of the staff who shall determine the award. The award is an individual trophy and a school merit certificate presented at Presentation Day.

ELECTION OF SCHOOL COUNCILLORS FOR 2021

Important information for Year 5 students.

In the coming weeks Year 5 students will be discussing the election process for the 2021 Student Councillors.

Nominations are now open. Year 5 students will nominate in writing for the position of school councillor. Students may be nominated by a peer or nominate themselves. All nominations must be signed by the Stage supervisor. **Nominations close Friday 13 November 2020.**

Nominations will be presented to the staff on **Monday 16 November 2020.** Any student deemed ineligible will be informed by the Principal in consultation with the parents prior to any voting.

If necessary, Year 5 will vote to reduce the number of candidates on **Tuesday 17 November 2020.**

Candidates will be informed how the election process will proceed following the result of this vote.

Leonie MacGregor

