



The Blue and White Armidale City Public School



the heart of Armidale

Quality teaching since 1861

2 December 2020



Congratulations to Saoirse and Audrey for your great fundraising efforts towards Jump Rope for Heart.....

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Calendar

23 Nov - 4 Dec	Year 3-6 Swim School
2 December	6.30pm P&C Meeting
10 December	Year 6 Dinner
11 December	Presentation Day
16 December	Last Day for Term 4
27 January	Staff Development Day
28 January	Staff Development Day
29 January	Year 1-6 Student First Day

P&C MEETING

Please join us at 6.30 this evening for the last P&C meeting of 2020. It has been an eventful year with many changes and disruptions to school life, but we have come out the other side relatively in one piece.

Please contact Melissa Gibbs (Secretary) at melissagibbs76@gmail.com for the Zoom details or if you would like to add an agenda item.

Hope to 'see' you there.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Many of our students in Years 3-6 have participated in water safety lessons in the past week and a half. If the weather holds, these lessons will finish at the end of this week. I would like to recognise **Mrs Kelly** for her organisation to ensure that lessons went ahead. We are also thankful for the assistance of Armidale Secondary College students and staff in supporting our staff with our water safety program this year. I would expect that students enjoyed the opportunity to be in the water with the increased temperatures this week.

On Monday, our school met to listen to Year 5 students who were nominated for the role of school leader in 2021. I was very proud of each student as they gave their one-minute speech to appeal to students and staff for their votes. Students from Year 2 to Year 6, along with staff, voted for the four boys and four girls that they each thought would be the best student leaders next year.

Our Year 6 students will attend their farewell next Thursday night. Our thanks go to the organising committee for all of their preparation and ensuring that

this is a COVID-safe event. To meet requirements of the venue, the farewell will be for students and staff only. This year, graduation certificates will be given to students during the presentation day assembly. **Mr Townsend** is devising a way for our traditional Year 6 farewell tunnel to be held on the last day of the year while still allowing parents the opportunity to see their children going through a 'tunnel' and maintaining a distance from other adults.

Our P&C is organising the final meal deal of the year, a donut morning tea. All orders need to be received by the end of this week. No late orders will be accepted.

Presentation of awards

Due to the current restrictions, our school will not be following our usual Presentation Day program. On Friday, 11 December we will start the day by holding a brief whole school gathering to announce the school leaders for 2021. If the weather holds, this will be conducted outside with the parents of the new student councillors maintaining physical distancing so that they can be present as the names of our 2021 school captains are announced. If it is wet, these parents will not be able to attend any indoor announcement. Parents of these children will be informed shortly.

The first presentation of awards will be held with K-2 students and staff in the hall following the announcement of captains. The presentation of awards for students in Year 3-6 will take place after recess. We are unable to have parents attend as we would not be able to abide by the 4m² requirement if we have visitors attend. Photographs of the presentations will be posted for those that have permission to be published. We are still determining whether we will be able to provide some form of closed online venue for hosting a video of the presentations as these cannot be publicly broadcast.

Orchestra concert

Our school orchestra and strings group will be performing two brief concerts for our students next Tuesday morning. Rather than a whole school concert, they will perform for half of the school at a time. These music students have been limited in their opportunities this year and are looking forward to performing, with some needing to change instruments to continue participating in orchestra.

End of year reminder

Student reports will be provided to students on Monday, 14 December 2020. Parents are reminded that children in Years 1-6 who are achieving at the expected level will be seen as 'sound' and awarded a C grade. Please take the time to read the explanation of grades on the front of each report. Kindergarten students will not receive a grade like older children. We ask that you consider the impact that COVID-19 has had on the learning of students this year when reading report comments.

With so many disruptions to learning brought about by COVID-19, it is important that students attend school on time every day until Wednesday, 16 December. Holidays commence on Thursday, 17 December. Students going into Years 1-6 will return to school on Friday, 29 January 2021. Kindergarten will start on Tuesday, 2 February 2021 after participating in Best Start assessments. More information to be provided to parents of enrolled Kinder students before the end of this year.

Take care,

Ms Deborah Nay
Principal



Alma, Jolie and Rachel competed for Armidale City in the Schools Triathlon this morning and were the first girls team and third overall in the primary division!



Casual Work

1 X Casual position - Armidale Local Government Area - 7146

Help protect our vibrant school communities

Become a Casual School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
- Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

Shifts fall between the school zones hours 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm, with a minimum of one, one hour shift as and when required Monday to Friday during the school term.

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
- ✓ Community spirit
- ✓ Positive energy

✓ If it does, visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au to apply today!

Applications close Sunday 13th December 2020



LOST

Black Harry Potter tote bag with gold writing quote
"I solemnly swear I'm up to no good"

Bag contains:-

- Pink and black NIKE drink bottle
- Metallic pink glasses case (blue framed glasses)
- Blue covered A4 spiral bound sketch book
- White denim stripe pencil case - contains metallic permanent markers

Please contact School Front Office if you know anything or have seen this bag.

School holiday activities

FREE fun for kids of all ages

Crafts

Thursday 14 January

Mixed paper crafts

11am-noon & 2-3pm: all ages welcome

Monday 18 January

Messy crafts

(be sure to bring old clothes!)

11am-noon & 2-3pm: all ages welcome

Virtual Reality

Thursday 21 January

11am-noon - 8 years +

Bookings essential

Parent/guardian consent

required on the day or at

time of booking



Bookings required unless indicated
Phone the Library on 6770 3636



LEGO & board game free play

4 - 8 January & 18 - 26 January

Any time during opening hours

No bookings required

Activities are held at the Armidale War Memorial Library,
182 Rusden St Armidale, 2350

www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/library

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ARMIDALE TENNIS ACADEMY

**SUMMER HOLIDAY
TENNIS CAMPS**

HALF DAY CAMP 9AM-12PM
WEEK 1: DEC 21-22
WEEK 2: JAN 11-13
WEEK 3: JAN 18-20
AGES 4.5-14 YRS




ATA TENNIS CAMP ENROLMENT INFORMATION

W1 21-22 DEC W2 11-13 JAN W3 18-20 JAN

- Time: 9.00am - 12pm
- Loads of fun activities, matchplays and more!
- Improve your game and make some new friends too
- Half day camps - fruit & treats provided
- Prizes!
- To bring: hat, sunscreen, water, snacks and your racquet - don't worry if you don't have one, you can borrow one for the days you are at camp.
- Camp will be run under current COVID-19 guidelines
- If wet weather occurs that days camp will be postponed & credit issued. A decision will be made by 8am and posted on our Facebook/instagram. <https://www.facebook.com/armidaletennisacademy>



WEEK 1 CAMP: 21 to 22 DEC - \$50/day or \$90 for all days
WEEK 2 CAMP: 11 to 13 JAN - \$50/day or \$130 for all days
WEEK 3 CAMP: 18 to 20 JAN - \$50/day or \$130 for all days

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1 Childs Name _____ DOB _____

2 Childs Name _____ DOB _____

3 Childs Name _____ DOB _____

Please circle: **CAMP 1** MON/TUES **CAMP 2** MON/TUES/WED **CAMP 3** MON/TUES/WED

Any medical or other important information we should know about your child/ren?

Emergency contact Name & Number: _____