



# The Blue and White Armidale City Public School

the heart of Armidale  
*Quality teaching since 1861*



## 8 December 2021

School Captain



Alexis

## Thank You to our 2021 School Leaders!

School Captain



Archie

Arts & Culture Captains



Rose



Oliver

Sports Captains



Ethan



Josie

School Councillors



Daniel



Luke



Isaac



Ariana



Jessica



Georgia

Oxley



Cooper & Makaylah

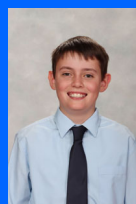
Cunningham



Rachel & Lordes

House Captains

Sturt



Dezi & Maddy

Mitchel



Hamish & Alexis

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# Calendar

2021

10 December	Presentation Day
13 December	Reports to students
14 December	K-2 Sprinkler Day
16 December	Last day of school

2022

1 February	Year 1-6 First Day at school
1-3 February	Kindergarten Best Start Interviews
4 February	First Day Kindergarten

## P&C NEWS

Thank you to all those parents and carers who supported our Super Meal Deal last week. We made an impressive profit which will go straight back to supporting the school. The P&C acknowledges the following local businesses for their generous support of the Week 9 Meal Deal:

- \* Donut King
- \* Armidale Pizza
- \* Woolworths

Thankyou also to Principal Deb Nay, Mrs Leonie MacGregor and the Year 6 helpers for their time and assistance in packing and distributing the goodies on the day.

There are only two weeks left to order and collect the wonderful *New England Table* cookbook - one for \$10 or two for \$15 - brilliant Christmas gift idea!!

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As the year draws to a close, I would like to recognise our staff, students and community for their continued resilience during 2021. In the last twelve months we have experienced hail storms, flooding and the continuation of the pandemic. Let us hope that the air remains clear, any fires are easily controlled, the rain continues to replenish water reserves without doing damage and our community remains free of COVID-19 into the future and especially in 2022.

Our Year 6 students celebrated finishing their primary education with a dinner held last night. Our thanks go to the parents and staff who ensured that this was a wonderful success.

To prepare students for the new academic year, we

are planning to hold a transition day for students across our school on Tuesday, 11 December 2021. This will allow our students to meet with teachers who will be working on their stage in 2022, with at least one of these people likely to be your child's teacher. To remain COVID-safe, students will remain in a designated classroom during transition and teachers will move between classes. Classrooms will be cleaned prior to students returning to their usual classroom.

## Presentation Day recordings

We will be doing things a little differently when celebrating Presentation Day this year. To allow all families the opportunity to see their children presented with awards we will be recording the day and uploading two videos to the school website - one for the Kindergarten to Year 2 cohort and a second for students in Years 3 to 6. Last year parents could only see the proceedings during the live streamed event. A link to the video will be provided to parents via School Stream and email.

## End of year reports

Student reports will be provided to students next Monday, 13 December 2021. Parents are reminded that due to the period of home learning in Term 3, grades have not been awarded for students in Years 1 - 6 this semester. We ask that you consider the impact that COVID-19 has had on the learning of students this year when reading report comments.

## Dates for the calendar

Holidays commence on Thursday, 16 December. Students going into Years 1 - 6 will return to school on Tuesday, 1 February 2022. Kindergarten will start on Friday, 4 February 2022 after participating in Best Start assessments. More information to be provided to parents of enrolled Kinder students before the end of this year.

## Share our space

Our main oval area will be open over the holiday break. Share Our Space is a commitment by the NSW Government to make schools the centre of our community. Our grounds will be open from **8am to 5pm** during the school holidays, including weekends and public holidays **from 18 December 2021 to 27 January 2022**. The entrance to the school will be through **Gate 4**.

We ask that people **play safe, respect others and care for our space**. To do this we remind users that:

- Access to school grounds outside of hours is prohibited
- No skateboards or rollerblades/skates
- No vehicles on site
- Children should be supervised by adults at all



times

- No smoking or alcohol
- No fires or BBQs
- No littering or depositing of any materials
- No glass
- No damage to school facilities
- No animals

The school outdoor facilities are unsupervised. Please call 1300 880 021 to report a violation of rules or for help. For emergencies call 000.

### Thank you

Thanks to the commitment of our community on following the recommendations around staying home if unwell and implementing appropriate hygiene measures, the overall attendance rate for Semester 2 this year is much better than for the same period in 2020 (91.8% in 2020 and 94.5% in 2021) and even better than 2019.

With just over one week to go, it is important to remain vigilant with the recommendations, continue to practice good hygiene and to stay home if unwell.

Take care and stay safe,

**Deborah Nay**  
**Principal**

## Congratulations

### 2021 Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking



Congratulations go to **Hamish** as a Years 5&6 State Finalist. A wonderful achievement!

### Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to our students who received Distinctions or High Distinctions in the recent Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition.



### News from 1/2W

1/2 Winsome have risen to challenges this term with great charm and a winning attitude.

The children have enjoyed learning about poetry in many different forms and have created some fabulous works of their own.

1/2 Winsome have been working on narrative writing for the last two weeks and have created great stories about "What Mrs Woods was doing while she was away." I apparently had a wonderful time camping, fishing, and going to the zoo!

This week we began using our knowledge of short poems to create 100-word stories. They have been a tricky challenge, but well worth the effort.

During Mathematics lessons the children have come up with some very interesting ideas about what events may be Certain, Probable, Unlikely and Impossible. Everyone agreed that it would be PROBABLE that Mrs Woods would get cross if the children did not try to do their work! Our mental addition and subtraction skills have really been put to the test as we warm up each day with our "Add on, Take off" game.

It has been a great term and the children are all looking forward to some Christmas fun in Week 11.

**Mrs Woods and 1/2 Winsome**

## Thank You!!

Our special thanks go to the following businesses in town for generously looking after us with the supply of fabulous products for our Super Meal Deal last week.

**Woolworths Armidale**—donated FREE apples for recess

**Donut King**—for the supply of delicious donuts for recess

**Armidale Pizza**—for the supply of awesome pizza

Without the support of these business it would not be possible to offer these Meal Deals at such affordable prices.

## \$\$ Excursion Refunds \$\$

Refund forms have been sent home with students for the Year 4 Lake Keepit Excursion and Stage 3 Canberra Excursion.

If you are unsure what to do, please read instructions below or phone the office.

### If you paid online:

- send in note signed

### If you paid by cash/chq:

- send in note signed with your bank account details

### If you paid by EFTPOS:

- bring note and credit card used to Gate 3 on Faulkner Street
- call the office from there and a member of staff will bring the EFTPOS terminal to you to process the refund

If your payments were a mix of cash, cheque, EFTPOS and online, each payment will be refunded separately using the methods above.

## Indoor Hockey

HNE Indoor will be starting the postponed junior indoor hockey competitions in the first week of Term 1, February 3 and 4, 2022. The competition will run over an eight week period and finish a week or two before the holidays. In order to fit the competitions into a relatively short time frame team nominations will need to be in by the 17 December. Teams that nominated earlier this year will need to renominate to take into consideration team changes.

Further information see HNE Indoor Hockey FB page or contact Paul 0427668915.





## ARMIDALE TENNIS ACADEMY

# SUMMER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

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HALF DAY CAMP 9AM-12PM

WK 1: DEC 20-21  
WK 2: JAN 10-12  
WK 3: JAN 17-19

AGES 4.5-14 YRS





### ATA TENNIS CAMP ENROLMENT INFORMATION

W1: DEC 20-21  
WK2: JAN 10-12  
WK3: JAN 17-19

- 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 : Dec 20-21 - \$50/day or \$90 for all days  
WEEK 2 : Jan 10-12 - \$50/day or \$130 for all days  
WEEK 3 : Jan 17-19 - \$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 / CAMP 2 / CAMP 3

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

Emergency contact Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_