



# The Blue and White Armidale City Public School



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## 5 May 2021



## Zone Cross Country Legends!



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# Calendar

5 May	P&C Meeting
6 May	Davinci Decathlon State Final
10 May	Stage 1 Thalgarrah 1L & 2R
11 May	Stage 1 Thalgarrah 2C & 1/2W
11–21 May	NAPLAN
12 May	Stage 1 Thalgarrah 1C & 1B

## P&C NEWS

Do you have an issue you would like addressed? Do you have a fundraising idea? Do you want to be more involved in ACPS? Then here is your opportunity.....

The P&C is **meeting tonight at 6.30pm** in the school hall (and via zoom). We would love to see some new members and to boost the capacity of the P&C. It is the kids who will benefit from this.

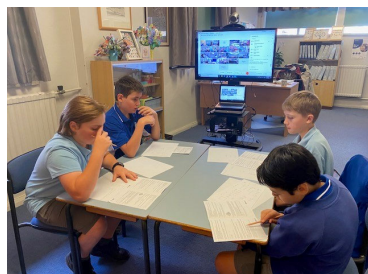
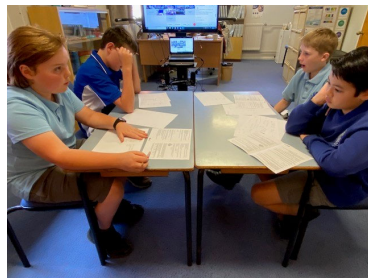
Please contact the Secretary Melissa Gibbs at [melissagibbs76@gmail.com](mailto:melissagibbs76@gmail.com) for the Zoom meeting details and for any other queries.

Hope to see you there!

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Yesterday was a busy day for student academic and sporting competitions.

Our school had been invited to join in the inaugural Newcastle Permanent Primary School Online Mathematics Team Challenge with a small number of other schools across the state. **Dezi, Matthew, Reuben and Tristan** participated in the competition, gaining a combined team score through completion of individual speed tests and working as a team to complete twenty complex mathematics questions. These boys are to be congratulated for the wonderful teamwork that they displayed throughout the challenge.



Our congratulations go to our school cross country team for their terrific sportsmanship and participation in the Armidale Zone Cross Country event held yesterday at UNE. The forty-six students who participated were proud of their efforts on the day with Armidale City Public School named Champion School. Our fast squad were awarded the 8/9 Years Boys, 11 Years Girls and 12/13 Years Boys champions trophies.

**Alexis, Archie, Connie, Dareen, Edward, Ellie, Jacob, Khadem, Khadreena, Lordes and Mack** have been selected to represent our school and the Armidale zone at Coolah on 10 June. We wish them all the best at the next level.



## NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) next week and some of the following week. The value of these tests is in seeing the amount of improvement from one test to the next. It is important that the children are calm about doing the assessments and have sufficient rest. Talking about the assessments too much makes children very anxious and does not allow them to do their best.

## Opportunity class applications close this Friday

Applications for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022 **close this Friday 7 May 2021**. Parents need to apply online at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> by Friday as no late entries are being accepted.

## Eisteddfods

In coming weeks, our school choirs and orchestra will be participating in the 2021 eisteddfod at the old Teacher's College. Given the interruptions with COVID-19, we will use these competitions as an opportunity to gain feedback and utilise this to improve future performances. Permission notes will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.

## Parenting Ideas Blog

It's tough standing your ground when a child wants to avoid an anxiety-inducing activity that you know deep in your heart that they should do. Parents who can see the bigger picture need to make decisions for their child to prevent the development of negative patterns of behaviour.

In the most recent *Parenting Ideas* blog, you can read how one mum took a tough stance in the best interests of her child, who later thanked her for not caving in. You may find this article interesting: <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/blog/when-kids-need-a-parental-push>

Wishing all Mothers and Mother Figures a wonderful Mother's Day this Sunday!

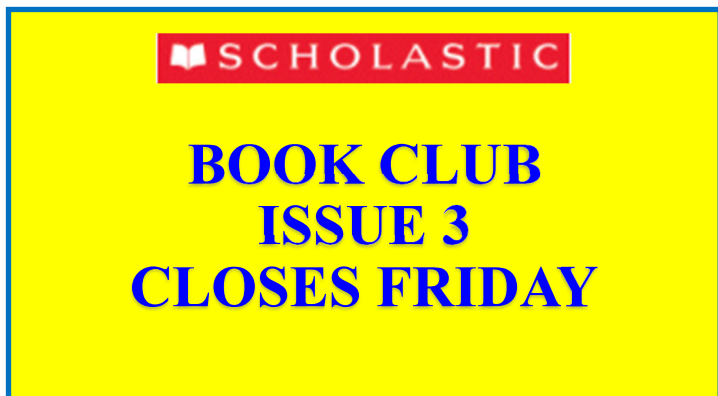
Take care,

**Deborah Nay**  
**Principal**

2R have made a great start to Term 2! Students are enjoying reading *The Enormous Crocodile* as part of our Literacy unit on Roald Dahl. 2R have been researching Dahl's life, and have come across some interesting facts. Did you know that he invented over 500 new names and words, and that he wrote most of his books in his garden shed? We can't wait to continue learning more about Dahl as we read more of his work.

In Geography, students are enjoying learning about features of places. They have investigated the natural, managed and constructed features of places and identified some of these features within their local community. We are looking forward to learning more about this topic on our excursion to Thalgarrah next week.

**Miss Rowland & 2R**



**SCHOLASTIC**

**BOOK CLUB  
ISSUE 3  
CLOSES FRIDAY**

## Sporting Schools K-6 Tennis Program



## AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES – TERM 2, 2021

Learn about the amazing and exciting world of the visual arts. Classes start on 5<sup>th</sup> May (primary school) and 6<sup>th</sup> May (high school) for 8 weeks duration.

Students will experience and learn about the following visual arts content:

- Drawing with charcoal, pencil, pastel, ink and mixed media
- Painting techniques with good quality paints and surfaces
- Landscape and Portraiture drawing/painting
- Design principles while utilising imagination and free thinking to encourage self-expression and a love of exploration of the individual creative process.
- For older learners a deeper concentration on development of individual technique and creative risk taking enabling less fear and more confidence.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Time: WEDNESDAYS 4 - 5.30PM

Where: Art Studio Armidale NSW

(email or phone for address)

Cost: \$150 (includes good quality materials)

### HIGH SCHOOL:

Time: THURSDAYS 4 – 6PM

Where: Art Studio Armidale NSW

(email or phone for address)

Cost: \$160 (includes good quality materials)

PHONE: Dominique – 0498 560 973

EMAIL: [domsdesigns@protonmail.com](mailto:domsdesigns@protonmail.com)

Creative Kids Provider



### About the Teacher:

Dominique has over twenty five years experience, teaching and working within the creative arts. She has a Bachelor of Creative arts and post graduate teacher training from Sydney University. She has taught in the public system in two states as well as in Catholic and Steiner schools. In more recent years she has taught within the visual arts sector to a Diploma level in the TAFE system in both NSW and the NT. She now practices as an art therapist after obtaining both clinical and transpersonal art therapy training over the past eleven years.

The approach Dominique uses in her classes is one of self-expression as well as learning traditional technique. Students are encouraged to listen to their intuition, to trust this when making creative decisions and build their skills and technical understanding in this way. Through this approach students become genuinely empowered and the fear or intimidation of making art is transformed into engaged and enjoyable, exciting creative experiences that support Intellectual/emotional/fine motor development and wellbeing growth.

## Armidale Basketball Association Minibasketball Term 2 2021



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Minibasketball games for Primary School children

### GAMES

4pm Mondays for Years 3 & 4

5pm Mondays for Years 5 & 6

The Den, Armidale Secondary College (Butler Street South)

- Games will commence on Monday 26 April – 21 June (9 weeks)
- All players need to register and pay term game fees prior to first game
- Contact [Armball@bigpond.com](mailto:Armball@bigpond.com) to get put on the email list for more information.
- Registration is through the ABA website - [armidale.basketball.net.au](http://armidale.basketball.net.au)
- Look for the Registration button on the top right hand corner.
- No team required, just register online and turn up ready to play
- Uniforms supplied
- Training sessions for rookies at 10am Sundays

Active Kids Vouchers can be used to offset online payments.

**Annual** Registration \$50 (8-11yrs) or \$80 (12-17yrs)

**Term** game fees \$55

Need info on Active Kids Vouchers?? Check it out [HERE](#)

Armidale Basketball will be following a Covid Safe Plan for return to Basketball.

Interested in lending a hand for Miniball in coaching or administration? We need many hands to help spread the load. Training is available.

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Minibasketball Coordinator



Australian Early Development Census

## School newsletter (external)

### Playing our part to build a national picture of child health

In early 2021, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the fifth Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC gives us a national picture of the development, health and wellbeing of children in their first year of full-time school. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and develop better policies to target support for children and families.

Children don't miss any class time, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information for the census. The AEDC gives us data at a school and community level - it isn't an assessment of individual children.

Some teachers have also noticed that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole and that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing class programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website: [www.aedc.gov.au](http://www.aedc.gov.au).

If you have any questions, you can contact Deborah Nay on 02 6772 3420 or [Deborah.Nay@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Deborah.Nay@det.nsw.edu.au)



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