



# The Blue and White Armidale City Public School

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## 14 September 2022

### Leaders Breakfast with Adam Marshall and Ben Franklin



### Todd Woodbridge Tennis Competition Tamworth



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# Calendar

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|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 12–16 Sep | Stage 3 Sydney/Newcastle Excursion |
| 15-16 Sep | K-2 UNE Discovery Incursion        |
| 15 Sep    | New England Sings Rehearsal        |
| 19 Sep    | P&C Meal Deal                      |
| 22 Sep    | Public Holiday                     |
| 23 Sep    | Leisure Sport                      |
| 23 Sep    | Last Day of Term 3                 |
| 10 Oct    | First Day of Term 4                |

## P&C NEWS

A big thankyou to Regional Australia Bank for their recent donation of \$599.79 to the P&C as part of the Community Partnership Program.

The P&C will be donating \$1200 to the school for the purchase of several sets of new home readers for Early Stage 1 and Stage 1. These resources are critical for the successful implementation of the new English and Maths curriculum, and we are pleased to help our wonderful teachers and the youngest of ACPS students.



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is hard to believe that another term has nearly passed with a little over a week left before the holidays. With the Prime Minister announcing a public holiday on **Thursday, 22 September**, families are reminded that the school will not be open on that day but will be open on Friday, 23 September.

Our Stage 3 students set off on their way to Sydney bright and early on Monday morning. They enjoyed walking across the Sydney Harbour Bridge yesterday and have made their way to Newcastle today. Families can follow what they are up to via Facebook. We appreciate parent support in ensuring that only students who were well and tested negative on rapid antigen tests participated in the excursion. Our adventurers will be returning on Friday afternoon.

## Representation

Congratulations go to the Tournament of Minds team who travelled to Sydney over the weekend. While they didn't win any awards, they had a wonderful time and were excellent ambassadors for our school.

## Changes to COVID-19 requirements

Last week you may have heard that National Cabinet announced that the isolation period for positive COVID-19 cases would be reduced from 7 days to 5 days. All staff, students and visitors of mainstream school settings who have tested positive to COVID-19 must:

- Complete 5 days of isolation from the date they tested positive
- be symptom-free before returning to school, if symptoms remain after Day 5 they must continue following NSW Health guidelines to self-isolate and undertake a rapid antigen test
- complete a rapid antigen test (RAT) and return a negative result before attending school on Days 6 and 7 after testing positive to COVID-19, and
- wear a mask on Days 6 and 7 when attending school (for all staff and those students 12 years and older).

Due to the higher risk associated with overnight excursions, the 7 day isolation period will remain for staff, students and visitors attending excursions who have tested positive for COVID-19.

Staff, students and visitors who have tested positive for COVID-19 may attend overnight excursions after isolating for 7 days, only if they are symptom free on their seventh day of isolation.

Further information can be found on [safely managing COVID-19](#).

Families are reminded that students, staff and visitors can only attend school as a household or close contact if:

- the school is notified that they are a close contact
- students undertake 5 days of rapid antigen testing (RAT) and report the negative result each day to the school

Masks are strongly recommended to be worn by household contacts.

If anyone needs more rapid antigen test kits, please let the office know and we can send more home. We have a supply to support families, particularly for students who are close household contacts.

## Kindergarten in 2023

Only students who are enrolled will be able to participate in Orientation to School activities in Term 4. Applications for non-local placements are welcome but are not a guarantee of acceptance. Our enrolment committee will meet in the next week to determine acceptance of placement and parents will be notified at the end of next week. If you have not



applied to enrol your child in Kindergarten in 2023, please do so as soon as possible. Enrolment applications can now be made online at <https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/#/?schoolCode=1057>

School resumes from holidays for students and staff on Monday, 10 October. The last day of Term 4 for students is Friday, 16 December.

Given our experience of COVID-19 after holiday periods, it is expected that we may need to take greater care for the first three or four weeks of Term 4 with an increase in illness for the first two weeks. This will be due to families mixing with people outside the Armidale community and travels further afield.

Take care and stay safe,

**Deborah Nay  
Principal**

**School Holiday activities**

School holiday program at the Armidale & Guyra Libraries

**Guyra Library**

| Date                | Activity  | Booking             |
|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| EVERYDAY            | Craft bags available.   | Come in anytime     |
| 26 Sept 12-4pm      | Virtual Reality. Ages 10 years and above.   | Bookings essential  |
| 29 Sept 2:30-3:30pm | Make your own snow globe and other crafts.  | Bookings essential  |
| 30 Sept 2:30-3:30pm | Lego and Board games - free play. All day.  | No booking required |
| 4 Oct 11-5pm        | Virtual Reality. Ages 10 years and above.   | Bookings essential  |
| 5 Oct               | Movie and popcorn afternoon. Movie - Rabbit Academy.  | Bookings essential  |
| 8 Oct 10am-1pm      | Guyra Tourist Fest. Join us at the library for craft activities, giant games and Virtual reality experiences. | No booking required |
| 9 Oct 10am-1pm      | Guyra Tourist Fest. Join us at the library for craft activities, giant games.                                 | No booking required |

**Armidale Library**

| Date                  | Activity  | Booking             |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------|
| EVERYDAY              | Craft bags available  | Come in anytime     |
| 27 Sept 2:30-3:30pm   | Make your own playdo and paper. All ages welcome.               | Bookings essential  |
| 28 Sept 10-5pm        | Virtual Reality. Ages 10 years and above.                       | Bookings essential  |
| 29 Sept 10:30-11:30am | BINGO for kids. Children must be able to recognize numbers.     | Bookings essential  |
| 30 Sept 9:30-1pm      | Lego and Board games - free play.                               | No booking required |
| 4 Oct 2:30-3:30pm     | Craft. Make your own playdo and paper. All ages welcome.        | Bookings essential  |
| 5 Oct 9:30-1pm        | Lego and Board games - free play.                               | No booking required |
| 6 Oct 10am-1pm        | Virtual Reality. Ages 10 years and above.                       | Bookings essential  |
| 7 Oct 10am-1pm        | BINGO for kids. Children must be able to recognize numbers.     | Bookings essential  |
| 7 Oct 2-4:30pm        | Movie and Popcorn afternoon for younger kids. 7 years and under |                     |

Armidale Library - 1/182 Rusden Street, Armidale Ph: 6770 3636  
Guyra Library - 158 Bradley Street, Guyra Ph: 6770 7123

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## News from 3/4M

This term the students of 3/4M have many achievements to be proud of including: sporting successes, project builds, music and learning achievements.

We are almost finished creating habitat dioramas with some very creative thinking occurring through their designs. We have learnt about natural features around the world and some animals that live in these environments. Students will have the opportunity to show and view these next week.

It is wonderful to see students caring for and assisting each other in and out of the classroom.

As we go into our final term for the year, please ensure that students' have the resources they need each day for learning, including: lead pencils or pens, a rubber and a broad brimmed hat for the warm weather.

**Thank you from 3/4M and Mrs Carson**

## News from K/1G

K/1G have had a very busy term. We enjoyed celebrating Book Week last week and the students had some AMAZING costumes!



We have been reading 'The Jolly Postman' and discussing the many different fairytale characters in the story. We are continuing to practice using our imagination to write an imaginative text with lots of characters and interesting settings, problems and solutions.

K/1G have been hard at work this term and are looking forward to a little rest in the holidays ready for a busy Term 4.

**Thank you from K/1G and Mrs Druitt**

**NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC PRESENTS NEW ENGLAND SINGS!**

**SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER 2:30PM**  
Armidale Secondary College

*New England Sings!* is our nationally acclaimed, award-winning choral showcase bringing together over 900 students from across 30 regional schools, accompanied by an 80-piece orchestra.

Premiering specially commissioned works by Justine Clarke (Play School), Luke Byrne and a collaboration between the Side by Side Choir and singer songwriter Fergus James.

Adults: \$30 Students: \$20  
Tickets: [www.trybooking.com/CBWYY](http://www.trybooking.com/CBWYY)

This project is supported by the NSW Government through Create NSW

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For those families who have not been successful in securing tickets to New England Sings, we have been advised that they will be releasing more tickets next week.

To be eligible to purchase these tickets, you must be registered on the waiting list on the trybooking website below.

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/947048>

**Word of the Week**  
**Extradite (EK-struh-dyte)**

**T20 REGIONAL ROAD SHOW**

Saturday, 1st October | 10am-5pm  
Curtis Park, Armidale

- Kids Cricket Activities
- Food Trucks
- Face Painting

ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP AUSTRALIA 2022

NSW Regional COUNCIL ARMIDALE SPRING GAMES

**STARS OF THE COFFS HARBOUR INTERNATIONAL BUSKERS & COMEDY FESTIVAL**

- Music
- Performances
- Kids Activities

Tuesday, 27 September 2022  
10am - 2pm

Beardy Street, Central Mall, Armidale

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**Vinnies good works**

**HOMEWORK HELP**

Homework Help at Armidale Library

Homework Help creates a supportive group environment for children aged 5-12 to complete their homework with the assistance of a trained teacher and skilled Vinnies volunteers. These sessions are open to children looking to complete homework, improve self-esteem, develop social and communication skills and have fun!

Homework may include:

- Worksheets or longer projects assigned by a teacher
- Reading or writing practice
- Discuss concepts covered in class each week

**Details**

6 week program beginning Wednesday 19th of October  
Location: Armidale War Memorial Library (2/ 162 Rusden St, Armidale)  
Time: 3.30pm-5pm  
Ages: 5-12  
Cost: Free (BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL)

Book now using the QR code, or call Cassie from Vinnies on 02 5776 0211

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## Word of the Week

### Dictionary meaning

To extradite someone who has been accused of a crime is to send that person to the state or country that has jurisdiction to try them for that crime.

### Did You know?

Extradite and its related noun extradition are both ultimately Latin in origin: their source is tradition-, tradition, meaning "the act of handing over." (The word tradition, though centuries older, has the same source; consider tradition as something handed over from one generation to the next.)

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ARMIDALE ATHLETICS FREE, 'COME AND TRY' SESSION!

**WHERE:** Harris Park, Armidale

**WHEN:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September from 4pm

**WHO:** Everyone is welcome!

**WHY:** To promote personal development and fitness while having fun!

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*Give athletics a go!*

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