



# The Blue and White Armidale City Public School

the heart of Armidale

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## 21 September 2022

### ***Stage 3 Excursion***

Last week Mrs Kelly, Ms Raftery, Mrs Close, Mr Travers and Mr Townsend had the pleasure of taking a large group of our Stage 3 students on a 4 night excursion to Sydney and Lake Macquarie. Following 2 years of cancellations due to COVID-19, it was great to see excited students at school early on Monday, packed and ready to embark on an adventure.

Our first stop was 2 nights in Sydney. After the long drive we headed to the parklands in Darling Harbour to stretch our legs and burn off some energy before making over 50 pizzas disappear without leaving even the trace of a crumb. Impressively, during our tourist attraction walk taking in some of Sydney's most famous sites, the teachers only made one wrong turn. With the help of some locals we eventually found those stairs up to the bridge. We also enjoyed a Harbour cruise with our very own tour guide and spent some time at Bondi Beach learning about beach safety from the Bondi Lifeguards before digging holes, making sand sculptures, playing soccer, racing each other and dipping our feet in the water at the famous beach.

From the hustle and bustle of Sydney's CBD, we made our way to the quieter more tranquil settings of Lake Macquarie for the next two nights. Over these days we explored the lake's foreshore, fed sharks and stingrays, raced each other down the sand dunes at Anna Bay and explored different aircraft at Fighter World in Williamstown.

For many students this excursion involved new experiences and their first trip away from home without their parents and carers. The positive attitude of all students and some very lucky timing avoiding the rain each day meant we had a fantastic week. We received regular comments about how friendly, polite and well-mannered the students were at all venues. They should all be incredibly proud of themselves. Their teachers are certainly proud of them! THANK YOU to all the students who attended the excursion.



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# Calendar

22 Sep	Public Holiday—NO SCHOOL
23 Sep	Leisure Sport
23 Sep	Last Day of Term 3
10 Oct	First Day of Term 4

## P&C NEWS

For those students who paid for the Meal Deal but were absent on Monday, please collect your refund from the office.



We hope you have an enjoyable break and see you again in Term 4.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

After a great deal of preparation and excitement, eighty-four of our Stage 3 students and five teachers travelled to Sydney and Newcastle last week for the first week-long excursion since 2019. The feedback received was that these students were excellent ambassadors for our school and families. **Mr Townsend** reports having the manager of one venue racing after him to let him know that this group of students is the best group they have ever had. These students have epitomised the school motto of *Excel with honour*.

I had the honour of presenting the Term 3 *Excelling with honour* certificates at yesterday's assembly, which was opened with a performance by the string quintet and another by the school orchestra. Our congratulations go to the following students for their achievement:

<u>KP</u>	<u>1C</u>	<u>2C</u>	<u>3/4C</u>	<u>5/6S</u>
Ashleigh	Paige	Darcy	Cruz	Lyla
Ryder	Marlee	Cooper	Tazmeen	Renae

<u>KB</u>	<u>1/2R</u>	<u>3/4H</u>	<u>3/4J</u>	<u>5/6R</u>
Sparsh	Brooks	Olivia	Zion	Sam
Claire	Vera	Tahsin	Lucy	Ayalla

<u>K/1G</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3/4S</u>	<u>5/6K</u>
Xavier	Mackenzie	Taliah	Saoirse
Mischa	Charlotte	William	Travis

<u>2W</u>	<u>3/4M</u>	<u>5/6T</u>
Charlie	Rose	Eden
Taylor-	Zara	Jake
Paige		



Our school hosted the Term 3 Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) meeting today. Members of our Aboriginal families and the wider community are invited to become members of the Armidale AECG.

## Public holiday

Tomorrow has been named a public holiday. School will not be operating on Thursday but will reopen for the last day of term on Friday.

## Kindergarten in 2023

Letters have been sent to families accepting enrolments following a meeting of our enrolment committee. Enrolment applications will need to be completed, preferably online, for students to be able to participate in Orientation to School activities in Term 4. 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, 15 December.

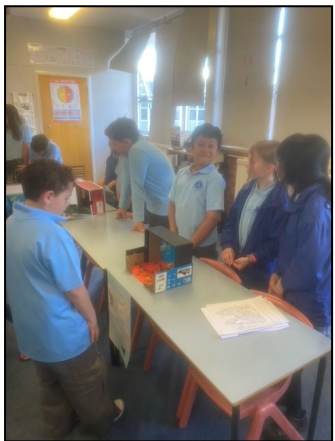
Given our experience of COVID-19 after holiday periods, it is expected that we may need to take greater care for the first three or four weeks of Term 4 with an increase in illness for the first two weeks. To ensure that we are able to go ahead with the Stage 2 excursions next term, we ask for parent support in keeping students who are unwell at home.

Wishing all a safe, healthy and relaxing holiday,

**Deborah Nay**  
Principal

## STAGE 2 HABITAT DIORAMAS

Yesterday the Kindergarten and Stage 1 children were fortunate enough to enjoy a tour of the Stage 2 Habitat Dioramas



## Word of the Week Pathos (PAY-thahss)

### News from 2 Whimsical

The students in 2 Whimsical have had an amazing term with lots of small group research projects, some fantastic guided artworks and interesting explorations of mathematical concepts. We have discussed how to persuade someone to do what we want, how to instruct someone in creating something and how to entertain with an imaginative text.

We enjoyed trying to 'get' the dad jokes in our book "My dad still thinks he's funny" in the week leading up to Fathers' Day and were very proud of ourselves when tying the macrame knots to make keyrings for our dads or other special adults.

We have learnt some really fascinating new words and how to change them using spelling rules - that sometimes don't work... The English language is apparently one of the hardest to learn as it draws from so many other languages and steals rules from all of them!

We are all looking forward to the holidays and a chance to recharge in the warming weather.

2 Whimsical wishes everyone a safe end of term and a terrific break. We can't wait to see what Term 4 holds for us.

**Mrs Woods and 2 Whimsical**

## School Holiday activities



School holiday program at the Armidale & Guyra Libraries

### Guyra Library

Date	Activity	Booking
EVERYDAY	Craft bags available.	Come in anytime
28 Sept 10-4pm	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	Legos and Board games - free play. All day.	No booking required
1 Oct 10-5pm	Virtual Reality Ages 10 years and above.	Bookings essential
4 Oct 10-5pm	Movie and popcorn afternoon. Movie - Rabbit Academy.	Bookings essential
8 Oct 10am-1pm	Guyra Food Fest. Join us at the library for craft activities, giant games and Virtual reality experiences.	No booking required
9 Oct 10am-1pm	Guyra Food 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 playdoh 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	BNIGO for kids. Children must be able to recognize numbers.	Bookings essential
30 Sept 8.30-9.30am	Movie and Pizza Night for older kids - 8 years +	No booking required
1 Oct 2.30-3.30pm	Legos and Board games - free play.	No booking required
4 Oct 8.30-9.30am	Craft. Make your own playdoh and paper. All ages welcome.	Bookings essential
8 Oct 10am-1pm	Legos and Board games - free play.	No booking required
9 Oct 10am-1pm	Virtual Reality Ages 10 Years and above.	Bookings essential
10 Oct 10am-1pm	BNIGO for kids. Children must be able to recognize numbers.	Bookings essential
11 Oct 2.30-3.30pm	Movie and Popcorn afternoon for younger kids. 7 years and under.	No booking required

Armidale Library - 1782 Rusden Street, Armidale Ph: 6770 3636  
Guyra Library - 158 Bradley Street, Guyra Ph: 6770 7123

ARMIDALE Regional Council

## Armidale Basketball Association

### 2022 Term 4 Aussie Hoops



Want to learn great ball skills?

Register online and turn up to the Aussie Hoops session for rookie players 5-11 years

10 - 11am Sundays from 19 October to 4 December (8 weeks)

'The Den' at Armidale Secondary College (Butler Street South)

Both new and returning players should register online at [aussiehoops.basketball.net.au](https://aussiehoops.basketball.net.au)

Follow instructions (Click here, click on map) to get to the program location page and then enter 2350 in the postcode Search box. Click on the location 'Armidale Secondary College' which will take you to the registration page where you enter all the details of the player. The cost for a new player is \$100 for the first term (includes basketball, personalised training singlet and backpack) while returning players will pay \$65 per term (no kit). The Monday session has been created so first time players in years 3-6 who play Monday can get the player's kit.

Aussie Hoops is Basketball Australia's official junior game development program for children in primary school. They learn basketball in a structured, inclusive and fun environment, developing fitness, skills and an understanding of the sport. The Aussie Hoops program aims to give children the basic skills they need to progress to and enjoy playing actual games.

Armidale Basketball is an Active Kids Provider so you can use the Active Kids Vouchers to help pay for the activity. Carefully follow the directions when registering your child (don't forget to press the Validate button after you put in the voucher number). Returning players can hand in their AKV to the office or payment (if preferred). If you have any concerns, contact Judy. Forget your email? Contact Judy. Don't know about Active Kids Vouchers? Check out the link: [ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS NSW](https://www.activekids.gov.au/activekids/vouchers)

Interested in lending a hand for Aussie Hoops in coaching or administration? We need many hands to help spread the load. We are looking for a person to coordinate Aussie Hoops and the program so Mark can coach. Anyone can learn to do specific job with some great training available.

Judy Monaghan  
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Aussie Hoops Coordinator



## Armidale Basketball Association

### Minibasketball Term 4 2022



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 17 October - 5 December (8 weeks)
- Players can register through the ABA website and the GameDay portal used by NSW Basketball. Registration is for 12 months, and game fees are on a term by term basis.
- Go to [armidale.basketball.net.au](https://armidale.basketball.net.au)
- Look for the lion logo which is the Registration button/term fee payment portal.
- No team required, just register online and turn up ready to play
- Uniforms supplied, teams are mixed.
- Weekly newsletter on our website ([armidale.basketball.net.au](https://armidale.basketball.net.au)) or our Facebook page
- Training sessions for rookies at 10am Sundays

Active Kids Vouchers can be used to offset online payments.  
Annual Registration via ABA website: \$40 (8-11yrs) or \$65 (12-17yrs)  
Term game fees are \$55  
Need info on Active Kids Vouchers?? Check it out [HERE](https://www.activekids.gov.au/activekids/vouchers)

If new players wish to get access to a basketball kit, they can register for the first term through [AussieHoops.basketball.net.au](https://aussiehoops.basketball.net.au) (Monday session). This kit includes a ball, a personalised singlet, a bag and the term game fees for only \$100. Subsequent terms are \$65 per term through the Aussie Hoops portal (run by Basketball Australia) or use the ABA website listed above.

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Minibasketball Coordinator  
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## PCYC ARMIDALE-OOSH-SPRING 2022

BRING OWN MORNING TEA & LUNCH! WATER BOTTLES & HATS EVERYDAY - Book before Monday 5th SEPT for EARLY BIRD PRICE.

**MONDAY 26th SEPTEMBER** EARLY BIRD \$55 NORMAL \$60  
**ART ROTATION TABLES**  
Learn Still life, Perspective & seed environmental seed art. Do an imaginative art piece in the Armidale PCYC group drawing contest.  
Free Play & Do a paddie pop stick creation!

**TUESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER** EARLY BIRD \$60 NORMAL \$65  
**MODELLING CLAY MINI'S** - Be an animator!  
Create clay pieces to make a mini stage set and photograph.  
Play with your clay!

**WEDNESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER** EARLY BIRD \$65 NORMAL \$70  
**FRISBEE MAKING** with Streamer & balloon fun.  
Team games in stadium. Prizes to be won!  
Have a Henna tattoo.(stays on for 3days).

**THURSDAY 29th SEPTEMBER** EARLY BIRD \$60 NORMAL \$65  
**TEXTILES, WEAVING, WOOL & Treats to eat!**  
Create a rainbow weaving loom piece, learn crocheted & finger knits.  
Do a Kool collage. Make Rocky Road Delights to eat!

**FRIDAY 30th SEPTEMBER** EARLY BIRD \$65 NORMAL \$70  
**EXCURSION SPORTS & REC CENTRE**  
Today we are going on an excursion to the Sport & Rec Centre.  
We are going bowling and play at KIDZ WORLD. Then watch a Disney movie in PCYC room with a popcorn machine.

CCS reduced fees are available for eligible families  
[armidaleoosh@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:armidaleoosh@pcycnsw.org.au) 0491 053 177 Scan HERE to book or existing families please use XPLOR

**MONDAY 3rd OCTOBER** EARLY BIRD \$75 NORMAL \$80  
**PUBLIC HOLIDAY-LABOUR DAY**

**TUESDAY 4th OCTOBER** EARLY BIRD \$75 NORMAL \$80  
**MAGIC DAY with Special Guests/show**  
**ABSOLUTE TOM FOOLERY- A touring show of wonder. Face painting day.**

**WEDNESDAY 5th OCTOBER** EARLY BIRD \$60 NORMAL \$65  
**SCIENCE DAY**  
Explore the world of creations with a Science Extrordinaire. Lets make experiments!

**THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER** EARLY BIRD \$60 NORMAL \$65  
**Library Excursion and LETS GET PHYSICAL**  
Walk to Library for an planned session- then do Ball games. Learn basic Cheerleading with terms & funky moves, project your voice, Come have some fun & make pom-poms and banner!

**FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER** EARLY BIRD \$65 NORMAL \$70  
**EXCURSION BELGRAVE CINEMA**  
Watch the latest Kids Flicks with PCYC includes your cinema snacks.  
Free play and Games back at centre. Make a galaxy Jar!



PCYC OSHC  
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Offering activities such as STEM, arts and crafts and ball games which promotes team collaboration, participation and fairness



### AFTER SCHOOL CARE

JOIN IN ON THE FUN!  
Homework club, arts and crafts and lots of activities to fill the afternoon!  
3:00PM - 6:00PM

### VACATION CARE

Different activities each day. Running from 8:00AM - 6:00PM each day  
Excursions and incursions included!

Scan to enrol:



Armidale Alligators Swim Club meets Wednesday nights from 5:45pm-7pm at the TAS and Monkton pools during school terms. Club nights are primarily about having fun with a bit of friendly competition thrown in.

Kids of any age (K-Yr 12) can practice their race skills in a fun, safe and family friendly environment. If you haven't been to a club night before, come along and try a couple of sessions out. It's a great opportunity for kids to get ready for school carnival season next year.

Our first club night for Term 4 is Wednesday 12 October at TAS pool with registrations now open for the 2022-23 swim season via Swim Central - <https://swimcentral.swimming.org.au/>



If you want to find out more details, send an email to [armidalealligators@gmail.com](mailto:armidalealligators@gmail.com) or call Bec on 0407 437 884 or Ebony on 0447 772 981.

You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram @ArmidaleAlligators

**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](https://www.trybooking.com/CBWYY)

This project is supported by the NSW Government through Create NSW

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## Word of the Week

### Dictionary meaning

Pathos refers to some element of an experience or of an artistic representation that evokes compassion or pity. The word also refers to a feeling of sympathetic pity.

### Did You know?

The Greek word páthos means "experience, misfortune, emotion, condition," and comes from Greek path-, meaning "experience, undergo, suffer." In English, pathos usually refers to the element in an experience or in an artistic work that makes us feel compassion, pity, or sympathy.