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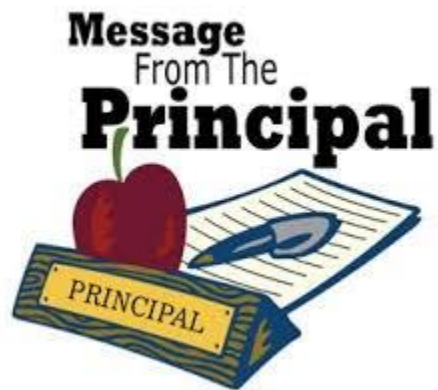
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Principal's Report



Many thanks go to the many families who donated cakes and other goodies for the P&C referendum cake stall. Patrons were excited when confronted with the range of wonderful items. Funds raised on the cake stall and barbecue go towards helping the students of Armidale City Public School.

Book Fair

Families are reminded that our Book Fair is being held this week. Students are able to purchase books and other items during their class library lessons and during second half lunch. Parents and carers are welcome after school from 3.15pm to 3.30pm. Payments can be via cash or eftpos.

Selective High School application

If you are a parent of a **Year 5 student** and would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2025, **you need to apply on the internet** using a valid email address (not the student's email address). Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form are available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Applications close Monday, 20 November 2023. You must apply before the closing date. You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **9 May 2024**.

Parent Portal

From 2024, the Sentral portal is necessary for all financial access as the current online payment system will be discontinued. Some aspects of the new portal will be operational from this term. We have had 135 parents already register and we look forward to more coming on board very soon.

Parents have been sent individualised letters of invitation with case sensitive access keys via email. Your email address will be your username. If you do not have an email address, you will need to set one up. Please make sure that you link your children to your portal so that you will receive information specific to them.

The Sentral for Parents app can be downloaded to mobile devices for easier use.

Tell them from me

Each year we ask parents and carers to provide feedback to the school about what we do well and what we can do better. It is important to hear from as many families as possible to provide the most accurate information to help us with our planning for the future. You are invited to click on the following link to have your say: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/74yqx> by Friday 3 November.

Kindergarten in 2024

If you have not applied to enrol your child in Kindergarten for 2024, please do so as soon as possible to ensure that you are advised of any Orientation to School activities in Term 4. Enrolment applications can be made online at <https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/#/?schoolCode=1057>

Transition to school activities will be held on Wednesday, 1 November, 8 November and 15 November for those children who have completed their enrolment.

Fire safety

Over the last week or more there has been an increase in the number of fires. To stay on top of what is happening, families can utilise the Hazards near me app. You can find more information about this app at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/emergency/hazards-near-me-app>.

People who have asthma may be affected by the increase in smoke. Other families are being affected by the need to evacuate their homes due to fire risk. Please ensure that you abide by any restrictions that are in place to help keep families and our wider community safe. More information can be found at <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information>

Take care and stay safe,

Deborah Nay

School Calendar



Calendar

25 Oct	ES1 Thalgarrah Excursion (Teddy Bear's Picnic)
26 Oct	ASC Orientation Day for EALD and Aboriginal Students
27 Oct	Anti-poverty Mufti Day
31 Oct	3-6 Assembly
1 Nov	Kindergarten Orientation Day
1 Nov	P&C Meeting
1-3 Nov	Year 4 Lake Keepit Camp
8 Nov	Stage 1 Life Education Van Visit
9 Nov	ES1 Life Education Van Visit

Notes and Money Due

<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Activity and Cost</i>
Now	K-2 Life Education Van, \$6
Now	Kindergarten Teddy Bears Picnic, \$11.50

19 Oct

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion Final Instalment, \$30

General Information

GENERAL INFORMATION

School Student Travel for 2024 (bus passes)



Applications for bus passes in 2024 are now open. Depending on where you are travelling, you may receive a free school travel pass. Students in kindergarten, year 1 and year 2 and student's living more than 2.3km (walking distance) from school can apply for free travel.

You only need to apply for a pass if: you are applying for the first time; your child is moving from year 2 into year 3; or requesting additional passes due to parents living separately.

Please ensure your details are up to date at school so approval can be done quickly.

Transport for NSW



School Student Travel

Term 4 2023

2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details **before the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2024.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Changes to your bus service provider

Within Greater Sydney, a number of bus service providers have changed their names.

Parents intending to lodge an application for a School Opal card will need to visit [transportnsw.info trip planner](https://transportnsw.info/trip-planner) to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

Travel from Term 1 2024

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2024 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [Plan your trip to school | transportsw.info](#)

Enquiries can be submitted at [Fares, concessions, tickets & top-up feedback | transportsw.info](#)

Moxon's Lunch Orders



Moxon's Lunch Orders are now available on Fridays only. Please remember to send your order in to the office, with your child's name and class written on the order form along with the correct change by 9:10am. New order forms are available at the office.

Armidale City Public School
Moxon's Bakery Canteen Order Form
FRIDAY Only

Name: _____

Class: _____

Orders must be handed into the school office by **9:10am**
 Friday morning, with correct change - No EFT Available

Item	Price	Qty	Total \$
Hot Food			
Plain Beef Pie	\$5.00		
Mini Plain Beef Pie	\$2.50		
Beef Cheese & Bacon Pie	\$5.50		
Plain Sausage Roll	\$4.50		
Spinach And Feta Roll - VEGO	\$4.50		
BBQ Sauce	\$0.50		
Tomato Sauce	\$0.50		
Cold Food			
Chicken, Cheese, Lettuce, Mayo Wrap GF Option Available – Please circle	\$5.00		
Lettuce, Carrot, Cheese, Tomato Wrap - VEGO GF Option Available – Please circle	\$5.00		
Ham & Cheese Sandwich	\$4.50		
Chicken, Cheese & Mayo Sandwich	\$4.50		
Cheese & Vegemite	\$3.50		
Snacks			
Fruit Salad Tub - GF	\$4.50		
Custard & Jelly Tub	\$3.00		
Finger Bun	\$2.00		
Chocolate Muffin	\$2.50		
Smartie Biscuit	\$1.50		
Choc Caramel Slice - GF	\$5.00		
Zooper Dooper Ice block	\$1.00		
Drinks			
300ml Plain Full Cream Milk	\$2.00		
300ml Chocolate Flavoured Milk	\$3.50		
300ml Strawberry Flavoured Milk	\$3.50		
350ml Water	\$2.00		
Orange Juice Popper	\$2.50		
Apple Juice Popper	\$2.50		
Total Cash:			\$

P&C News



Thank you to the families who contributed to our referendum cake stall and to the families and community for purchasing items from the BBQ and cake stall.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on 1 November at 6:30pm.



K-2 Assembly



Congratulations to the following students who received awards at yesterday's K-2 assembly.

<i>Kinder Purple</i>	Jilan, Zhiman, Liam and Navarnah
<i>Kinder Blue</i>	Agamjit, Elliot, Daisy and Ivy
<i>K/1 Green</i>	Yasin, Archer, Nevaeh, Monty, Eden and Grace
<i>1C</i>	Alaa, Bill, Robera, Seehar, Ashraq and Eleana

1/2W	Alex, Ashleigh, Anika, Shingal, Harry and Benjamin
2L	Mona, Alaa, Rupert, Easton, Emily and Arotrika
2C	Bobby, Harry, Freddy, Amiru, Marlee and Remy

The following students had their work selected as Work of the Fortnight:

<i>Kinder Purple</i>	Henry and Jeffrey
<i>Kinder Blue</i>	Christopher and Theo
K/1 Green	Minh An and Raiyyan
1C	Oliver and Hugh
1/2W	Danyal, Shingal and Zhihan
2L	Tina and Mischa
2C	Hayden and Xavier





Mrs Ridley's Word of the week



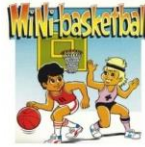
Ephemeral (Adjective)

(e-fem-er-al)

Definition: **Ephemeral** is an adjective that describes something as being brief, fleeting, or short-lived. It refers to things that exist or last for a very short time.

Community Notice Board





Armidale Basketball Association
Term 4 Basketball Activities 2023 for
primary school children

Begins Sunday 15 Oct and Monday 16 Oct until early Dec

Primary School Players have a choice of Aussie Hoops for the beginner up to 10 years of age where skills and games are learned or jump into some Miniball games on a Monday afternoon for the older players. All scheduled to return to Armidale Basketball's home ground at The Den located at the Armidale Secondary College (Butler Street 5th).

All NEW primary school players can pay term membership fees for \$100 through the Aussie Hoops website to access the player's kit consisting of a ball, a singlet and a bag as well as the term fees. Register through [Aussiehoops.basketball](https://aussiehoops.basketball.net.au). At the home page, Select NSW, enter 2350 in the postcode Search box, then click on the location 'Armidale Secondary College. This takes you to the registration page. Choose either the Sunday (If in Kinder-yr 2) or Monday (If in Yrs 3-6) session. Please ignore the \$190 price tag for new players - this is an error that we are trying to fix.

Returning Aussie Hoopers - Players 5 - 10 yrs on Sundays beginning 15 Oct. Held each Sunday morning at The Den from 10am to 11am. \$65 for each term (which includes term membership). Register through [Aussiehoops.basketball](https://aussiehoops.basketball). There is also a selection of merchandise that can be also be purchased (these are not covered by AKVs).

Returning Minibasketballers - Games for slightly older player in primary school (years 3-6). Beginning 16 Oct. Games for players in years 3 & 4 will be at 4pm on Mondays while players in years 5 & 6 are at 5pm. Cost of Annual Registration is \$65 (12-17yrs) or \$50 (8-11yrs) **plus pay term fees** of \$55 all through the ABA website www.armidale.basketball.net.au. - look for the 'Register Now' button with our new lion logo and follow all the instructions. Players will learn new skills and game rules and can also attend training on a Sunday at 10am with no extra charge.

- **Active Kids Vouchers** can be used to pay for registration and game fees during the online registration process.

Coaching - We are looking for up to 10 people of all ages to help out with coaching Aussie Hoops and Minibasketball. Basketball Australia has launched the its new suite of online Coach Education so anyone can sign up and gain an online coaching accreditation through the new courses made up of 6 different modules jam packed with new videos and informative learning. The Aussie Hoops and Community Coaching Online courses are now live and FREE to complete. We need the help of parents and older basketballers to assist in the development of the youngest players. Go to the [Aussiehoops.basketball](https://aussiehoops.basketball) site and select the dropdown box called "Centre" at the top of the page. Check out some of the other areas of this website, you will be amazed at the resources and information here. Any membership fees for coaches (\$20) are reimbursed by the Armidale Basketball Association.

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TAIKOZ



TAIKOZ: SIDE BY SIDE

THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER 7:00PM

Lazenby Hall, University of New England

Thunderous taiko meets soulful flute, sonorous handpan, dynamic movement - enveloped in colourful light-sculptures

Side By Side features the emerging compositional voices of Taikoz players Ian Cleworth, Kerry Joy, Sophia Ang, Ryuji Hamada and Claudia Wherry. At its heart, the program is truly a celebration of the remarkable creativity that resides within the ensemble. Sitting side by side their pieces (pun intended!) is the winning composition of Taikoz's 2020 Women Composers Competition - Tasmania-based Karlin Love's Fierce: The Vengeance Of Joy. We're thrilled to have non-taiko playing composers create new works for us, and Karlin's Fierce is the latest in a long line of new works composed especially for our ensemble's unique forces.

"It's the seeing that turns an exhilarating aural experience into something close to dance theatre with a spiritual bent. The virtuosity is thrilling but even better is the sense of pure joy the players transmit." - Weekend Australian

Adults \$55, Concessions \$45, Students \$25

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ARMIDALE JUNIOR CRICKET 2023/24 SEASON

WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST

For Boys and Girls aged 5 – 10. Your kids will make new friends, learn new skills and experience the thrill of being part of a team



JUNIOR CRICKET – UNDER 11'S TO UNDER 15'S

Hardball competitive cricket in the Armidale & District Junior Cricket competition.

Fixtures to be played Saturday mornings across the summer.

Scan the QR code to search local junior clubs in the Armidale region



UYITIKA KYUNDA CAMP

ANAIWAN SONG & DANCE ON COUNTRY

OCTOBER 28TH-29TH

To mark **NSW Aboriginal Languages Week**, Nēwara is holding an overnight language camp for Anaiwan mob and other local Aboriginal people at *Nyambinga Kyuna*. The camp will involve activities centred around the learning of Anaiwan language, through song, dance, and art.



All ages welcome! Limited places available.
Registration closes 21st of October.

To register, please head to
www.newaracorp.com/programs-and-events

For more information, contact *Michaela Gordon-Briggs*
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Please email armidalec-p.admin@det.nsw.edu.au if you wish to have your notice included in our newsletter.

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