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Principal's Report



Last Wednesday, **Mrs Ridley** and I joined school leaders from across the region in Tamworth to learn more at the Student Behaviour Policy Roadshow. Yesterday afternoon, our teachers spent some time looking at some of the changes to the policy and the care continuum with our Learning and Wellbeing Coordinator, **Mrs Hopwood**.

The NSW Department of Education is introducing a revised Student Behaviour Policy and new Suspension and Expulsion Procedures from Term 1, 2024.

The policy and procedures support an inclusive and safe learning environment for your child, staff and every child in NSW public schools.

With the revisions to the policy, we now have clarity and consistency for how we manage disruptive and challenging student behaviour in the classroom, so our teachers can teach, and our students can learn.

The guidelines allow us to work closer together with you to support your child to behave positively and respectfully, and develop individual plans with clear expectations, so they can achieve their best.

We have many practices in place to help our students engage respectfully with each other and their learning. You can find out more about these and advice and support strategies to help you work with us to achieve positive outcomes for your child through the department's Behaviour Support Toolkit.

Violence in our schools is never acceptable. Suspension is a critical safeguard for ensuring the safety of our students, teachers and staff.

You can read a preview of the policy and procedures on the department website.

The staff and I are reviewing our current approach in line with the revised policy and procedures and will share any changes we believe need to be made with you from Term 1 2024.

Parents and carers play an important role in the school community. We will continue to engage and communicate with you around our School Behaviour Support and Management Plan, that outlines our school processes and practices moving forward.

Our school already takes a strong, positive, student-centered approach, and we look forward to continuing to work closely with you and all our families to maintain a safe learning environment so our students can thrive.

Orientation

Our 2024 Kindergarten students came to 'big school' today for the last day of orientation to Armidale City Public School. If you are yet to complete an enrolment for your child in 2024, please contact the office on 6772 3420 for more information. Enrolment can be completed online.

Year 6 students who have returned enrolment forms for Armidale Secondary College will be involved in a day of orientation tomorrow. If you have not completed enrolment forms, please do so as a matter of urgency so your child doesn't miss out. Contact the office if you require a new form.

Selective High School application – closing soon.

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 by next Monday, 20 November 2023 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>

Swimming

Students in Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to participate in water safety lessons, with some starting next week. Families are reminded to return completed swimming notes and money as soon as possible.

Stage 3 Excursion - Respect our Neighbours

Eighty-seven Stage 3 students will be heading off to Canberra next Monday morning with four of our teachers. We ask families to be considerate of our school neighbours on Faulkner Street by keeping the noise level down and not holding conversations outside their houses.

Take care and stay safe,

Deborah Nay



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Letting Kids Play

World Children's Day - the importance of play and letting kids be kids

Bob Ross had a career in the Air Force for 20 years and didn't start painting until he retired. At 41, he became everyone's favourite art teacher.

Colonel Sanders had a hard time holding down jobs, working as a fireman, insurance salesman, and even worked in law. It wasn't until his 40s that he started successfully selling fried chicken.

Martha Stewart worked as a stockbroker. It wasn't until she was 41 that she published her first cookbook.

Albert Einstein was expelled from his school, and his teachers thought that he was mentally handicapped. Yet he went on to win a Nobel Prize and is considered one of the most brilliant minds of all time.

Winston Churchill failed 6th grade. At 63, he became Prime Minister of England.

It's so easy to grow anxious, worried that our children are falling behind or missing out.

We worry that they won't develop their culinary skills if they don't start Mummy and Me cooking classes as toddlers.

We fear that they will never be talented artists if we don't enrol them in the pricey after school art class.

We are concerned that if we don't require them to practice piano daily, they will never develop into talented musicians.

We worry that their low score on their maths test means that they will never go into a STEM course at university.

We anxiously watch on as they struggle to decide which subjects to pursue in high school, worried what careers they are precluding themselves from following.

What we often fail to remember in those moments of anxiety and fear, is that learning doesn't stop when they finish high school or their tertiary education. As adults we can go back at any time and learn to paint, learn to do complex algebra, learn to be good leaders. We can change career paths again and again, and quickly catch up on the things we missed or have forgotten.

What we can't do is get our childhoods back.

Childhood isn't a time to prepare to be an adult.

Childhood is a time to be a child.

Childhood is a special time where imaginative play feels richer, where friendships are formed over a shared love of digging for worms, and where building a tree house can feel like the most important thing in the world.

Yet we often cut into that time to get them to sit still, learn 'important things', and prepare for their futures. The problem is that the more time that they are engaged in adult-led, structured, future-oriented activities, the less time they have available to engage in the real work of childhood – play.

Play teaches our kids everything that they really need to learn. It fosters physical and motor development. Play requires socio-emotional skills. It strengthens the imagination and creativity. It builds STEM skills and deductive reasoning. Play can not be substituted with other activities and still achieve the same outcomes. Children need the opportunity to play.

To celebrate World Children's Day, let's elevate play to its true level of importance. Let's prioritise it above our own goals for our children. Let's allow our kids to have a day, at least just this one day, to choose their own activities, to play without direction, to engage in the work of childhood without limits.

And if you can, go even further. Start a 30 day play challenge, making sure your kids have at least 45 minutes every day to engage in activities of their own choice.

If it's been a while since they had the opportunity for free play, they might not know where to begin. To avoid those calls of "I'm bored", try setting the stage with these play prompts:

- ▶ Pull out the bicycles
- ▶ Visit a new playground
- ▶ Set up a play dough or clay station
- ▶ Get out the chalk
- ▶ Turn the hose into a sprinkler
- ▶ Go to the beach
- ▶ Take a few different balls to a park
- ▶ Dust off some board games
- ▶ Go to the swimming pool
- ▶ Get out the paints and paint brushes
- ▶ Go out to a nature reserve
- ▶ Visit some rock pools

Then get out of the way. True play is self-directed, intrinsically motivated, and creative.

This World Children's Day (and hopefully every day) let's safeguard childhood, value play, and let our kids be kids.



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School Calendar



Calendar

16 Nov	ASC Orientation Day
16 Nov	5pm-6pm- K-2 Disco
16 Nov	6:30pm-8pm- 3-6 Disco

16 Nov	6pm-6:30pm-P&C BBQ at Disco
17 Nov	NSW State Final Multicultural Public Speaking
20 Nov	MiniRoos Soccer Program 3:20pm-5:30pm
20-24 Nov	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
20-24 Nov	Stage 2 Water Safety
27 Nov	Tonya Mallinson Oracy Award Final Speeches- Year 5
27 Nov	P&C Fete Meeting
27 Nov- 1 Dec	Stage 3 Water Safety
4 Dec	Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Notes and Money Due

<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Activity and Cost</i>
Today	Stage 2 and 3 Water safety Note and \$20



Guess what? It's time to get your best dancing shoes on and join us for

The Disco of the Year !!!!

Date: **16 November 2023**

Time: **Year K-2** 5.00pm-6.00pm
Year 3-6 6.30pm-8.00pm

P & C BBQ available
 6.00pm-6.30pm
 by pre-order only.


Sausage Sizzle Order Form


At the disco on **Thursday 16 November** (Week 6) the P and C will be providing a sausage sizzle (vegetarian options will be available) for parents and children. These will be **free of charge**. In order to know how many sausages we need to cook, please indicate the number of sausage sandwiches your family will be requiring. There will also be poppers and water available to purchase.

- Please note there is a limit of two sausage sandwiches per person.

Please complete the form below and return it by **Monday 13 November 2023**

Name: _____ Class: _____

Please write the number of sausage sandwiches required in the boxes below:

Sausage sandwiches

Vegetarian option

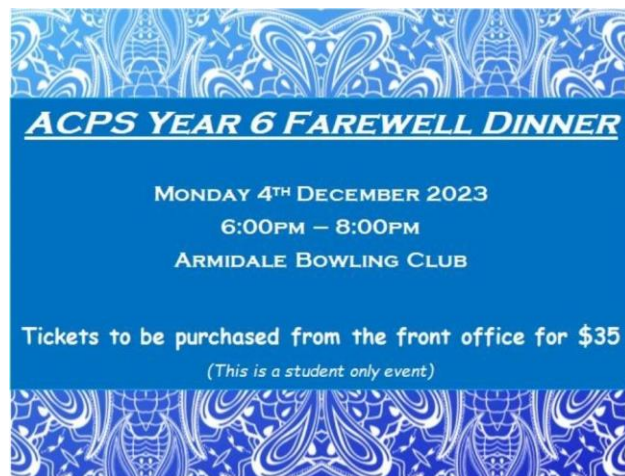
General Information

**GENERAL
INFORMATION**

Year 6 Farewell Dinner Tickets



Year 6 Farewell Dinner Tickets are now available to purchase from the front office. Tickets are \$35 each. Cash only please. Please call the school if you wish to use funds held at the school.



Baby Food Jars Needed

**DONATIONS
NEEDED**

Can you help??

5/6R are looking for Baby Food Jars. If you have jars that you're willing to donate, please drop them into the office or the 5/6R classroom.



Presentation Day Awards Nominations



PRESENTATION DAY AWARDS

Our school has very clear guidelines and well planned timetables for the organization of awards at the end of the year. This ensures that awards are made fairly and with due consideration. *Please encourage your child to read the criteria for awards for which he/she may be eligible and submit their achievements by 17 November 2023 to avoid disappointment.*

1. THE PROFESSOR C. HILL MEMORIAL AWARD FOR PERFORMING ARTS.

This will be awarded to one student, who need not necessarily be a Year 6 student, for excellence in Performing Arts.

Performing Arts may include instrumental music, singing, drama, dance, speaking or the writing of items to be performed which may include music, song and literature. Only performances at school or representing the school shall be considered.

A list of achievements is to be compiled by candidates for the award prior to a meeting of the staff who shall determine the award. The award is a trophy and School Merit Certificate presented at Presentation Day.

2. JOANN GRIFFITHS AWARD FOR MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

This will be awarded to one student, who need not necessarily be a Year 6 student, for excellence and a high standard of achievement in Music. Performances in examinations, eisteddfods, district festivals and school activities shall be considered.

A list of current achievements is to be compiled by candidates for the award prior to a meeting of the staff who shall determine the award. The awards will be determined in consultation with music teachers. The award is an individual trophy and a School Merit Certificate presented at Presentation Day.

Mallee Bull Closing Down Sale



Mallee Bull Clothing will be closing down at the end of the month. From Monday the 13th of November all remaining stock will be selling at half price.

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.

[Apply for a school travel pass or School Opal card | transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info)

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](#) 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](#)

Good for Kids, Good for Life






Keep lunchboxes cool

Did you know that lunchboxes packed without an ice brick reach temperatures of 12 degrees warmer than those with an ice brick?


With the weather heating up, it is important to ensure your child's lunchbox stays cold at school to protect them from harmful germs.

Follow our top tips:

- Pack an ice brick
- Use insulated lunchboxes or cooler bags
- Freeze water bottles or reduced fat milk poppers to use as ice bricks - as the drink melts, it is also a cold refreshing drink!
- Store the lunchbox in the fridge overnight
- Freeze fruit such as berries and orange wedges to cool the lunchbox and also act as a delicious everyday snack




Source: Tips To Keep Food Safe (www.swapit.net.au)



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<https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au>

Developed by Hunter New England LHD



Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

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:			\$

K-2 Assembly



Congratulations to the following students who received class awards at yesterday's assembly.

<i>Kinder Purple</i>	Aveen, Hamish, Mevan, Charlie, Harley and Okithma
<i>Kinder Blue</i>	Maiwenn, Noah, Theo, Nazleen, Haval and Ashton
<i>K/1 Green</i>	Nevaeh, Kelsea, Raiyyan, Claire, Eden and Grace
<i>1C</i>	Manvita, Oliver, Bandawar, Beau, Lucas and Nane
<i>1/2W</i>	Nora, Patrick, Jackson. Danyal, Bronte and Gus

2L Darcy, Ethan, Isaac, Stella, Pheonix and Julian
2C Vera, Hayden, Otto, Xavier, Olive and Molly

Congratulations to the following students who had their work selected as work of the fortnight.

Kinder Purple Heidi and Leo
Kinder Blue Violet and Louis
K/1 Green Monty and Yasin
1C Rylee and Seehar
1/2W Bronte and Alex
2L Easton and Lilly
2C Vera and Ted





Class News from KB and Mrs Rubie



Wow, we have had a very busy last term of kindergarten so far. The highlight would have to be our excursion to Thalgarrah. It was so much fun, we really enjoyed sharing the trip with our friends in **KP** and **K/1G**. We have been very busy practising our reading and writing. We have been learning about different celebrations from all around the world and had a great time making red lanterns when we learnt about Chinese New Year. We have used our fabulous listening skills to do a guided artwork of foxes and we are so proud of how they turned out! We cannot believe that we only have a couple of weeks left in kindergarten! We are very excited for the summer holidays and to move into Year 1 next year.

Mrs Rubie and the amazing Kinder Blue

Class News from 3/4H and Mrs Hesselmans



3/4H have been working very hard so far this term!

In English lessons, we have been learning all about different types of poetry and poetic devices. We have constructed a range of poems including colour poems, limericks and cinquain poems. We are excitedly reading the second part to the Wylah novels after we were left on a cliffhanger at the end of term 3.

In art, we have been exploring a variety of Pop Art artists including Keith Haring. During a 'Yes Day' activity last week, we decorated the basketball court with some of his designs in chalk.

We are busy practicing away for the end-of-year play and can't wait to show everyone what we have been working on!

Our year 4 students had a great time at Lake Keepit with Miss Singh and Mr Commens and were able to experience a whole range of activities working on resilience and teamwork. Some favourites included kayaking and mountain biking.

We are looking forward to all of the great things coming up in the last few weeks of the year!

3/4H and Mrs Hesselmans



Class News from 5/6S, Mrs Schultz and Mrs Shepherdson



We are now over halfway through term 4. We have had so many fun activities, with many still to come. Next week, Stage 3 head away to Canberra for an experience that will create memories for a lifetime! We also have our school performance; Stage 3 students have worked incredibly hard to create, rehearse and perform an action-packed dance for you all.

This term we have worked on a collaborative project where we needed to use our creativity, self-direction and critical thinking skills to create a statue that we think best represents Armidale. Here are some of the incredible models so far...





Students have also enjoyed learning how to make crafts with wool. A huge thank you to the families that donated wool for our art activities. We have learnt to finger knit, make pom poms and weaves. Our next big challenge is to make woollen snakes.





P&C News



Armidale City Public School Clothing Pool

WE ARE

 **OPEN**

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

08:40AM - 03:20PM

Quality Uniforms at Low Prices

Arts and Culture News



Newcastle Permanent Math's Competition



Congratulations to this group of students who were awarded a distinction or high distinction in the Newcastle Permanent Math's Competition.



Mrs Ridley's Word of the week



Sycophant (Noun)

(Sik-uh-fuhnt)

Definition: A **sycophant** is a noun referring to a person who acts obsequiously towards someone important in order to gain advantage. They often flatter, praise excessively, or act servile to win favor.

Community Notice Board



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





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ARMIDALE FOOTBALL UNITED



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EVERY FRIDAY FROM 20 OCTOBER 2023
3.45-5PM
ROLOGAS FIELDS, ARMIDALE
FOR AGE 8-14

CONTACT EMILY@CREATINGCHANCES.ORG.AU FOR MORE





ARTIST OF THE FESTIVAL

COMPETITION

Sat 18th Nov '23 | 10am - 12pm
Sun 19th Nov '23 | 9am - 11am

You will have 2 hours to create your piece of artwork based on the stimulus we'll provide. You need to bring to the Festival all that you'll need to complete your artwork. An indoor area is set aside for you to work alongside other entrants while the general public can see what's happening.

PRIZES have been chosen by Anne & Stuart Boggs of Gallery 126 to the listed values below:
Primary student: 1st - \$100 2nd - \$50
Secondary student: 1st - \$150 2nd - \$75
Open 1st - \$250 & a McCann Fine Art Signature Series brush set
2nd - \$125

The first thing you must do is to tell us you're entering,
Go to - negf.com.au

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The Pied Piper

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another great show for children and adults



A new twist on an old tale.
Still the same villains, only worse.
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November
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Saturdays and Sundays@2:00
The Lodge Theatre 119A Barney St



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