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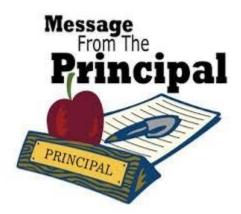
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Principal's Report



Yesterday, I had the honour of presenting badges to some of our student leaders. Congratulations go to:

Sports Captains - Oscar and Darcey

Art and Culture Captains - Hansali and Tom

House Captains

Cunningham - Alex and Mackenzie

Oxley - Bailee and Imogen

Mitchell - Locky and Blake

Sturt - Travis and Frankie

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program: Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced today with the writing assessment. Students in Year 3 completed this assessment in paper form and students in Year 5 completed their assessment online. They have been scheduled to complete assessments in reading, language and numeracy within the following week, with time set aside for catching up on missed assessments.

As with any learning opportunity or assessment, students perform much better when they are not under too much pressure, eat healthily and are well-rested. While children should be encouraged to give their best effort, too much emphasis on NAPLAN leads to anxiety and a poorer result.

Moving into Year 7 in 2024

In NSW Government schools, moving from primary school to high school is called 'Year 6 to Year 7 transition' or simply 'high school transition'. If you would like your child to attend a government high school in 2024, you will need to complete and Expression of Interest (EOI) for Year 6 to Year 7 transition. The EOI lets you indicate which school(s) you would like your child to attend in Year 7. After you submit this EOI and it has been assessed, your child will be offered a place at a government high school.

If your child will not be attending a NSW Government high school in 2024 you still need to inform your primary school by submitting a Placement Not Required (PNR) response.

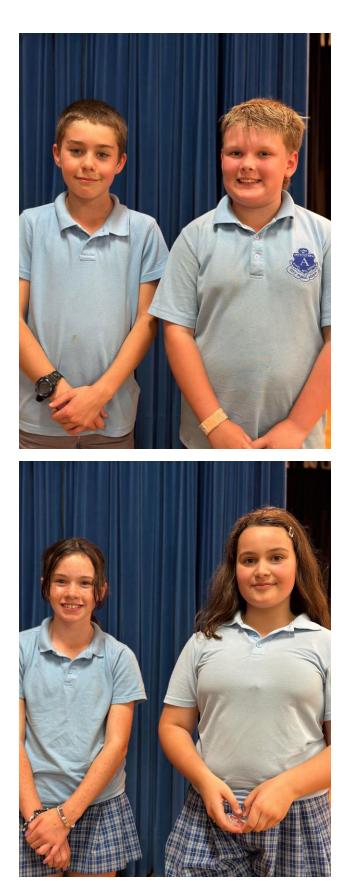
Online Expressions of Interest (EOIs) as well as Placements Not Required (PNRs) opened on 6 March and will close on **31 March 2023.** Please go to <u>https://year7.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/?schoolCode=1057</u> to either apply or confirm that you will not need to apply to a NSW Government high school in 2024.

Thank you to all parents who have completed this EOI online already. All parents or carers of Year 6 students need to complete the process whether or not your child will be attending a public high school.

If you require assistance, please contact the school.

Take care,

Deborah Nay









P&C News



Thank you to those who have already contributed to our Easter baskets. Donations of Easter goods can be left at the school office. Our Easter basket raffle tickets went out early this week. Please return sold tickets and money to the school office.



School Calendar



- 15-27 Mar Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN
- 17 Mar AFL After School AUSKICK Program
- 24 Mar AFL After School AUSKICK Program
- 28 Mar 2C, 2L and 2W Thalgarrah Excursion
- 28 Mar North West Boys and Girls Hockey Trials
- 29 Mar North West Boys and Girls Basketball Trials
- **30 Mar** 1C, K/1G and 1W Thalgarrah Excursion

BOOK CLUB ISSUE 2 CLOSES FRIDAY, 24 MARCH

General Information



NAPLAN

NAPLAN Information for parents and carers 2023

Why do students do NAPLAN?

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Schools have transitioned from paper-based to computer-based assessments. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper

Online NAPLAN tests provide more precise results and are more engaging for students. One of the main benefits is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test presents questions which may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be taking a more complex test pathway.

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What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities contribute to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.

Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for everyone. ACARA supports inclusive testing so all students have the opportunity to participate in the national assessment program.

Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs.

Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN. Adjustments should reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the NAPLAN public demonstration site, the Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN, or our series of videos where parents/carers, teachers and students share their experiences in using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.



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What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

What if my school is closed on NAPLAN days?

Schools with compelling reasons may be given permission to schedule tests after the 9-day test window.

What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some familiarisation and explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be confortable with the format of the tests. Teachers will ensue students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site.

NAPLAN timetable

The NAPLAN test window is 9 days. This is to accommodate schools that may have fewer devices.

The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 15 March and finishes on Monday 27 March 2023. Schools are advised to schedule the tests as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

For more information about NAPLAN: contact your child's school

• visit nap.edu.au

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	 Year 3 students do the writing test on paper (on day 1 only) Years 5, 7 and 9 writing must start on day 1 (schools must perioritise completion of writing across days 1 and 2 only, with day 2 only used where there are technical/logistical limitations) 	Year 3: 40 min Year 5: 42 min Year 7: 42 min Year 9: 42 min	Students are provided with a 'writing stimulus' (sometimes called a 'prompt' - an idea or topic) and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing)
Reading	To be completed after the writing test To be completed before the conventions of language test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts and the answer related questions
Conventions of language	To be completed after the reading test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 45 min Year 7: 45 min Year 9: 45 min	Assesses spelling, grammar and punctuation

How is my child's performance reported? Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. This scale indicates whether the student is meeting expectations for the literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents/carers may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers. Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or exits support. Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review the effectiveness of programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at myschool.edu.au.

Where can I get more information?

contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA

To learn how ACARA handles personal information for NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy.

Road Safety



Walking to school and back home again is a great way to spend time with your children and encourage safe and healthy behaviours.

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children safer as a pedestrian:

- Talk with your children about being alert in the road environment.
- Plan and practice your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.
- Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
- Meet your child near the school gate and don't call them from across the road.
- Explain why the place you have chosen is the safest place to cross.
- Remind your child to STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK! every time they cross the road and keep checking until safely across.
- Talk to them about why they should stop, look, listen, think before crossing a driveway, road or carpark.

Young children can learn and practice these safe pedestrian behaviours with you. This will help them to be safer pedestrians when they are old enough to travel alone.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the families section on safetytown.com.au



Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2
 Hold a grown up's hand when:
- you cross the road
- you're on the footpath
- you're in a car park
Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6
 Use a safe place to cross the road
 Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across
STOP!
one step back from the kerb
EOOK! continuously both ways
LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic
THINK! whether it is safe to cross and keep checking until safely across

Too many lives lost on NSW roads. Our goal is zero.

Compulsory School Attendance



Compulsory school attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of Ty years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of computions yschool age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, are regulatored with the NM Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

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The Importance of arriving on time

- Arriving at school and class on tir
- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
 Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption
- Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents:

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- · being sick, or having an infectious disease having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)



Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to linkes. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holdays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore controlute to your child's total balances for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 5 school days. This should be discussed with your chi school principal.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referrate to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support retworks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action when children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, a school has not neeleved an explanation from you within 2 days. How school has not neeleved an explanation from you within 2 days. The school may contact you to discuss the best indexes of your child is these circumsters you have provided if they do not believe the absence is not be best indexes of your child. In these circumsters you child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal server with indications the decision with you and the reasons why.

schooling Order If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

Prosecution in the Local Court

Protecution in the Local Court School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school in circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

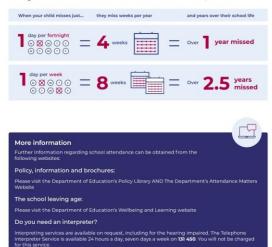
We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

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NSW Department of Education

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



Picture Plate Orders

Picture Plate orders will close on Friday 31 March. If you wish to place an order, please send in the below note and money to the office.



ARMIDALE CITY PUBLIC SO	CHOOL
27 February 2023	
Pictureplates Fund Raising	Project
We invite all parents to share in this wonderful fund raiser.	
How often have you wished there was some permanent way you cou do at school? Their artworks are brought home and proudly display just disappear.	
Now it is possible to have those drawings preserved as a family keep:	sake, both decorative and useful.
Pictureplates are simply beautiful. Children love eating off their very they grow up and have their own families, their Pictureplates will childhood years.	
A sample of a Pictureplate is attached. The flyers have all products pi and plastic or ceramic mugYou will be amazed to see what can be	
Drawings are to be done at school under careful supervision.	
To join in this exciting and creative activity please fill in the Picture cheque made out to the school) in an envelope marked "PICTUREPLA	
Please return your order by Friday 31st March 2023	
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Ms Maria Raftery Coordinator	Ms Deborah Nay Principal
Pictureplates Order	
	Prices: \$30 Picture Plate
I have enclosed \$ cash/cheque	
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Class News from Kinder Blue and Mrs Rubie



What a fabulous and fun start to Kindergarten we have had in Kinder Blue this term. We have learned so much already. We are practicing our focus sounds and using them to read and write words. We have had a lot of fun making a craft activity each week that corresponds to our focus letters, and they look wonderful displayed in our classroom. We have had so much fun learning to code Bee Bots to help us learn our position words for maths and to help us learn our high frequency words. We are looking forward to our Easter Hat Parade in week 11 and we are very excited for all of the wonderful learning we will experience in Term 2!

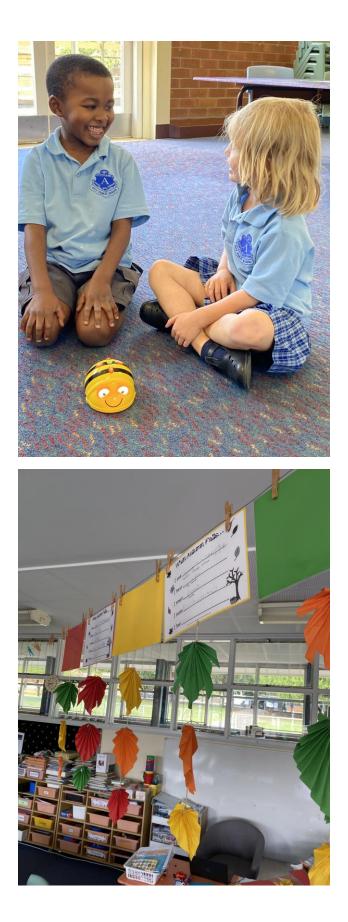
Mrs Rubie and the amazing Kinder Blue.













Class News from 3/4J and Miss Joyce



In 3/4J we have been very busy. We have the wonderful Miss Lute visiting us for work experience from Walcha. She has been assisting us in the classroom and is considering teaching as a future career. During literacy we have been exploring persuasive devices and how we can improve our ideas when writing. In personal development we continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of healthy eating, the food groups and foods we could swap into our lunch boxes. It is fantastic to see a number of members in our class have been taking advantage of the lunch soccer comp, computers, orchestra and other extra opportunities offered by school. We have been exploring our inner abstract artist and this week we had a crack at a Jackson Pollock action painting. Students used paint, straws, and movement to create their inspired work. Check out our progress!!!









Stage 2 and Stage 3 Assembly



Congratulations to all of our award recipients for this fortnight.

- 3/4C Charlie, Niamh, Zara and Heath
- 3/4J Penn, Lucy, Ria and Lailo
- 3/4M Joe, Ivy, Lillyanne and Ajay
- 3/4S Pije, Wisam, Willow and Ella
- 3/4H Olivia, Kherhart, Gemma and Tom

- 5/6K Samuela, Eleanor, Tazmeen and Zander
- 5/6T Alex, Lucy, Mackenzie and TJ
- 5/6S Tyler, Quinn, Jamie and Fahed
- 5/6R Naomi, Hamish, Monty and Astrid

Congratulations to our Work of the Fortnight recipients.

- 3/4C Stage 2 Show Artwork- Sunflowers
- 3/4J Stage 2 Show Artwork- Sunflowers
- 3/4M Stage 2 Show Artwork- Sunflowers
- 3/4S Stage 2 Show Artwork- Sunflowers
- 3/4H Stage 2 Show Artwork- Sunflowers
- 5/6K Lora
- 5/6T Riley
- 5/6S Darcey
- 5/6R Julia and Jaylan





Arts and Culture News



5/6R Discovery Day



On Tuesday 7 March, Students in 5/6R walked to the Services Club to participate in science-based activities.







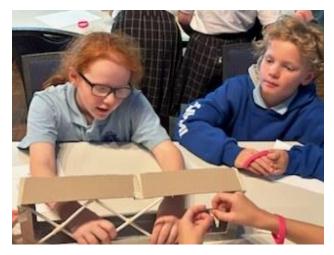


















































Sports News



North West Cricket.

Congratulations to Isaac who competed in the North West Cricket Team.



Preston Campbell Cup.

Students from Stage 3 travelled to Guyra to participate in the Preston Campbell Cup.







North West Touch Football Trials.

Congratulations to Lyla, Frankie and Edward who represented Armidale Zone at the North West Touch Football Trials yesterday in Tamworth.



AFL

Students were lucky to have a visit by Sam Wicks from The Sydney Swans and participate in a session run by the local AFL coaches. AusKick launched their after school 4-week program at ACPS last Friday with over 60 participants registering for the program.





Mrs Ridleys Word of the week



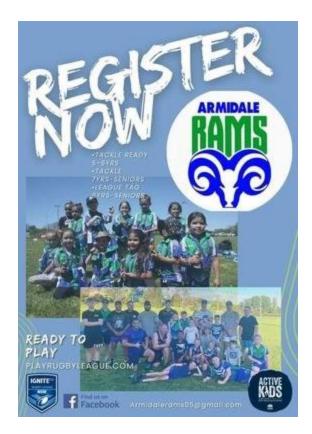
Misanthrope (MISS-un-throhp)

Noun: A misanthrope is someone who hates people in general.

The essence of misanthrope might be understood in modern parlance as "haters gonna hate." Adopted in the early 17th century from Greek misanthropos, "hating humankind," (from misein, "to hate," and anthropos, "human being")



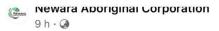
Community Notice Board





Any new players aged 5-10 years looking to give netball a try, we have just the thing for you! We're holding a NetSetGO 'Come and Play' session on Thursday 2 March, from 4-5pm at the Lynches Road Courts. This is the perfect way to have a go and see if you like it before signing up for the season. Send us a message if you'd like to come along.





Dhanggana?! We're going to be starting Anaiwan Language Community Classes on Tuesday the 7th of March, 4:30-6pm every week at 176 Beardy Street (above the Boobooks bookshop in the Armidale Mall). These classes are for Anaiwan people and other Aboriginal people living on Anaiwan Country. All ages welcome!

Nyaka uyitika lanapura (let's all speak soon),

The Nēwara Team revivinganaiwan@gmail.com

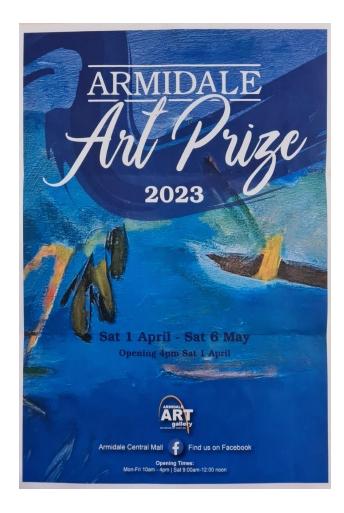
ANAIWAN LANGUAGE COMMUNITY CLASSES

WHEN? EVERY TUESDAY 4:30-6PM starting March 7th

WHERE? 176 BEARDY ST above Boobooks bookshop in the Armidale Mall









IT'S BACK ON! East Armidale United Football Club come and try day!





Do you LOVE Rugby Union? Well, come down to Sport UNE playing fields Friday 24th & 31st March from 5pm and be part of the atmosphere. Ages 13 - 18 boys and girls all welcome. It's fun and engaging and you'll meet an amazing network of rugby fans just like yourself!



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