

The Blue and White
Armidale City Public School
"the heart of Armidale"
Quality Teaching since 1861

25 September 2024

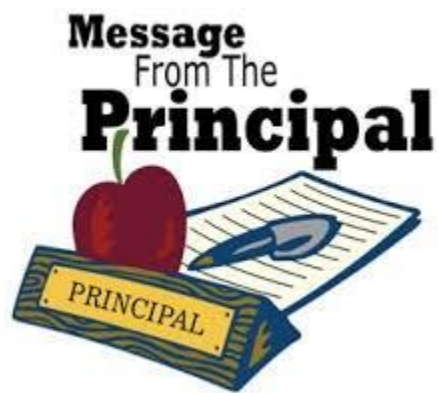
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Principal's Report



Congratulations to Stage 3 students on leading by example as they demonstrated what it means to *excel with honour* during their week-long excursion last week. The feedback has been very positive with the behaviour of our students leading to some venues requesting that we come back. It makes me extremely proud to learn that some of our students showed their gratitude for the staff of at least one accommodation venue by leaving notes of thanks and treats. I was also thankful that our students treated their teachers and other students with respect and ensured that everyone was able to get sufficient sleep to recharge for the next day of activities.

Students who did not attend the Stage 3 excursion were involved in learning and a range of exciting activities from building castles to making individual scones. It was wonderful to see most attend each day with a positive attitude and willingness to have a go.

We have had a number of students from our school representing the school at regional and state events this term. In the last week, we had a team of four students attend the finals of a state chess competition that was mostly completed online. The team placed third.

In addition, three Tournament of Minds (ToM) teams travelled to Sydney on Saturday to compete at the state competition. The teams were made up of students from Year 4 to Year 6. While our Arts and Social Sciences teams did not place, they did an amazing job. The Language Literature team were awarded gold medals and will be competing as members of the New South Wales team at the Nationals event, which is also an international competition as it includes teams from New Zealand, Indonesia, Hong Kong and the United Arab Emirates at the end of October. Our thanks go to the parents who accompanied the three teams and especially **Ms Raftery** who has organised the trip and helped prepare all three teams for their competition. The Stage 3 students and Ms Raftery had spent a week away on excursion to then hop a train back to Sydney for the ToM competition – such dedication!

Thanks also go to the teachers for providing material to allow **Ms Joyce** to keep families updated via the school Facebook page with photos from the excursion, chess and ToM in the past week. This is a mammoth task that is greatly appreciated by families who have been wondering what students have been up to.

Good luck Year 12

This Friday sees students in Year 12 finish thirteen years of learning. Though they have been gone from our school for six years, many of these students remain in our thoughts. We wish them well as they attend their valedictory celebrations and prepare for their exams next term.

Kindergarten in 2025

If you have not applied to enrol your child in Kindergarten for 2025, please do so as soon as possible to ensure that you are advised of any Orientation to School activities in Term 4. Transition to school activities will be held on Wednesday, 6 November, 13 November and 20 November for those children who have completed their enrolment.

Enrolment applications can be made online at <https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/#/?schoolCode=1057>

Free internet access?

The Australian Government's School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI) offers free home internet for eligible families. To qualify, families must have a child enrolled in an Australian school, not have had an active nbn® service in the past 14 days and live in an area with nbn® access. Families can check eligibility by contacting the National Referral Centre via 1800 954 610, visiting its website, or emailing studentinternet@anglicarevic.org.au.

Families and carers can apply until 31 December 2024. Eligible households will receive free home internet until 31 December 2025.

P&C sausage sizzle meal deal

Families are reminded that orders for the sausage sizzle lunch have now closed. If you did not submit an order for your child, please pack lunch for them on Friday.

Thank you to our small band of P&C volunteers for their work in collating and organising the orders for the end of term meal deal. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

End of term

Staff and students will finish Term 3 this Friday, 27 September and begin the spring vacation period on Saturday, 28 September 2024. **School resumes** for Term 4 on Monday, **14 October 2024**. There is no pupil free day on the first day of Term 4 and the term finishes on Wednesday, 18 December.

Take care,

Deborah Nay

School Calendar



Calendar

Term 3

27 Sep	Leisure Sports
27 Sep	Last Day of Term 3

TERM 4

14 Oct	First Day of Term 4 for Staff and Students
15-18 Oct	PSSA Boys Cricket- Armidale
17 Oct	Junior Chess League Gunnedah
23-24 Oct	PSSA State Athletics
24 Oct	New England Sings Rehearsal
24 Oct	Premiers Debating Challenge V Sir Henry Parks Online
25 Oct	Grandparents/ Grandfriends Day

Notes and Money Due

Activity and Cost

Year 4 Lake Keepit payment - Check Installment Note

Year 3 Thalgarrah Payment - \$90

Stage 3 Leisure Sports- \$10 per week or \$90 lump sum

Please ensure you check your parent portal regularly for all upcoming activities and payments that are due.



**GRANDPARENTS' and
GRANDFRIENDS' DAY**

WHEN: Friday 25 October 2024

**TIME: 10.30am Classroom Visit
11am Morning Tea in
The Rose Garden**

Hope you can join us.

*Children whose grandparents are
attending are asked to please bring a
small plate of cake, biscuits, slice,
sandwiches or fruit to contribute to
the morning tea.*



Excelling with Honour Assembly



Congratulations to the following students who received Excelling with Honour certificates at yesterday's assembly

Kinder Purple

Wyatt and Dalya

Kinder Blue

Micah and Dolev

1C

Maiwenn and Raiyyan

1R

Ivy and Leo

2C

Claire and Bill

2R

Ciara and Eleana

3/4H

Darcy and Lilly

3/4S

Tristan and Lucy

3/4C

Armi and Makenzie

3/4L

Lachlan and Ethan

3-6M

Jozvin and Mirza

5/6J

William and Olivia

5/6S

Arwen and Gloria

5/6K

Taliah and Hayley

5/6T

Rose and Mackenzie

5/6R

Lillyanne and Jaylan





Sports News



Sydney Academy of Chess



Congratulations to our Chess team, **Mack, Joe, Ben** and **Amiru** who traveled to Sydney to participate in the Sydney Academy of Chess finals. They were placed 3rd in the online and Ben was our top scorer!!!









Regional Athletics Champion



Congratulations to Hayley who was awarded the Senior Girls Age Champion at the North West Athletics Carnival.



Arts and Culture News



Tournament of Minds



Congratulations to our 3 teams who competed at the state Tournament of Minds competition in Sydney.

A special mention to our Language Literature TOM team who won their section. They are off to Nationals in November!! What a wonderful effort from **Jaylan, Hayley, Emily, Lucy, Xavier, Xingyan** and **Xiao Xiao**. Truly excelling with honour!

All three teams put in a huge amount of work preparing for this competition.





Class News from 1R and Miss Roberts



My goodness where has this term gone?

1R are nearing the end of Term 3 and have been having a blast! We had so much fun dressing up as our favourite characters for Book Week and also creating our amazing artworks to show off at the Art Extravaganza in Week 8, we hope you all loved them!

In Maths, we have been learning about equal groups and measuring using informal units. We have mastered sharing different objects equally into groups and have had lots of fun measuring all kinds of objects in the classroom using all the uniform informal units we can find.

In English, we have been looking at the book *Giraffes Don't Dance* by Giles Andreae and have created our own Gerald the Giraffes using tissue paper. This has taken us quite a while as we have had to test our

patience and persistence scrunching the tissue paper up into tiny pieces and gluing on each individual piece. They are all looking fantastic, so it has all been worth it.

We are all working on our speaking & listening skills with sharing our news/show and tell every afternoon, whilst also building our confidence in standing and talking in front of our peers. I have loved listening to **1R's** amazing stories and looking at the fun things they bring in to show the class.

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing break and I am looking forward to hearing about all the adventures from the holidays when we return for Term 4!





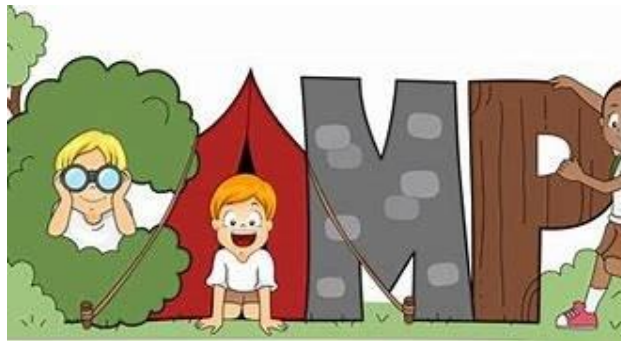




General Information

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Stage 3 Camp



Students and staff from Stage 3 travelled to Sydney and Newcastle last week. They visited The Harbour Bridge, Opera House, Bondi Beach, went on a Harbour Cruise, Visited Fighter World and slid down the Sand Dunes at Port Stephens.









Armidale City Cookbook



OUR
New England
TABLE

Armidale City Public School

ARMIDALE WALCHA URALLA
GUYRA GLEN INNES
TENTERFIELD INVERELL

We still have plenty of the School Cookbooks available to purchase at the office. They make fantastic gifts and are on sale for only **\$10 each**.

Tiles needed for Art



We are on the hunt for donations of coloured tiles we can use for an art project. We plan to mosaic with them so it's fine if they are big, small or broken. Please drop to the front office for Mrs Mac. Thanks for your help

2025 Kindergarten Information




ARMIDALE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN 2025 ENROL NOW

Enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2025 are now being taken. If your child turns 5 years of age before 31 July 2025, they are eligible to start school at the beginning of the year. Please visit our school website or phone the office for more information.

REGISTER NOW

 02 6772 3420

 <https://armidalec-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

 ARMIDALE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN 2025 ORIENTATION DAYS

Wednesday 6 November 9.30-11.30am
Wednesday 13 November 9.30-11.30am
Wednesday 20 November 9.30-11.30am

Please drop off and collect your child at Gate 6 on Mann Street.

This event is for children who are already enrolled at Armidale City Public School for Kinder 2025. If you are still wanting to enrol your child please do so asap.

Please make sure your child has a water bottle, a broad brimmed hat, a small container with a piece of fruit or vegetable for crunch and sip and a container with healthy food for recess.

Please contact the school if your child is not able to attend a session.

 02 6772 3420

Contact Details

time to
UPDATE



Moved House? New Phone Number? New Email address? Change of Emergency Contacts?

Please let us know as soon as possible if any of your details have changed. You can do this by calling the office on 6772 3420 or by logging into the Sentral Parent Portal and changing your details there.

Good for kids Good for life- Swap It

Good for kids good for life



swop it
everyday in the lunchbox

SWEET POTATO WEDGES



35 MINS



8 SERVES

INGREDIENTS

- 2 large sweet potatoes, cut into wedges
- Olive oil spray
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon rosemary or thyme, finely chopped (optional)

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Line baking tray with baking paper.
2. Place sweet potato wedges on baking tray.
3. Lightly spray wedges with olive oil spray.
4. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and fresh herbs.
5. Bake for 30 minutes or until cooked through and brown.

LUNCHBOX TIP

Add cooled sweet potato wedges to the lunchbox with hummus or avocado and bean dip!



For more recipes visit: www.swapit.net.au/resources/recipes-ideas/



Artwork: "The heart of a child" by Lara Went, Worimi Artist

Mrs Ridleys Word of the week



Ephemeral (adjective)

(ih-fem-er-uh l)

Origin: Greek, ephemeros

Definition: Lasting only one Day

Community Notice Board





School Holiday Programs

Library School Holiday Program Sept-Oct 2024

Armidale Library

Date	Activity	Booking
Mon 30 Sept	UNE Discovery (k-Yr8) 10:30am - 11:15am: "Busy Bots" (Robots and Coding) 12:15pm - 1pm: "Plants, Poop & Pollinators" (Insects & Microscopes)	Booking Required
Tues 1 Oct	10:30am - Teddy Bears Picnic Storytime (5 years and under) Morning tea Provided Bring Teddy!	Booking Required
Tues 1 Oct	10am - 12pm or 2pm - 4pm. Digital Makerspace Open Day	Booking Required
Wed 2 Oct	UNE Discovery (k-Yr8) 10:30am - 11:15am: "Think like a rock" (Geology of New England) 12:15pm - 1pm: "Magic of Physics" (Energy & Forces)	Booking Required
Thurs 3 Oct	From 9.30am - LEGO free play all day.	No Bookings
Fri 4 Oct	10:30am - 11:30am or 2:30pm - 3:30pm - DIY Craft Stations (All Ages)	Booking Required
Tues 8 Oct	9:30am - 5:30pm - HSC Study Session	No Bookings
Wed 9 Oct	9:30am - 5:30pm - HSC Study Session	No Bookings
Thurs 10 Oct	9:30am - 5:30pm - HSC Study Session	No Bookings
Fri 11 Oct	9:30am - 5:30pm - HSC Study Session	No Bookings

Activities held at Armidale War Memorial Library
- 1/182 Rusden Street, Armidale Ph: 6770 3636



north coast music camp

30 October - 2 November 2024



Applications close
27 September 2024



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Armidale Alligators Trial Night for New Swimmers

We're excited to kick off the 2024/2025 swim season at Armidale Alligators Swim Club! Club nights are held every Wednesday from 5:45pm to 7:00pm at both the TAS and Town Pools, and they're all about fun, fitness, and friendly competition. Whether your child is in Kindergarten or Year 12, they can join us to practice their race skills in a safe, family-friendly environment.

If you are new to the Club or would like to find out more, we'd love for you to join us for our Trial Night on Wednesday, 25th September 2024, at 5:45pm at the TAS Pool. This is a great opportunity to see what our club is all about and give it a try before committing to the season.

For more details, feel free to Email us at armidalealligators@gmail.com, call Bec on 0407 437 884 or Summa on 0416 185 103. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and check out our website – www.armidalealligators.au

We hope to see you at the pool!





1 - Location: Coolongolook Public School

Delivery Partner: AusCycling

Date/Time: Wednesday, 9 October 2024, 10am – 12pm and 1pm – 3pm (2 separate sessions).

Participation: Maximum 30 students per session, for children aged 8 to 12 of all skills and abilities.

Event details and registration link: [AusBike School Holiday Programs Happening Near You | AusBike](#)

What Students Will Learn:

- **Helmet Checks:** Understanding the importance of proper helmet fit and safety.
- **Bike Equipment Safety Checks:** Ensuring bikes are in good working condition before every ride.
- **Core4Skills™ Fundamental Bike Riding Skills:** Developing balance, control, and coordination through evidence-based methods and activities.
- **Bike Safety Tips, Tricks & Skills:** Practical techniques to navigate various bike riding environments through gamified learning activities.
- **Road Safety Awareness:** Introducing the basics of road safety to keep young riders aware and prepared.



**October School Holiday
Basketball Camps
2024**

Presented by
Ethan Lee & Bronte Rankmore



Scan the QR code to register



Register Now – Spots Filling Fast



Register NOW!

Please bring a
drink bottle
and a ball (if
you have one)
to each camp.

If you are looking for
something **fun and**
active for the kids to
do in the School
Holidays, then these
camps are for you !!!

Camp 1: Tuesday 1st October
Cost **Free** (Sponsored by Ford – JT Fossey)
Ages: 5yrs – 8yrs
Time: 9.30am – 11.00am

Camp 2: Wednesday 2nd October
Cost **\$50**
Ages: 9yrs – 12yrs
Time: 9.30am – 11.30am

Camp 3: Tuesday 8th October
Cost **Free** (Sponsored by Ford – JT Fossey)
Ages: 5yrs – 8yrs
Time: 9.30am-11.00am

Camp 4: Wednesday 9th October
Cost **\$50**
Ages: 9yrs – 12yrs
Time: 9.30am – 11.30am

Camp 5: Thursday 10th October
Cost **\$50**
Ages: 13yrs – 16yrs
Time: 9.30am – 11.30pm



FREE EVENT!

**Under 18's
COLOUR FUN RUN**

OCTOBER 1ST | 11AM - 1PM

SPORT UNE FIELD 1
SPORT UNE DRIVE, ARMIDALE NSW 2350

REGISTER TODAY!

Call Centacare Armidale for any inquiries 6738 7200

INCLUDED IN YOUR REGISTRATION YOU'LL RECEIVE RAINBOW SUNGLASSES AND HEADBAND AT THE EVENT
REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✔ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✔ Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✔ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✔ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

- NSW/Act - Saver Plus Team
- SaverPlusNSWACT@thesmithfamily.com.au
- 1300 610 355

DELIVERED BY



Find out more at saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organizations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

OCTOBER School Holiday Programs

BOOK NOW



TIME: 9:00am - 3:00pm | AGES: 6 - 12 yrs | COST: \$43 per day (Active PCYC Membership required)
WHAT TO BRING: Water bottle, lunch, enclosed shoes and comfortable clothes that may get stained during play and creative time.

DATE	ACTIVITY
WEEK 1	
Mon 30 Sep	YOUNG INVENTOR DAY - A day full of experimenting and making things with STEM activities
Tue 01 Oct	TRAINING DAY - Get ready for an active day with Boxing, Boot camp, Obstacle course and more!
Wed 02 Oct	BRAIN BOOSTER DAY - Let's work on some code breaking, memory games, puzzles and quizzes.
Thu 03 Oct	SPORTS & DRILLS DAY - Learn and practice some new skills & drills and play sports games!
Fri 04 Oct	MEET MY SQUAD DAY - Get into the team spirit and compete in our friendly races and challenges
WEEK 2	
Mon 07 Oct	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - CLUB CLOSED
Tue 08 Oct	MESSY DAY - Embrace the love of mess, get your hands dirty with some messy crafts & activities!
Wed 09 Oct	ADVENTURERS PUZZLE & PLAY DAY - Obstacle course, treasure hunt, puzzles and more!
Thu 10 Oct	HEALTHY HEART DAY - Join us for a colourful day full of fitness, mindfulness and games!
Fri 11 Oct	MINUTE TO WIN IT DAY - Let's play some fun quick games & score points in exciting challenges!

BOOKINGS: Please book your spot via e-mail armidale@pcycnsw.org.au or drop into the club at 176 Rusden Street. We accept Creative Kids vouchers for School Holiday Programs. Please note that an active PCYC membership is required for all activities (Junior membership \$15 per year). Scan the QR-code, e-mail or call us on 02 6772 1023 for any further information.



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FREE YOUTH MOVIE

Movie: Transformers One

DATE: 2ND OCTOBER

TIME: 11AM

AGES: 12-18

YEARS ONLY!



**BELGRAVE CINEMA
ARMIDALE**

LIMITED SPOTS
Bookings ESSENTIAL!!
via QR Code ONLY





Play cricket with HILLGROVE COLTS CRICKET CLUB

Season starts mid October

Games played Saturday mornings from 8.45 – 11.00am

Mixed competition for girls and boys, with different
formats tailored to each age division.



For further information, contact:
Andrew Byrne - 0418 412 042

U9 & U11: \$110 - U13 & U15: \$125

Register now at hillgrovecricket.org

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

**COME & TRY
ATHLETICS
FOR FREE!**



When: 18 & 25 September 2024, 4:15pm at Harris Park

What to bring: Enclosed shoes, a hat and a water bottle

All children will require parental assistance. Please do not drop and run.

We offer a wide range of running, walking,
throwing and jumping events.

Our focus is on FUN and personal development!

Visit our website for more details or find us on Facebook



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