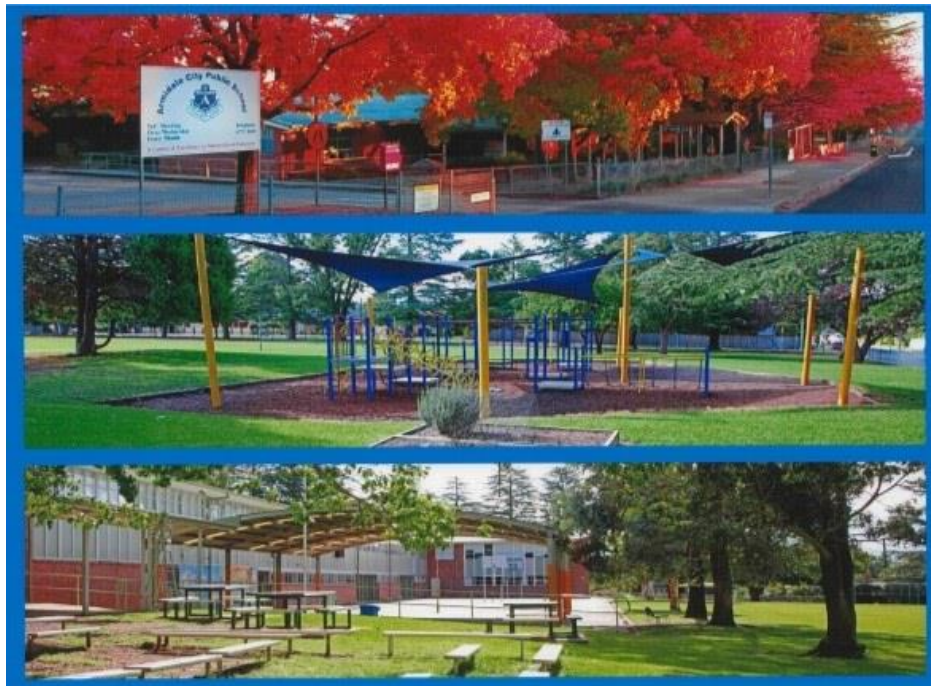


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Principal's Report



Yesterday, members of our school executive were involved in a panel meeting to finalise the external validation process, which is usually held every four years. Our school was last involved in external validation in 2020. Our Director, Educational Leadership was invited to participate in this meeting.

External validation has been described by the department as *an integral and deliberate element of school planning and supports effective self-assessment to inform high impact strategic directions. External validation is not an inspection. It provides an opportunity for schools to discuss their judgements about the school's practice, and the evidence that underpins them, with a panel of peers.*

The external validation process supports excellence in NSW public schools. School improvement is grounded in rigorous self-assessment and analysis of the school's current situation with respect to student outcomes and teaching and leadership practices. Schools regularly collect,

analyse, and evaluate a range of quantitative and qualitative data and evidence as part of ongoing self-assessment practices.

Schools engage in discussions with an external panel and have their self-assessments validated using the School Excellence Framework. Aligning school planning and external validation cycles allows schools to use the knowledge and feedback gained from the external validation process to inform their situational analysis and to develop or further refine strategies to target identified areas for improvement through their School Excellence Plan.

Athletics

Students in Years 3-6 will be involved in field events, such as long jump, high jump, shot put and discus, tomorrow. On Friday, these students will be involved in track events at Harris Park. Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 will also travel to Harris Park to participate in a range of fun activities. Permission notes need to be completed via the *Sentral Parent Portal*.

Assembly invitations

In response to concerns raised in relation to families receiving invitations to attend an assembly where students are receiving an award, we are changing the process from providing a paper note to message parents or carers through email and the *Parent Portal* by the Friday prior to the assembly. We hope that this will overcome the problem where a note doesn't make it home or into the hands of the parent or carer. This new process is being trialed for next week's *Excelling with Honour* assembly.

Reporting to parents

Our teachers have been working for much of this term on preparing student reports that will report on progress in Semester 1.

Updated school reports will be published on the *Sentral Parent Portal* early next week. The new format has been developed based on that recommended by the NSW Department of Education in response to feedback from parents and educators to make reports easier to read and understand.

Your child's report will still show their progress across all subject areas. Teacher comments will appear in English, mathematics and the general comment section, in line with department policy. The general comment for Kindergarten also covers all other learning areas, including

creative arts, HSIE (history / geography), PDHPE (personal development and health / physical education, and science and technology.

Students in Year 1 to Year 6 will receive an overall grade for each subject, with some subjects being allocated grades for the separate strands in a table format. Where a strand has not been taught, parents will be informed through use of the term *Not studied this semester*. We will be using the word descriptor to assign grades rather than the A to E grade, with students achieving at the expected level for their grade receiving *Expected* as the grade instead of the previous *Sound* grade which many families found confusing. A grade may not be allocated for students who have only arrived at the school this term, but effort will be provided.

It is important to read the description of each grade on the front of the reports. The new simplified description is provided below for your information. Reading the comments may enlighten you around the areas in which your child is stronger than other areas.

| Achievement description | Word descriptor | A to E grade |
|--|-----------------|--------------|
| Your child's achievement in this subject is outstanding. They confidently apply their knowledge and skills in a range of new and complex situations. | Outstanding | A |
| Your child's achievement in this subject is high. They confidently apply their knowledge and skills in a range of familiar and new situations. | High | B |
| Your child's achievement in this subject is at the expected standard. They apply their knowledge and skills in familiar situations. | Expected | C |
| Your child's achievement in this subject is basic. They apply their knowledge and skills in familiar situations with support. | Basic | D |
| Your child's achievement in this subject is limited. They apply their knowledge and skills in some familiar situations with significant support. | Limited | E |

In addition to new grade descriptors, effort will be explained by the new three-point scale compared to the previous five-point scale. An explanation of the scale for effort has been provided below. An overall effort is being provided for all students, Kindergarten to Year 6, for each subject. Individual effort for each strand is being recorded on reports from this semester. We hope that this information will help parents and carers understand where there may be some differences in how students apply themselves.

| Description for parents and carers | Effort |
|---|--------------|
| Your child actively participates and engages in most learning activities. They always try to complete and present work to a high standard. | High |
| Your child actively participates and engages in most learning activities. They regularly try to complete and present work to the required standard. | Satisfactory |
| Your child sometimes participates and engages in learning activities. They occasionally try to complete and present work to the required standard. | Low |

Enrolments in 2026

Do you know of any child who is likely to start school in 2026? **Please let our school know by 1 August** if you have a child or know of a child who may be enrolling at Armidale City Public School.

We are asking that all applications to enrol in Kindergarten in 2026 are provided to the school as soon as possible to ensure that families are advised of any Orientation to School activities in Term 4. Applications for non-local placements are welcome but are not a guarantee of acceptance. Our enrolment committee will meet later next term to determine acceptance of placement and parents will be notified by the last week of Term 3. Enrolment applications can now be made online at <https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/#/?schoolCode=1057>

When enrolling a student into a government school, you will need to have a number of documents. Please provide a copy of a standard birth certificate (commemorative birth certificates cannot be used for enrolment), Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) statement/certificate and documents proving residential address in the name of the enrolling parent or carer when completing an enrolment application.

Dates for the calendar

Holidays commence on Saturday, 5 July. Staff return to school on Monday, 21 July and students return on Tuesday, 22 July.

Take care and stay warm,

Deborah Nay

School Calendar

Calendar

Term 2 2025

| | |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 24-27 Jun | New England Dance Workshops |
| 26 Jun | NSW Junior Chess League Zone Finals |
| 26 Jun | School Athletics Field Events |

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|--------|---|
| 27 Jun | School Athletics Track Events |
| 30 Jun | Curtis Park Playground Opening |
| 30 Jun | Report Cards Released |
| 30 Jun | Central Park Playground Opening |
| 1 Jul | Year 1 Thalgarrah Excursion |
| 1 Jul | Multicultural Public Speaking Zone Final @ Drummond PS |
| 2 Jul | Year 2 Thalgarrah Excursion |
| 2 Jul | PSSA Basketball Knockout Gala Day- Girls |
| 2 Jul | P&C Meeting |
| 2 Jul | Debate Club |
| 3 Jul | PSSA Basketball Knockout Gala Day- Boys |
| 4 Jul | Premiers Debating Challenge round 2 V Walcha Central School |
| 4 Jul | Last Day of Term 2 |

Notes and Money Due

Activity and Cost

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion instalment \$150

Year 4 Coffs Harbour Excursion instalment \$100

Athletics Track Carnival- \$3.50

Year 1 & 2 Thalgarrah \$17.50

Stage 3 Leisure Sport \$100 (or \$10 weekly in Term 3)

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

P&C News

Our next P&C meeting is on **2 July** at **6pm** in the library.

The clothing pool is in need of items, if you have any old uniforms in good condition, we would love to have them. Please drop any items to the office

For more information call Narelle on 0412 882 159

Sports News

Armidale City Public School Athletics Carnivals

The Field Events Carnival will be held at school tomorrow 9:30am-3pm

The Track Events Carnival will be held at Harris Park on Friday departing school at 9:15am for Years 3-6- and 8-year-olds in Year 2

and Kindergarten- Year 2 remaining students will depart at 10:30am. All students will arrive back at school by 3pm. The order of events for the track carnival is below.

Please note that while there won't be specific times allocated for each event, the day will follow a set *order of events*. This structure ensures everything runs smoothly while allowing for some flexibility throughout the day.

| Track Events | | |
|--------------|---|---|
| Event 1 | Girls 1500m Finals (no heats) | Order: Senior, 11 years, Junior |
| Event 2 | Boys 1500m Finals (no heats) | Order: Senior, 11 years, Junior |
| Event 3 | Girls 100m Age Championship Heats | Order: 13 years 100m 12 years 100m 11 years 100m 10 years 100m 9 years 100m 8 years 100m |
| Event 4 | Boys 100m Age Championship Heats | Order: 13 years 100m 12 years 100m 11 years 100m 10 years 100m 9 years 100m 8 years 100m |
| Event 5 | Girls 800m Finals (no heats) | Order: Senior, 11 years, Junior |
| Event 6 | Boys 800m Finals (no heats) | Order: Senior, 11 years, Junior |
| Event 7 | Girls 200m Finals (no heats) | Order: Senior, 11 years, Junior |
| Event 8 | Boys 200m Finals (no heats) | Order: Senior, 11 years, Junior |
| LUNCH BREAK | | |
| Event 9 | 100m Age Championship (Finals) – Girls and Boys | Order: 8 years 100m 9 years 100m 10 years 100m 11 years 100m 12 years 100m 13 years 100m |

North West PSSA Netball

Congratulations to **Emily** who attended North West Netball trials yesterday in Tamworth as a member of the talented Armidale Zone team



Dance Workshop

Some Stage 3 students participated in the “Primary Schools Dance Workshop”. Students worked with **Jess Maharaj** on their improvisation skills, as well as their performance quality when learning a new exciting dance number. Thank you for visiting our school.





Sentral Parent Portal Tips

Updating Address and other family details.

Personal details can be updated on the Sentral Parent Portal App

Step 1 -Open the Sentral Parents App

Step 2- Click on Settings at the bottom right of screen

Step 3- Select Account Details

Step 4- Select Edit on the section you need to update

Step 5- Update your details

Step 6- Submit Details

General Information

School Attendance

We value the importance of regular school attendance for your child's learning and development. If your child is absent for **three or more consecutive days**, or if there is a **pattern of repeated absences**, a **medical certificate** will be required to explain the absence.

All absences can be explained through the Sentral Parents Portal and medical certificates can be emailed to armidalec-p.admin@det.nsw.edu.au or dropped into the school office.

Please contact the school if you require any assistance.



Kindergarten 2026 Enrolments Open



The poster features a blue background with a large pink cloud-like shape on the left containing a photo of a girl with colorful paint on her face and hands. To the right is a smaller yellow cloud-like shape with a photo of a boy at a desk. The Armidale City Public School logo is in the top right corner. The text 'KINDERGARTEN 2026' is in white and 'ENROL NOW' is in yellow. Below this, a paragraph explains the enrolment process. A blue 'REGISTER NOW' button is followed by a phone icon and number, and a globe icon with the school's website URL. The bottom of the poster is decorated with green grass and white and pink flowers.

**KINDERGARTEN 2026
ENROL NOW**

Enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2026 are now being taken. If your child turns 5 years of age before 31 July 2026, 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/>

1 - Go to [Enrolment - Armidale City Public School](#) to enrol

Good for kids
good for life





INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, finely diced
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 stick celery, finely diced
- 1kg pumpkin, peeled, de-seeded and chopped
- 1 large potato, peeled and chopped
- 1 large carrot, finely diced
- 2 litres reduced salt chicken or vegetable stock
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat.
2. Add onion and garlic and cook for 2 minutes or until softened.
3. Add celery, pumpkin, potato, carrot and stock and bring to the boil.
4. Turn heat to low, cover and simmer for 30 minutes or until all vegetables are soft.
5. Allow to cool slightly before using a stick blender to puree the soup until all vegetables are soft.
6. Add pepper.
7. Pour into leak proof containers such as thermos and store in the fridge ready to be added to the lunchbox.

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



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



everyday in the lunchbox

Sandwich filling inspiration

Sandwiches are a great everyday lunch option! Looking for inspiration to try some new sandwich fillings? Why not try:

- Bulk out the sandwich with vegetables. Try using carrot, tomato, lettuce, baby spinach, avocado, beetroot or cucumber.
- Try using leftover lean meats, boiled eggs, reduced fat cheese, BBQ chicken (skin removed), canned fish, turkey, roast vegetables, falafel or tofu to switch-up fillings!
- Swap your spreads! Instead of butter or margarine try cream cheese, cottage cheese, avocado, hummus or tzatziki.



Mrs Ridley's Word of the Week

Word- **Quintessential** (kwin-tes-sence)

Definition- (Adjective) Representing the most perfect or typical example of a quality or class

Etymology- From Latin quintus ("fifth") and ("essentia"), Linked to the "fifth element."

Community Notice Board

Snapshot from PCYC OOSH Ben Venue - June 2025

STAFF TRAINING

We are currently upskilling all new staff members with essential training to ensure the highest standards of care with CHCPRT001 & HLTAID012 completed. In addition, training for Responsible Persons is underway: Brittany - Completed & Ukaipo Mann - Scheduled to be completed

FEEDBACK

Kylie Sheridan is a superwoman and really deserves more than this praise as she is an absolute gift and asset to the place. My 6yo son has just been to his first couple of weeks of Vacation care at Armidale and it has been beyond amazing and he has loved every second. Received via email to headoffice

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

We remain committed to supporting the school and aligning with its needs to ensure a harmonious and flexible environment for all. In the event we are required to temporarily relocate to ensure a smooth and well-communicated transition. Families and children will be informed promptly, and every effort will be made to maintain consistency

EDUCATORS

Coordinator Nominated Supervisor Educational Leader - Kylie Shirdon
Responsible Person - Demi Bowd, Brittany Dickinson
Activities officers - Ukaipo Mann, Ava Stahl, Lara Tait

ENROLMENTS

BSC: M T T S W T T F F 4
ASC: M 42 T 41 W 39 T 39 F 24
VAC: FULL BOTH WEEKS

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Group activities helping children learn the value of teamwork



Build respectful relationships, social & communication skills

WHS COMPLETED

PCYC has recently updated its Child Safe Policy to strengthen our commitment to providing a safe, supportive, and empowering environment for all children. This updated policy reflects the latest best practices in child protection and aligns with current legislative requirements.

WHS IN PROGRESS

All staff are undergoing new training to ensure they understand and apply the revised policy in their daily work. The updated policy reinforces clear procedures for identifying, reporting, and responding to concerns, with a strong focus on child empowerment and safety.

INVESTMENT

We are currently upskilling all new staff members with essential training to ensure the highest standards of care, including CHCPRT001 & HLTAID012. Staff who have completed these courses are now progressing to Responsible Person training sessions with Kylie.

INCIDENTS

Incidents/injury forms are filled out when needed and ready for parents to sign upon pick up of their child/ren

STAFF RECOGNITION

I would like to acknowledge and celebrate the commitment of all our staff who continue to prioritise professional development. Your dedication to growth does not go unnoticed Thank you!



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Armidale

Date and Time: 9th and 10th of July
from 9:30 – 3:30

Venue: Aboriginal Culture Centre and Keeping Place

FREE EVENT FOR COMMUNITY/ LUNCH PROVIDED

The People Mechanic – Brian Dowd holds a post graduate degree in Indigenous Trauma & Recover and considered to be a true leader paving the way for communities to heal from past hurts to become whole again.

For more information and bookings contact Tykeisha Collins, Oscar Ryan-Naylor or Rebecca Waters

Ph: (02) 6772 5258







LEARN, PLAY & GROW AT PCYC THIS JULY!

-  **BASKETBALL**
-  **DODGEBALL**
-  **NERF/LASER TAG**
-  **STEM**
-  **CRAFTS**
-  **MINI OLYMPICS**
-  **DISCO DANCE**
-  **FUTSAL**

Book 4 Days and Get the 3rd for Free!
Active and Creative Kids vouchers accepted.



**SCAN FOR
MORE INFO**



STATE OF
ORIGIN
FREE ARMIDALE
COMMUNITY EVENT

State of Origin screening

under the stars free BBQ and NRL game

NSW v QLD

on the big screen

Minimbah Primary school
1/15 Galloway St, Armidale NSW 2350
18/06/25 6pm – 11pm

Bring a chair and/or picnic blanket

***NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED**

**GUUMALI
YOUTH PROJECT**



Keeping Kids In Mind

Keeping Kids In Mind is a five week course offering support for separated parents in a time of change and uncertainty, helping them understand the impact of separation or divorce on children.

- handle strong emotions better
- understand how entrenched conflict affects children
- tips for parenting during tough times

This course satisfies the requirements of a court ordered separated parenting course.

Registration is essential.
Course entry by interview
To book your place
please call
6738 7200

WHEN: 5 x Tuesdays
10.30am to 1pm
17th & 24th June, 1st, 8th & 15th
July 2025

WHERE: 150 Rusden Street,
Armidale

COST: \$100 waged \$70 unwaged
(payment plan available)



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Practical Parenting

Practical Parenting offers strategies to nurture your child's mind and to take the stress out of parenting.

Sick of repeating yourself?
Giving in to stop the whining?
Stop shouting and start connecting!

Explore:

- 12 strategies to help your child
- Better ways to discipline
- Improving the relationship with your child
- Helping children with their emotions
- What gets in the way of parenting

**Yes?
Come
to the
course**



WHEN: 2 Mondays: 23rd & 30th June 2025

TIME: 10am - 1pm

WHERE: Centacare Armidale - 150 Rusden Street, Armidale

Registrations are **essential**

This course will only run if there are enough

numbers

For more
information or to
register, ring the
Facilitator - Pedro
on **6738 7200**



Food Blessings

An initiative based on Foodbank NSW & ACT Ltd



Open Every Thursday, 1pm to 4m

Fill a standard shopping bag with foodstuff and other household items for a set price (\$20) per regular shopping bag.

Those holding a Health Care Card, Pension Card or Student (university or TAFE) Card are eligible for these discount items. If you are doing it hard, come and talk to us.

**Come to 67-69 Erskine Street,
Armidale Seventh-day Adventist Church hall.**

All transactions at this stage will be cash only.



Do you have a pensioner concession card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



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