Student of the Week

Jake Boney

Jake is a responsible and reliable member of the 3/4G class. He has been focused on using all of the You Can Do It keys to success and has been displaying a great effort in getting along and persistence. Jake’s school work has greatly improved in all areas. Well done Jake.
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Half-day Public Holiday, 18 March 2013
According to the Armidale Dumaresq Council website a half-day public holiday has been gazetted on Monday, 18 March for the running of the Armidale Cup.

Therefore, this school will be non-operational from 12 noon on Monday, 18 March.

Edwards Bus Company will be making a special bus run beginning at 11:00 am so that all students who travel by bus will be able to travel home using this service.

Students who walk home or are picked up by parents will be dismissed at end of day assembly commencing at 11:55 am. Any child leaving earlier will need to be signed out by parent as usual.

The school closes at 12 noon. At this time all students will need to have been collected.

M.A.D. Leaders Breakfast
Early Thursday morning our school captains, Nikita and Jace joined local community leaders at a special conference breakfast hosted by Community Mutual to launch a “Make a Difference” (M.A.D.) community initiative website.

Jace and Nikita were excellent ambassadors and will be working with their peers to develop a community based activity in the near future as a result of the conference.

Easter Raffle and Parade
The Easter Hat Parade is always a highlight for our students and the Easter raffle of large baskets of Easter Eggs is just as popular. This year the Easter Hat Parade will take place on Thursday 28 March and at the special assembly the Raffle will be drawn.

Each family will receive a book of raffle tickets to sell. The P and C will provide most of the prizes for the raffle and also invite donations to increase the prizes. Last year we had a number of large baskets to give away and hope that with many donations we will have even more this year.

Donations of Easter eggs for the raffle should be given to the office.

Extra-Curricular Events
Students at Newling are given excellent opportunity for experiences outside of the classroom. In the following weeks we have Autumn Festival, Debating Workshop, Science and Engineering Challenge, visit to Thalgarah Environment Education Centre and Healthy Harold. Next term we have a Circus Workshop, Leadership Conference and Lake Ainsworth Excursion already planned.

This is on top of our Lunchtime Fun Clubs, Breakfast Club, SRC, Touch Football, PSSA sporting events and daily lessons.

Exceptional opportunity and outstanding education is stated on our school banners and given the start to this year and the full calendar I believe we truly do stand up to our statement.

Many thanks must go to our dedicated team of teachers and support staff at Newling who make this all happen.

Yr 5/6 and Community Support
Our year 5 and 6 are overwhelmed with the support being given by our school community to assist with raising funds for their upcoming excursion to Lake Ainsworth. To date they have raised over $1000 due to the generosity and support of our school community.

We thank everyone for their support.

In years to come we will make this opportunity available to our senior students again.

SRC
This week the SRC will start meeting to discuss ideas for improvements which could be made in our school by our students. Already the class representative have been to see me about SRC Football Cup and organising many of the favourite activities that SRC have hosted in past such as Cupcake Day and Pizza Days.

Lunchtime Fun Clubs
Lunch clubs continue to be enjoyed by many students. Very popular are the computers and many have been working hard weeding and preparing the school vegetable garden. The new Lego building activity on Friday also proved a hit. “Lunch time fun” is available to all students as an alternative to being in playground.

Gathering / SRC Badges
This Friday 3/4G will be hosting our Gathering. At this week’s Gathering we will be presenting SRC representative for Semester 1 with their badges.

We look forward to seeing many parents and friends present this Friday at 2pm.

P and C
The Parents and Citizens Association is an important group that assist the school in decision making and coordinates many important school events each year. The P and C has in the past been very generous in raising funds and purchasing essential items for our school.
Our Community Liaison Officer, Pam Menzies, will be organising the initial meeting for this year and is interested in hearing from any parents who would like to become involved.

If you would like to assist please call the school or look for the notice of P and C meeting in Newsletter and come on the day.

Autumn Festival
This weekend is the Annual Autumn Festival and our students again will be given the opportunity to participate in the parade on Saturday 16th March. This year’s theme is “150 years of Armidale”.

Last year we had a large number of students involved in the parade and look forward to seeing even more this year! A note with further details will be sent home this week.

PSSA Representatives
Many students have trialled for positions in representative teams recently and we have had many successes.

Congratulations to Nikita and Kearla Hoskins-Caldwell who were successful in gaining places in the PSSA Basketball team.

Tyleaka Marr and Maible Chalmers were selected for the PSSA Girls Football team and will be playing in Regional competition on the 22nd of March.

Today a number of boys will play for selection in the Rugby League team.

Congratulations to all students who have attended trials and made a substantial effort to gain a place in a representative team.

Star Awards
This week “You’re a Star” award certificates were presented to successful students who have been using the You Can Do It keys to success and demonstrating persistence, getting along and giving effort.

Congratulations to our recipients: Marrenyiingka Weatherall, Shonna Charry and Billy Farrell.

Murray Cox
Principal

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN 3/4G?
This week in 3/4G we have been looking at narratives. We have learned about alliteration, adjectives and verbs, dialogue in narratives, similes, metaphors and how to write interesting narratives.

In Mathematics, we have been learning about volume and capacity. We have been having lots of fun playing with and measuring water.

In our classroom, we have been using our You Can Do It Keys and are looking forward to our first classmate achieving the star award. Sally Grech

What’s Happening This Week?
Monday 11 March – PSSA Rugby League Trials
Thursday 14 March – Debating Workshop
Friday 15 March – Gathering hosted by 3/4
Saturday 16 March – Autumn Festival Parade

Coming Weeks
Monday 18 March – ½ day holiday from 12 noon
School closed
Tuesday 19 March – Science and Engineering Discovery Day UNE
Thursday 21 March – Harmony Day - Rugby 7’s Challenge
Wednesday 27 March – Healthy Harold
Thursday 28 March – Easter Hat Parade and Raffle

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