Student of the Week

Allen Davies

Allen is a quiet student who is willing and ready every day to get on with his school work. His confidence beams during reading and maths lessons. Allen is a friend to all and has wonderful manners, which combined has made him a very popular young man among his peers. Congratulations Allen!
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

P and C Bunnings BBQ
With the wonderful support for the weekend’s BBQ Fundraiser at Bunnings the P and C raised over $800 which will greatly assist our students.

Special thank you the parents who donated their time for cooking and serving to raise the funds for the benefit of all students: Tony, Tracey, Leah, Natalie, Helen, Patricia, Thomas, Ted and Marilyn. Every teacher also gave generously of their time and worked alongside the parents to make sure the day was a success.

Taronga Zoo Mobile and Pet Care Program
This Tuesday we have the Taronga Zoo Mobile visit and then Pet Care program for the younger K/1/2 students in the afternoon.

The opportunity to have these visits to the school is limited and each is being funded by the school for the benefit of every child. The Taronga Zoo presentation will focus on Australian Animals and their habitats. The Pet Care program will inform students on safety around animals and caring for pets.

Rugby League Representatives
Congratulations to Braydon Mundy, William Marr and Denzil Quinlin-Naylor who attended the Armidale Zone league trials on Friday and were successful in being selected for the team.

The three boys were selected from student’s representing all schools in the Armidale area and will now play for a place in the North West Zone team to compete at the State Carnival. A great achievement!

Easter Raffle and Hat Parade
The annual Easter Hat Parade will take place on the 11th April. The Easter Hat Parade is always very popular with our students and the Easter raffle of large baskets of Easter Eggs is equally as popular.

Students will create their ‘hats’ for the parade in class and display them on the assembly.

At the conclusion the Easter Raffle will be drawn.

The P and C provides prizes for the raffle and has also invited donations to increase the prizes and number of “Easter baskets”. Thank you to those who have already made a donation. Donations may be left at the office at any time.

We look forward to having a wonderful time at our Easter Hat Parade and welcome all to join us.

Debating Workshop
On Wednesday six students attended a Debating workshop held to assist our team in preparing for the Premiers Debating Challenge. Newling students were fantastic participants and ended the day with a short debate among two Newling teams on the topic of ‘schools should not have uniforms’.

All students were outstanding in their ability to construct a short speech using the skills they had acquired throughout the day. A team of four students will be selected for the Premiers Challenge and the competition among the students for a place will be very highly contested.

Transition Class
Next term we will be starting our school Transition class for children who will be starting Kindergarten in 2015. If you have a child starting school next year or know of any family with children starting in 2015 please contact the school for further details about the Transition Class.

Gathering
The 1/2 class will be hosting this week’s Gathering. We look forward to seeing you this Friday at 2pm for the assembly and class presentation.

Lunch and Recess Activities
You might have heard your children talking about the exciting activities at recess and lunch each day provided by Mrs Eastwood? Mrs Eastwood has been with us for 3 weeks organising games every recess and lunch. Children have been playing hopscotch, mini tennis, basketball, skipping, juggling and having great fun out in the playground with structured games.

Mrs Knuckey also has activities at lunch each day from colouring, art, cooking, plasticine modelling, and ‘brainteaser’ activities for those that prefer spending break times inside.

There is always something fun and exciting to do at lunch and recess each day!

Harmony Day Mural
A new mural representing “unity” as the message for Harmony Day is that everyone belongs was created by every student in the school last Thursday afternoon. The artwork is a wonderful addition to our school. Thank you to Mrs Creighton for organising the activity and to Mr Ron Jackson for his great help preparing the wall and with the painting.

Visiting School
All visitors on school grounds MUST sign in at the office. Before entering school grounds during school hours all visitors must first report to front office and sign the visitors book so that all persons on the school grounds can be accounted for. This is essential for the safety of all children. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Star Awards
This week’s “You’re a Star Award” certificates were presented to successful students who has been using the You Can Do It keys to success and demonstrating organisation, persistence, confidence, resilience and getting along.

Congratulations to our recipients: Nicholas Steele, Hayley Funnell, Anton Collins, Kye Davidson, Tashanta Kennedy, Taila Payne, Bailey Brady, Jye Peters, Ricki-Lee Wright, Alex Brady, Alaynah Quinlin-Naylor, Caitlin Michell and Billy Farrell.

Murray Cox (Principal)
Happy Birthday to:
Maykayla Michell 28th

Important Dates

This week
Pet Care (K-2) - 25th
Taronga Zoo Mobile - 25th
Gathering 1/2 Hosting - 28th

Coming Up
P and C AGM - 2nd April
K-2 Farm Excursion - 4th April
Easter Hat Parade - 11th April
ANZAC Day March - 25th

A big thank you to Ron Jackson for painting the wall ready for our Harmony Day mural and having the red and green paint ready for our students to do their handprints. Thank you also to Patricia Funnell and Kristina Ramsden for assisting students on the day.

WANTED

If you have any clean plastic ice cream containers at home please send them to the Year 5/6 classroom. Thank you

Week 9
SRC Trivia competition question:
What colour is the Newling School bus?

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING DISCOVERY DAY

On Tuesday, March 18th students in years 5 and 6 travelled to the University of New England to participate in the Science and Engineering Discovery Day.
The aim of the Helter Skelter Shelter was to build a tower as high and as strong as possible that could withstand a static load as well as a simulated earthquake.
The aim of The Catapult was to design and build a catapult that could fire a tennis ball accurately over a long distance.
We had a lot of fun while engaging in some excellent learning experiences based on the application of scientific principles in the real world.

Kristina Ramsden Yr 5/6 Intern
P and C NOTICES

The P & C AGM is on Wednesday 2nd April.

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VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

All families will receive a voluntary contribution letter this week.
All families who pay the contribution before the end of term will go into a draw for a $50 voucher from Independent Sports.

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EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS

The P & C are asking for donations of Easter eggs for the raffle. Please leave all donations for the Easter raffle at the office. Thank you Every family will receive one book of tickets to sell for the Easter raffle.

The Inaugural Wombat Books Illustration Challenge - NOW OPEN!

Wombat Books is seeking original illustrations from Australian students to publish in a unique picture book by well-known children’s author Aleesah Darlison. The Challenge has been established to provide aspiring young illustrators with the opportunity to be published in a professionally produced children’s book and gain an introduction into the world of illustrating.

The book, titled Zoo Ball, is scheduled for release in early 2015. Up to twenty winning illustrators will be published in the book and will also receive two free copies of the book and a $50 voucher. They will be acknowledged on the Wombat Books website as a rising illustrator and there may be opportunities for them to illustrate work in the future.

One outstanding illustrator will be given the exclusive opportunity to design the cover for the book and will win a cash prize of $200.
For full guidelines and entry forms visit: www.wombatbooks.com.au/competitions

KIDS CLUB

To assist with catering and programs, if your child is registered and will not be at Kids Club on any Wednesday, parents are asked to contact the co-ordinator Janice Chapman on 0422411067.

150 years

Armidale | BOOK LAUNCH

Armidale Dumaesq Council invites the community to the launch of the Sesquicentenary book, Armidale 150 years' Friday 4 April 2014 at 3.00pm, Armidale Town Hall
Special guest: Former Mayor Doug Howitt
Performances by: Armidale High School and PLC Armidale

AUTUMN FESTIVAL PARADE