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Term 2, Week 2—Wednesday 8 May 2013



### From the Principal's Desk...

Week 2 is flying by and students and teachers are extremely busy at the present time starting new units of work and preparing to complete assessments in preparation for the writing of end of semester reports.

Upper Division students (particularly Year 3 and 5) are busy completing some practice NAPLAN tests this week. This enables all students to become familiar with the specific testing formats and questions types that are used in these national exams. NAPLAN tests are conducted next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for Year 3 and Year 5 students. Further information regarding NAPLAN testing is included later in this newsletter.

Yesterday, all Year 6 students travelled to Tamworth with Mrs Schaeffer to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference. I am pleased to report that they were excellent ambassadors for our wonderful school. Please read Liam Smith's recount of the day at the Leadership Conference events later in the newsletter.

This Friday May 10 we will be holding a Mother's Day stall at school following our Friday assembly. Students can purchase a gift for their Mothers and Grandmothers. Thank you to the families that have already donated items to be included in the Tombola stalls. Items such as nail polish, lollies, chocolates and homemade goodies are all suitable to be donated. Helpers will also be needed to set up the stalls and to manage the stalls on the day. Stalls will be located in the school library. Tombola prices are \$5, \$10, and \$15.

This week our Friday assembly will begin at 2.30pm and finish early so that students can then purchase items from the Mother's Day stall.

Also on Friday May 10 we were going to hold a farewell morning tea for Mr Bob Rich who was the school's General Assistant for the past 17 Years. Mr Rich has decided to retire from his Friday work at Kelly's Plains, however he will continue working at Newling and Drummond Schools. ***The morning tea will have to be postponed because Mr Rich is not well. We will let you know of a new date for this event when he is better.***

On Thursday May 16, due to popular demand we will be holding our first Kelly's Plains Disco for the year. It will be a whole school disco with a cover charge that will include a drink and chips. More information will follow soon.

We will hold our Annual School Athletics day on Friday May 17. This day is just for Kelly's Plains students and will be followed by a school working bee in the afternoon. Parent assistance at the working bee will be appreciated and we will hopefully be able to plant out some of the gardens including our vegetable plot.

Please note - The Small Schools' Athletics Carnival will be held later in the Term on June 14 at Kingstown. Students will need travel arrangements made for this day.

School contributions are now due. Payments are set at \$40 per student or a maximum of \$70 per family. These contributions enable us to purchase up to date resources and continue to support additional initiatives for our students at school.

The next P&C meeting will be held on June 3 at the Royal Hotel commencing at 7pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

SESQUICENTENARY news – The P&C are putting together a Facebook Event to help promote the sesquicentenary (150th) that will be held on October 25. If you are on Facebook you can join the event and see the latest news and updates. Shane Pickett (P&C President) would be happy for you to email her on [shanemiaseb@bigpond.com](mailto:shanemiaseb@bigpond.com) so that she has your contact details to send P&C minutes and other information when it needs to be distributed.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| <b>Friday 10:</b>    | P&C Lunch<br>Friday Assembly 2.30pm<br>Mothers Day Stall |
| <b>Tuesday 14:</b>   | NAPLAN   |
| <b>Wednesday 15:</b> | NAPLAN   |
| <b>Thursday 16:</b>  | NAPLAN<br>School Disco                                   |
| <b>Friday 17:</b>    | KPPS Athletics Carnival                                  |



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### Kelly's Plains Public School

Principal: Mr Richard Cotter  
Lower Division Teacher: Mrs Lauren Piddington  
Relief Teachers: Mrs Emma Schaeffer





"The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, students will take the 2013 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html>

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)."



### Winter Uniform Order

Kris Jones will be placing an order for uniforms shortly. If you want to order uniforms, please speak to Kris. The LW Reid catalogue is on the table in the foyer of the Office.

## SOCCER DEVELOPMENT CLINICS



When : **9 and 10 July 2013**  
**9am to 12 noon or 1pm to 4pm**

Where : **Rologas Fields, Armidale**

For : **Boys and Girls**  
**born 2001 to 2007**

Cost : **\$50 per person – includes a**  
**quality soccer ball to take home**

Details: **Enrolment Forms available through Armidale**  
**Football or online at**  
[www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)  
**or by ringing 67661200**



## YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



### Year 6 GRIP Leadership Conference 2013

Tuesday morning our Year 6 students went to Tamworth for the GRIP Leadership conference along with Martin's Gully and Newling Public Schools. When we arrived at Tamworth Town Hall we went inside to begin our day of learning about Leadership. At about 9:15am two men came out to introduce themselves, their names were Mason and Andy and we started by playing games of Naughts and Crosses. The reason for this was so we could work as a team to play as many games of naughts and crosses in 40 seconds. Afterwards we walked around and met some of the people from other schools. Mason and Andy introduced us to another man who we sang the "Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" song with. He explained why we did that and it was that the words in that song represent a different part of leadership: the head is thinking of others, the shoulders will carry the load for others, the knees will move us forward and the toes will help us balance our responsibilities. After the song singing activity we had morning tea. At 11:10am we started session two and this session was all about "different ways of leading" and "getting a GRIP on the needs of your school" and we played a few games. After this we had lunch. It was then time for session three and that was about working with the other leaders, asking questions to the GRIP team and we played some more games. At 2:30pm we left to go back to Armidale. Overall I think that it was an enjoyable experience and we all learnt a lot about being a leader. Thank you also to Mrs Schaeffer for coming with us to Tamworth for the day.

Liam Smith, School Captain 2013





**Basketball is Back!!!**

Armidale Minibasketball begins the new term with new teams and new activities. So don't forget to turn up, otherwise we won't know you want to play.

Miniball is basketball for primary school children and this term we are going to try something different. We are bringing back the younger age group of Kinder to Year 2 - all by themselves. This session will run from 4pm - 4.50 and will include a training session followed by a mini game. If they want, they can stay back for an extra game with the next group.

Players in Years 3 & 4 can turn up at 4.50pm for their game. The first few weeks are dedicated to forming teams and getting new players in. Year 5 & 6 players turn up at 5.40pm to have their game.

Games are held on Mondays at The Den, located at AHS. Come along and try it out for a week to see if you like it; new players are always welcome. Game cost is \$5 per game or \$35 per term with the Annual Registration \$25.

We have a free training session on Wednesday afternoons at 4.30 - 5.30pm beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May at The Den and this is open to all students, even if they do not play basketball. There is no cost to this training.

If you would like to participate in this fabulous game, please contact Judy Monaghan on 67727771 or 0417622859 or catch us on email at [armball@bigpond.com](mailto:armball@bigpond.com). We put all children into teams with as many friends as possible.



# Mothers Day Stall



A great big thank you for all of the generous gifts donated for the Mothers Day stall. The students will have an opportunity to purchase a present for their mother on Friday 10 May, after the assembly. Please indicate what gift price your child or family will be purchasing.

If there are any items left over, students will be able to purchase a gift for their grandma or nana. These items can be purchased after school on Friday.



**Family Name:** .....

\$5 Jar + goodies

\$10 Decorated Jar + goodies or something special

\$15 Jar + goodies + something special

**Number**

