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Term 4 Week 3 - 30th October 2019

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## From the Principal's Desk

### Thank you

I would like to thank Rachel Rich, Emma Schaeffer, Cherie Patch and Emma McCathie for their hard work while I was away last week. Everyone worked hard to make sure our school continued to run smoothly. I had a terrific time away in Shanghai, China last week at the International Principals Convention. It was interesting to hear about educational approaches in other parts of the world and to speak with principals about their schools and settings. The best part of the trip was visiting a school in Shanghai and speaking with the students (yes, they spoke English for me). Here are a couple of photos of the students and their school of over 2000 students!



**Playground area on synthetic turf amongst high rise buildings**



**Playing soccer on synthetic turf**



**Traditional dancing**

### Book Fair and Grandparents Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair, Grandparents Day and Book Fair Parade last week. I have been told it was a wonderful week for our school to showcase the wonderful programs we offer. It was also wonderful to have visitors to the school from far away. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us and to the P&C for their assistance with catering.



**Art and craft in year 3**

### Cricket Workshops



Our cricket skills workshops are well underway each Tuesday afternoon. The workshops will run for another two weeks.

### Assembly Week 3

Our first assembly for Term 4 will be held this Friday from 2.30pm. Everyone is most welcome to join us.

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### New Lunch Tables

Thankyou so much to everyone who helped build our new tables for the lunch area. These look fantastic and are a welcome addition to our school. Thanks also to the P&C for their contribution towards this purchase.

### Kindergarten Transition Program



Tomorrow, we will welcome our new kindergarten students to our school as part of their transition to school program. Our program will run over five weeks from 31st October. We trust you will all enjoy spending time with us and will become comfortable in learning about "Big school".

### Miss Rich at Professional Learning

Miss Rich will be attending professional learning in Sydney on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Mrs Emma McCathie will teach Lower Division for the two days.

### South Korea Video Link Up

We will connect with our South Korean class again on Friday 1st November where we will present more information about Australia on food and sport. We have posted an "Aussie pack" for them to open while we are connected in the lesson, including some much loved vegemite! Thank you to Graham MacDougall for taking some aerial shots with his drone to use as part of our presentation.



### P&C Meeting Monday

The next meeting of the P&C will be held this coming Monday evening at 6.30pm at the Armidale Bowling Club. Everyone is most welcome to come along!

### External Validation



Next Wednesday and Thursday I will be attending an external validation meeting in Singleton. This is to work with their staff on assessment of their school against the School Excellence Framework. Kelly's Plains will be a part of the process either next year or the

year after, so I am pleased to be able to work with another school to ensure I am prepared and ready for our External Validation when it is requested.

### Congratulations Miss Rich!

Rachel Rich has been informed that her application for a rural experience transfer for 12 months has been accepted. Miss Rich will be moving to the Riverina region to take a full time teaching position from the start of next year. This is a wonderful opportunity for Rachel and I congratulate her on her achievement. It is of course, very sad for our school as Rachel will be missed. I will ensure that an appropriate teacher is sourced to work with our lower division students in 2020. Please come and see me if you have any questions. Congratulations again Rachel on your success!

Have a great week!

Brad Hunt  
Principal

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

### **OCTOBER**

Thursday 31st: Kindergarten Transition and Parent Information Session

### **NOVEMBER**

Friday 1st Parent Assembly 2.30pm

Tuesday 5th: Cricket

Thursday 7th: Kindergarten Transition

Tuesday 12th: Cricket

Mr Hunt at Principals Meeting

Peter Pan at Kentucky School

Thursday 14th: Kindergarten Transition

Thursday 21st: Kindergarten Transition

Thursday 28th: Kindergarten Transition

Mr Hunt at Principals Meeting

Mr Hunt at Principals Meeting

Friday 29th:

### **DECEMBER**

Friday 6th: Mr Hunt at Principals Meeting

Wednesday 11th: Presentation Day

Wednesday 18th: Last day of school for 2019

For students and staff