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Term 3 Week 7 - 4th September 2019



From the Principal's Desk

Gymnastics Workshops

Community of Schools

Our students have started their gymnastics program for 2019 and are enjoying the experience. Each Wednesday for the rest of term, we will travel to the Armidale Gymnastics Centre to attend gymnastics workshops. We leave the school by bus at 1.30pm each week. Thank you to our parents for collecting their children from the car park at the gymnastics centre at 3.00pm.

Korea Link Ups!

Our school will be participating in video conferencing link with a school in Korea starting from this month. Our students will present information about Australia and our culture each time we link up, and we will learn about Korea and their culture. This initiative is being run through UNE. I hope our students enjoy the experience and learn lots from each other.

Miss Rich away on Friday

Miss Rich will be attending a "Nature Play" professional learning workshop on Friday. We will welcome Mrs Emma McCathie to our school to work with Lower Division. I trust you will all make her very welcome on Friday.

Principal Meeting

The meeting I was supposed to attend last week was re-scheduled to next Friday 13th September in Glen Innes. All students will work with Miss Rich on this day.

Next Assembly

Thank you for making the effort to come along to our assemblies. The children enjoy sharing their achievements with you. Our next, assembly will be held on Friday 20th September. This will be the last assembly for Term 3. Please note we will start our assembly at 2.20pm.

NAPLAN Pre-Testing

Our school has been chosen to participate in NAPLAN online from next year. To prepare for this, the school needs to conduct some tests on our systems and internet connections. Students in upper division will be taking part in the testing on Tuesday 17th September. Please note this is NOT a NAPLAN test. It is simply an example of what the NAPLAN online system may look like to make sure the school's system has the capacity to run the tests online. All schools who complete NAPLAN online, conduct the same tests.

Principal Award and School Trophy

We have implemented a new system to recognise the achievements of our students. When they have received 5 school ribbons, they can bring them in and receive a Principal's Award at our next assembly. When they have received 10 ribbons, they are then entitled to receive a school trophy. There is no time frame for the ribbons to be achieved, for example, you don't have to achieve them all in one year, but they must be kept in a safe place as they can't be re-issued.

Miss Rich and Mr Hunt at Planning Day

Both Miss Rich and I will meet all day next Tuesday to plan for events in term 4 and to assess our school against the School Excellence Framework. Mrs Bronwyn Beard will be in our school to take all students. Mrs Beard is a lovely teacher and I am sure the students will enjoy having her for the day. Our meeting is important in making sure we are meeting our school plan targets and to find evidence against our own assessment.

<u>Upgrade of Gardens and Surrounding Areas</u>

Patrick Dunbar has been working hard to improve the gardens and surrounds, keeping in mind we have serious drought conditions. We have planted suitable plants that require minimal water to improve the environment for the students and school community.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 4th: Friday 6th:

Gymnastics 1.45-2.45pm Miss Rich at professional

learning

Wednesday 4th: Tuesday 10th: Gymnastics 1.45-2.45pm Miss Rich & Mr Hunt at

planning day

Wednesday 11th: Friday 13th:

Gymnastics 1.45-2.45pm Mr Hunt at Principal

Meeting

Tuesday 17th:

Upper Division NAPLAN trial test

Wednesday 18th: Friday 20th: Gymnastics 1.45-2.45pm Assembly 2.15pm

Wednesday 25th: Friday 27th:

Gymnastics 1.45-2.45pm Last day of Term 3

OCTOBER

Monday 14th:

School students return



Exhibitions July to October 2019

Home sewing to fast fashion 1 July to 30 September 2019

Hand sewing to fast fashion explores the history of home made clothes to the rise of fast fashion and the impact on our environment. Showcasing objects from the Armidale Folk Museum collection this display looks at how we can learn from our past to create a more sustainable future.



From plants to plastic 1 August to 15 October 2019

From plants to plastic explores the development of packaging from early natural plant based carriers to the development of glass, paper, canned food and the invention of plastic. Some of the packaging on display also tells a story of our small retailers and businesses in the Armidale region over the last 100 years.

Downton Armidale 8 August to 27 October 2019



To celebrate the September release of the upcoming film *Downton Abbey* the Museum presents everything 1920s. Beaded flapper dresses, duster coats and driving goggles as well as local memorabilia from the early twentieth century take us back to a time of immense change after the end of the WW1.

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