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Term 3 Week 8

9 September 2024

Good Afternoon Parents and Carers,

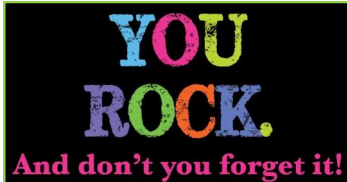
School Support Staff Recognition Week

Week 6 was PSA School Support Staff Recognition Week. As we were away on school camp we celebrated this great event last Thursday. PSA Schools Recognition Week is about celebrating you and the work you do each and every day in

support of students across New South Wales. I would like to personally thank the hard work that Mrs Patch, Ms Catherine and Patrick do for our school and community. We are very lucky to have dedicated staff who support our students every day. Thank you!



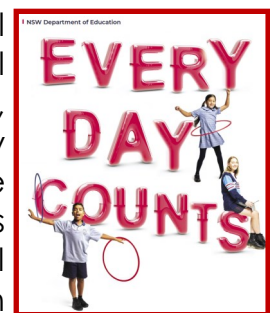
Coffs Coast Adventure Camp



I would like to congratulate the students who went on school camp. There were a number of firsts for our students, and they certainly didn't let fear get in the way of challenging themselves. I will share a slide show in Week 10 at our assembly.

School Attendance

There is a huge push to increase school attendance in every school across NSW. I have taken some snippets from the Compulsory School Attendance Flyer for Parents around responsibilities, arriving on time, what if my child won't go to school and what might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences. As a school we are required to follow policy and procedures and record absences correctly. If you are unsure about the recording of these in School Bytes, please speak to myself or Mrs Patch who will be more than willing to support you in this.



Compulsory school attendance

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990

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requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling. Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school. Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

‣ Compulsory Schooling Conferences You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

‣ Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

‣ Prosecution in the Local Court School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In

circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding attendance please do not hesitate to come and seek some support. We are more than happy to help you.

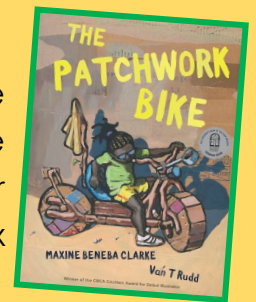


Lower Division News

K-2 Rokālas

Earlier this term we celebrated 100 days of learning, hence we are now well and truly in our second half of the school year. All students are continuing to show growth in all KLA's and should be extremely proud of their effort.

Over the past few weeks in English, we have been studying the text, *The Patchwork Bike*, which explores context and imaginative play. The children had to plan, compose, edit and publish their stories, further developing their writing skills, using verbs in compound and complex sentences.



MATHS

In mathematics, students have had the opportunity to develop their understanding of arrays and repeating patterns. They located and photographed repeating patterns in our school environment and reported their findings to the class.



Repeating Patterns

Upper Division News



Coffs coast by CJ

Coffs coast adventure centre was fun,
And it was so hot
Movies were good
Play time was great



Coffs Coast Adventure Camp acrostic poem by Maddy

C razy	C reative
A dventurous	C ommando
M agnificent	A mazing
P laying	C abins



Coffs coast adventure!
Awesome activities and ants!!!
Many bananas and vegemite toasts
Pyjamas, bunkbeds and sleep.
By Jaxon!!



My poem about the camp that we went to

The camp that we went to was nice,
But we didn't eat any fried rice.
It was very sad,
It made me quite mad,
But a least in our beds there weren't lice

The temperature was hot,
The air con, it mattered not.
Although it was great,
In the place that we ate,
In our bedrooms, it did not a lot.

There was fun in the stuff that we did,
In the walk, fairy houses we hid.
The merchandise was
Brilliant, because
Everything had a really cool lid

Commando was the best thing by far,
Except for exiting, not in cars,
The smile on my face,
As we got out of that place,
Was massive, as big as they are

By Alfred Forgeard





MUD RUN



oliver

Commando course

Awesome

Mega drop

Pushing myself

Canoe

Consideribly the best camp

Amazingly fun

Crazy



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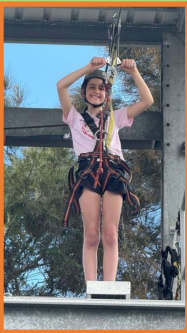
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Adventure Centre

EAT | PLAY | STAY



Coffs Camp





ARC Light Festival



A wonderful team effort brought about the creation of our Kelly's Plains Public School schoolhouse for the Armidale Regional Council's Light Festival project for primary schools.

The inspiration for our project:

The historical country schoolhouses that have long been part of Armidale's education tradition. Many of these schools continue to operate with a strong focus on family and community.

Materials we used in the schoolhouse were milk bottles, recycled cardboard, reusable lighting and rechargeable batteries.



Book Week 2024

OCTOBER School Holiday Programs

TIME: 9:00am - 3:00pm | AGES: 6 - 12 yrs | COST: \$43 per day (Active PCYC Membership required)
 WHAT TO BRING: Water bottle, lunch, enclosed shoes and comfortable clothes that may get stained during play and creative time.



DATE	ACTIVITY
WEEK 1	
Mon 30 Sep	YOUNG INVENTOR DAY - A day full of experimenting and making things with STEM activities
Tue 01 Oct	TRAINING DAY - Get ready for an active day with Boxing, Boot camp, Obstacle course and more!
Wed 02 Oct	BRAIN BOOSTER DAY - Let's work on some code breaking, memory games, puzzles and quizzes.
Thu 03 Oct	SPORTS & DRILLS DAY - Learn and practice some new skills & drills and play sports games!
Fri 04 Oct	MEET MY SQUAD DAY - Get into the team spirit and compete in our friendly races and challenges
WEEK 2	
Mon 07 Oct	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - CLUB CLOSED
Tue 08 Oct	MESSY DAY - Embrace the love of mess, get your hands dirty with some messy crafts & activities!
Wed 09 Oct	ADVENTURERS PUZZLE & PLAY DAY - Obstacle course, treasure hunt, puzzles and more!
Thu 10 Oct	HEALTHY HEART DAY - Join us for a colourful day full of fitness, mindfulness and games!
Fri 11 Oct	MINUTE TO WIN IT DAY - Let's play some fun quick games & score points in exciting challenges!

BOOKINGS: Please book your spot via e-mail armidale@pcycnsw.org.au or drop into the club at 176 Rusden Street. We accept Creative Kids vouchers for School Holiday Programs. Please note that an active PCYC membership is required for all activities (Junior membership \$15 per year). Scan the QR-code, e-mail or call us on 02 6772 1023 for any further information.



Sunshine



Garden

Fun



From consultation and planning; to getting their hands dirty; to being on the end of a shovel; to creating beautiful artworks the students are enjoying every moment of our gardening program!

3/8/16/32/50K DUVAL DAM BUSTER TRAIL RUN • ARMIDALE NSW 22 SEPTEMBER 2024

Register online now before race day! • Sunday 22 September
duvaldambuster.com.au

Play cricket with HILLGROVE COLTS CRICKET CLUB

Season starts mid October
 Games played Saturday mornings from 8.45 - 11.00am
 Mixed competition for girls and boys, with different formats tailored to each age division.

For further information, contact:
 Andrew Byrne - 0418 412 042
U9 & U11: \$110 - U13 & U15: \$125
 Register now at hillgrovecricket.org
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