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Term 3 Week 10

19th September 2011

Student of the Week



Connie Briggs-Davis

Connig is a quigt, caring and hardworking student. She displays great use of the *You Can Do It* keys and sets an excellent example for others. Her quigt achievements in class are impressive and she is always excited to share news with the class. She has been putting lots of effort into her reading and has persistently been practicing with excellent results. Her mother has recently had a baby who will be lucky to have Connie as an excellent role model as she grows up.

Invitation for Parent to attend ESL course in Moree 18/19 October

Newling staff will be involved in an ESL course aimed to enhance our English programs to be held in Moree on the Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th October.

A place is the course is provided for a parent. Parents wishing to take part in this course are encouraged to contact the school for further information. The course is over two days with accommodation and travel paid for as well as all meals provided.

Awards Recipients

It was great to see all the parents in attendance to celebrate the achievements of our students at Friday's Awards Assembly.

The bronze, silver and gold are the highest honours in our school rewards system and recognise those students who are always reliable and responsible members of our school community. Congratulations to all students who received their certificate and badge.

Star Awards

"You're a Star" Awards" earned in week 9 of this term were presented to many of our successful students who have been achieving the You Can Do It keys to success at our Monday morning assembly. Congratulations to:

Kaylah Francisco Nelson, Ashtan Collins, Logan Dalli, Izzabella Lennard, Jemma Quinlin-Naylor, Nadine Nimmo, Stuart McLennan, Jeffrey Mills, Ty-Shaun Strong, David Tan and Jake Wicks.

Attendance

Good attendance means Quality Learning! The law in NSW states that all children between the ages of 6 of 17 are required to attend school regularly.

One way schools and family can support children to be successful at school is by encouraging regular attendance. The law recognises the responsibility of parents and carers in ensuring children attend school as required. By attending regularly children are maximising their educational opportunities.

NAPLAN Results

To help answer questions parents may have about NAPLAN results the school will be hosting two opportunities for parents to learn more about NAPLAN and discuss their child's results.

Day session: Tuesday 20th September 2:30–3:20pm Evening session: Tuesday 20th September 5:10–6:00pm Look forward to seeing you at a time convenient.

Netball Gala

Most of the 3-6 students participated in the Netball Gala day last Friday with great success. One team returned to school very excited about being undefeated!

Well done to all students who had a go and participated in the day. It was pleasing to see many first time players have a go and trying a new sport. They got into the true spirit of the day which was to have fun and get involved in physical activity.

Walkathon

The beautiful spring weather has arrived and it should be perfect for the annual walkathon this Friday. Students have been busy collecting sponsorship and planning how they will dress for the afternoon. Students can walk or cycle around the course and we look forward to seeing many parents at the school for the afternoon to join in this fun activity.

What a great way to finish a busy term with an afternoon of gentle exercise and fun.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Danny Ward, Jace Lennox, Eric Wei and Zoe George who represented the school at the regional finals last week. They competed admirably and were great representatives for our school.

Thank you to Ms Norman and Linda George for transporting our students to Glen Innes for the event.

Weirdathon

On Thursday of this week Armidale HS year 12 students will visit the school for the "Weirdathon" after recess at 11:50am. All parents are welcome to join us for some interesting entertainment. There will be a gold coin donation.

School Vacation

With the upcoming school vacation, all students and staff will get the opportunity to enjoy a well-earned break and come back refreshed for an action packed Term 4.

We wish all a safe and happy vacation and look forward to your involvement in Term 4.

Students return to school on Monday 10th October.

Murray Cox Relieving Principal





The walkathon is nearly here!

Don't forget to return your sponsorship form so your class can win!! Let's get that graph growing.

Parents if you would like to order from the canteen please have your (and your child's order) in by Thursday. The children would love to see you.

Remember Kindergarten/Year 1 and 2 children are not to ride their bikes to school.

Thank you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 3/4W

3/4W are having a busy end to term 3. We have recently been creating and giving presentations using PowerPoint and our terrific oral communication skills. Topics were of our own choice, so all students an opportunity to share something with the class they are really passionate about. Topics ranged from NRL teams to countries of interest, favourite pets, how to play different sports and many more enjoyable subjects. Everyone learned lots and acted as a great audience. We are starting to look forward to a well-earned rest to get us ready for Term 4!

LITTLE STARS IN TRANSITION

Last week our Little Stars in Transition were joined by their excited Year 5 Buddies and I don't know who had the most fun! They chatted during fruit break and then paired up for a walk around the school. Their favourite spot was definitely the vegetable garden with Lily the scarecrow and her soccerball head!



Year 5 children then helped their new friends colour, cut and fold a scarecrow and learn to sing The Dingle Dangle Scarecrow. Next year these older children will do Buddy Reading with the new Kindies and be familiar friendly faces in the schoolyard.



This week sees Transition begin at 9.30am and go through to 1.05pm.

Please bring fruit, morning tea and a hat. Our Buddies will help the Little Stars at recess, and we will join Kindergarten for a few activities.



Happy Birthday this week to:

John Holland September 22 Jack Steele September 22 Janarah Thompson September 23 Haylie Edwards October 7 Scott McIntyre October 7 Aaron George October 9 John George October 9

E-GATs Profile: David Tan

David is currently studying English with the EGats team. He is working with the genre of fantasy and currently reading "The Hobbit", which would recommend to anyone who enjoys reading about mythical creatures and magic. David has enjoyed being selected for eGATs and is often seen working on this before school or lunchtime with other team members.



Friday 16th September some Newling Year 3 to 6 students went to Lynches Rd and played netball. We made 4 teams and won all of our games and had lots of fun. Miss Holdom, Donna and Mr Sloan came with us to netball and watched us play.

By Lexene Weribone

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Tuesday 20th September – NAPLAN information (1) 2:30-3:20PM (2) 5:10-6:00pm Thursday 22nd September – AHS Weirdathon Friday 23rd September – Walkathon

Last Day of School for Term 3 Friday 23rd September

Term 4 begins Monday 10th October

NEW ENGLAND TENNIS SCHOOL Holiday Tennis Camps 26-29th September and 4-7th October \$100 per student. Drinks and snacks provided. Contact on 0405 997 714 or email netstennis@live.com

ARMIDALE SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

are holding registrations for their 2011/2012 Season (Term 4 2011 – Term 1 2012) Saturday 24th September 10am-2pm Armidale Plaza. Alternatively: please contact Armidale Softball via email: <u>armidalesoftball@hotmail.co.au</u> for information and/or a registration form. Competition starts Saturday 15th October

