

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Gathering Merit Awards

Congratulations to the children who were recognised with a Merit Award at Gathering for making an extra effort in the past fortnight and achieving success at school.

Transition – Lulu and Christian

K – Isabella and Braydon

1/2 – Amelia and Myuna

Our Kindergarten class showed great confidence in hosting the Gathering on Friday and shared some entertaining songs with us.

Yr. 6 Farewell Disco

On Thursday evening all of our students are invited to a special school disco to farewell our Year 6 class of 2020. The disco will commence at 5:30pm and finish at 7:00pm.

As an extra treat this year we will be supplying a sausage sizzle for dinner at our disco.

Our Year 5 students will be selling entry tickets for \$2 before school and at recess this week. This cost will be for disco entry, plus the bonus of a sausage sandwich and drink for dinner during the disco.

Captains Speeches and Elections

Year 5 students this Wednesday will have the chance to present a speech to their peers to express their interest in being elected captains for 2021. Every child K-5 in the school will then have the chance to vote. Each child and teacher has a single vote to select our school representatives for 2021 to be announced on Presentation Day next week.

Transition Graduation

Our youngest students will have a special assembly and presentation this Friday to recognise their completion of the Transition/School Orientation program at Newling.

Each child will receive their first school report, graduation certificate and a graduation pack in readiness for school next year.

Due to current restrictions, this event is invitation only for Transition parents.

Presentation Day and Year 6 Farewell

This year our Presentation Day and Year 6 Farewell will be held on Monday 14th December. We are working under stringent guidelines and this year the number of guests we can have is limited to the size of the hall due to the social distancing guidelines we must follow.

We will still celebrate student achievements and have prioritised Year 6 parents to attend as this may be their last ever opportunity and the day includes our usual celebratory farewell to Year 6.

Attendance is by invitation only as we must control number of people present.

We appreciate your understanding and patience in this matter as we must follow the guidelines we are given for school events.

Year 6 parents will receive their invitation today and are asked to reply with the names of guests who will be attending.

All guests will have to sign a visitor declaration on the day before entering hall.

Enrolments 2021

Parents are requested to please notify the Principal if you plan to be leaving Armidale or if you have not enrolled your child for Kindergarten in 2021.

The school is happy to discuss with parents the readiness of your child to start and who may be able to support you making this decision. We have an overflowing Transition class, so please call soon if you wish to have a place in Kindergarten next year.

If you know of any children of friends or neighbours who will be starting school next year, please ask them to call us too.

P & C Inflatable Fun Day and BBQ Lunch

Our always generous P&C have organised a special event for the end of the year for all students at our school to take place after our presentation day assembly next Monday. The P&C are paying for Funtastic to come back to our school with their jumping castles, inflatable slides and more for an end of year "Inflatable Fun Day".

Every student will also be given a sausage sandwich and drink, with a BBQ lunch supplied by the P & C.

Even though we are unable to have our usual Gala Night and Fete the P&C have supported this end of year activity to bring some extra joy to every child at Newling.

Swim School

Swim School continues this week for all Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 until Friday 11th. Last week the lessons aimed to build confidence around water and safety awareness.

Judging by the huge smile on everyone's face when I visited the pool on Thursday, confidence in the water was definitely achieved. The students took great pride in showing me how they could leap in, go underwater and safely return to pool edge. Some even demonstrated their floating skills and freestyle technique.

We have applied for an additional grant for swimming and we are hoping to run our usual K-6 Swim School in Term 1 if things keep getting better.

Uniform

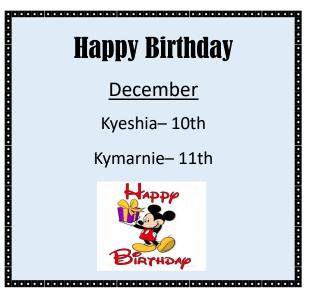
The school still has some of the brand new uniform items for sale at cost price. Get in early and stock up for next year! Please contact the office to visit the Uniform Pool to purchase items if you are interested.

Star Awards

"You're a Star Award" certificates were not presented at this morning's assembly even though students have been using the You Can Do It keys to success and demonstrating persistence, resilience, organisation, getting along and confidence.

Students who achieve a 'Star Award' this week will be given their certificate the next day so they can get opportunity to use the Star Room in the short time left in this school year.

Murray Cox Principal



Library News

There will be no more borrowing from the Library for the rest of 2020.

Could students please return all books as soon as possible!

Enjoy some holiday reading over the break.

| Did you know...

Bucket hats can be

embroidered with your child's name for only \$2. Enquiries at the school office.

Important Dates

- 2021 Captains Speeches and Election
 Wednesday 9th December
- Yr. 6 Big Day Out– Thursday 10th December
- Yr. 6 Farewell Disco– Thursday 10th December
- Transition Graduation Friday 11th December
- Presentation Day and Year 6 Farewell
 Monday 14th December
- P&C Inflatable Fun Day and BBQ Lunch– Monday 14th December
- Last day of school
 – Wednesday 16th December

Kindergarten News

Students had a great time at swimming lessons last week. It was great to see the improvements each child made throughout the week.



Reminder that students will be attending swimming lessons everyday this week. Students will get changed into their swimmers at lunchtime each day. Students will need their towel, swimmers. Please make sure your child's name is in all their clothes.

News from 3/4

No words required – you can see by the photos what an amazing experience Lake Keepit was for the students from 3/4 who attended. A huge THANK YOU to the parents who made this happen for their children. We are already planning something equally exciting and adventurous for 2021.





News from 1/2

Year 1/2 and Kindergarten had a very busy week last week. We went swimming every morning out at the UNE swimming pool. We had a fantastic time, building our confidence in and around the water.

Year 1/2 are reminded that we have swimming again this week at the TAS pool. Students must bring their towels and swimmers to school and will be getting changed at lunch time.



News from 5/6

What a fantastic week at camp! We are so proud of all of the students that came. It was a huge week but a lot of fun was had by all.

Here are a few of the favourite things from some of the students-

Kadyn (Year 6) - "The best thing about camp was archery and I loved that we got burgers for lunch one day".

Holly (Year 5) - "My favourite thing about camp was going down the giant water slide. It was really fun and great on a hot day".

Tyrone (Year 6) – "Camp was fun. The best thing about camp was kayaking. The chicken wraps for lunch were really good too!"

Allira (Year 5)- "Camp was really good. Kayaking was cool and I saw a big fish when we were doing it. I also loved the giant water slide too".

*************** P&C Christmas Hampers

P&C will be running a Christmas Hamper raffle again this year.
We are asking families for donations of items that are:

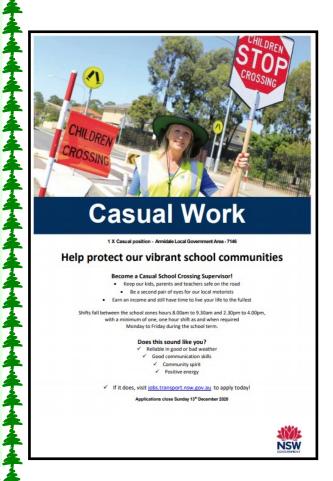
Non-perishable
Non-alcoholic
In date

Items can be dropped into the school office.

Please return all raffle tickets as soon as they are sold.

Raffle will be drawn next Monday, after presentation day assembly.

P&C Meeting – the next meeting will be the AGM at start of 2021 school year. All welcome.



School holiday activities FREE fun for kids of all ages



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Quote of the week.

"A day without laughter is a day wasted"

- Nicholas Chamfort

ABSENTEE NOTE	
(To be returned to Classroom Teacher first day back after absence)	
STUDENT'S NAME Class Date of Absence/s New Model Reason for Absence Studential Studential Studential	
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