Welcome to Week 3 Term 3

July 27, 2015

Rainy weather caused the postponement of the District Athletics Carnival so hopefully the alternate date (THURSDAY July 30) will enjoy some sun. The rugby boys will now travel to Gunnedah on Friday and a couple of students will be notified to come to school early to complete the Year 3/4 Maths Challenge as it must take place on Thursday as well.

Lately we have welcomed lots of new students and there are more to come. I am impressed with those students who are making a great effort to make these students feel welcome. Students have arrived from a variety of locations and it must have been a huge challenge to take up residence during the snow last week.

Tomorrow morning I will be attending a Police/Schools Liaison Meeting with my Principal colleagues from all sectors across Armidale. This meeting will serve to open the communication lines and include a positive Police presence in our schools. I will be mentioning the improved safety around the crossings after the installation of the flashing lights and receive feedback about any issues or concerns with traffic in the area.

Lots of classes are travelling to Thalgarrah this week and in the next few weeks. The excursions to Thalgarrah are costed according to the overall numbers attending in the school as a whole. Notes and money need to be handed in, in advance of the excursion date. For this or any other excursion there is student assistance money available via a confidential phone call to me.

Students are happily rehearsing for “An Evening with ACOS” which will take place on Wednesday September 2 at Lazenby Hall at UNE. The Armidale Community of Schools (ACOS) is encouraging all parents and friends to buy tickets for this evening and celebrate the arts in our great public schools. Information about tickets will be in next week’s newsletter.

The students who have joined the “Benvenukes” are setting a wonderful standard. Lessons are on Thursday at Thiagarrah in next week’s newsletter.

Sports Snippets

- The Girls Soccer team lost their game 2-nil against Neningha last week in a very good game. Well done girls.
- The Boys and Girls Hockey teams are presently arranging their next game in Tamworth. Notes will go home this week.
- Gymnasts are competing today in the NSW PSSA under the coaching and watchful eye of Rebecca O’Hara.

Have a great week!

Judy Graham
Boys Hockey Report
The boys hockey team played their first game at Tamworth in the next round. Their score was 15-0. We will play Tamworth Public School at Armidale City. Coming up this week we have another full calendar of events with a team of 35 students attending PSSA gymnastics today, ICAS English exam tomorrow, girls and boys touch football on Wednesday, District Athletics on Thursday and rugby on Friday. We also have several excursions to Thalgarrah planned for this week as well.

ICAS ENGLISH
This will take place on Tuesday at 9:30am for students in Year 3 and Year 4 and at 11:40 for students in Year 5 and Year 6.

FRUIT AND VEGIE SENSE WORKSHOP
The workshop mentioned in my newsletter last week has been cancelled.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS
This event will now be held on Thursday July 30. Please ensure that all notes are returned.

Students will be required to make their own way to Armidale High School by 8:30 am.

A watch was found at PLC after the athletics carnival on Monday. Details at the office.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS
Junior Girl Champion– Molly Evans
Junior Girl Runner Up– Chloe Petrov
Junior Boy Champion– Liam Sim
Junior Boy Runner Up– André Cooper
11 yr Girl Champion– Grace Petrov
11 yr Girl Runner Up– Madison Sim
11 yr Boy Champion– Nicholas Jackson
11 yr Boy Runner Up– Douglas Payne
Senior Girl Champion– Patricia Dixon
Senior Girl Runner Up– Caitlin Lord

HOUSE POINTS
Field: Blaxland 212, Cunningham 191, Oatley 178, Sturt 171
Track: Blaxland 407, Cunningham 558, Oatley 516, Sturt 480

OVERALL WINNERS
Cunningham 749
Oatley 694
Blaxland 679
Sturt 651

AROUND THE CLASSROOM
2C have returned to school this term ready and eager to learn. We welcome Miss Sarah Targett (fourth Year UNE student) to our class as she completes her full teaching practicum. Miss Targett will be working with 2C for the whole of Term 3 and will take on a large component of the classroom teaching during this time.

In English 2C are studying a fairy tales unit called ‘Who tells the story?’ Students are looking at a variety of traditional fairy tales and examining the way stories are told. Students are also developing a greater understanding of the perspective of the writer and reader of a text.

In HSIE we are studying the unit ‘Wet and Dry Environments’, with a focus on the interactions and responsibilities within various environments. 2C will also participate in an excursion to Thalgarrah Environmental Education Centre this term.

Please ensure your child has all their equipment at school each day. Many students need to replace glue sticks and pencils this term and it would be beneficial if all students could have their own scissors in their pencil cases. Richard Cotter

1/25 Students have had a wonderful start to Term 3! After a restful break 1/25 have started new Science & Technology, HSIE and English units. This term’s Science & Technology unit, ‘Schoolyard Safari’, looks at creatures in our school. Students have already been observing mini beasts in action! In HSIE, students are studying ‘The Need for Shelter’, and later this term 1/25 students will visit Thalgarrah for an excursion to explore animal shelters.

In English 1/25 are looking at life cycles and will be making posters to show how living things grow and change. It will be an exciting term! Susanne Dowling

3/4G has hit the ground running, keeping ourselves busy with many activities around the school including circus, ukulele lessons and athletics. Our class thoroughly enjoyed the athletics carnival last Monday and some talented students from 3/4G represented Ben Venue at the District Carnival last Friday. Well done to all!

At the end of last term, in English, 3/4G started looking at some quality Australian poetry by well-known authors, in particular Banjo Paterson. Through our study of ‘Mulga Bill’s Bicycle’ and ‘Waltzing Matilda’ students learned many new words and have developed a real love of poetry. Students learnt what ‘Waltzing Matilda’ really means! Make sure you ask your child to see if they can remember.

In HSIE, Year 4 students have started a unit called ‘People and their Beliefs’ where they will be looking at different religions and beliefs from around the world. This will also be linked to studies of Dreamtime stories during NAIDOC Week. Throughout the term, students will learn about legends and traditional stories leading to the construction and writing of their own legend at the end of the term.

Year 3 continue to learn more about our history through the unit ‘British Colonisation of Australia’. So far Year 3 have looked at what life was like in Britain during the 18th Century and have been reading the wonderful Jackie French novel ‘Nanberry’.

3/4G has changed their sport day to allow the Year 4 students time with their friends. Our sport day is now Thursday. Students will still have PE on Wednesday but are not required to wear their sports uniform on this day.

This term we are also working on being more organised – bringing the correct equipment and wearing appropriate clothing for the weather. Some students are coming to school on a daily basis without pencils, erasers or glue sticks. It is essential all students are prepared and ready to learn each day. A little reminder each morning to pack equipment in school bags may be all that is needed.

Jeanenne Gale

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Een Venue Starmaker
Years 3/6
Beginning in Week 5
Round One to be held in the music room in your music lesson time.

Be well organised – Have your music/instruments/props with you for your performance.

Be confident – do your performance in front of your class.

Be persistent – Practice your routine and notes/words for your performance.

Your chance to SHINE and be a STAR!!

Save the Date...

‘An Evening with ACOS’
When: Wednesday 2nd September at 7pm
Where: Lazenby Hall, UNE

Ben Venue students are busy practising their items for ‘An Evening with ACOS’ concert. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to be a part of a concert showcasing excellence on the arts.

Tickets will be available to purchase in Week 6 from Reader’s Companion bookshop in the Mall.