



Wednesday 5th September 2018
Term 3 Week 7

From The Principal's Desk

Book Week/Grandparents Day 2018

This year our school will celebrate Grandparents Day as part of our Book Week celebrations. Students can choose to come dressed as a book character. We would like to invite parents and grandparents to come to school and visit classrooms on Wednesday 19 September, from 12-1.20pm and bring along their favourite story to share. During this week, we will also be holding our annual book fair where families will be able to purchase books for their children. All profits raised from the sale of books will be used to purchase new resources for the school library.

New School Operating Times from 2019—Update

As I have mentioned in previous *Gulgos* editions, our school times will change from 2019 and beyond, to fit in with new bus schedules as there will only be one high school location in town from next year. Our school will start and finish earlier than we currently operate. At this stage, classes will commence from 9.00 and finish at 3.00pm, but this may change slightly, depending on the Department of Education and Transport for NSW final decision. The earlier operating times will also support those students who arrive and depart on a bus each day. I anticipate the new times will assist these students in not being at school for lengthy times in the morning and afternoon. I will pass on any final information as soon as it is received. Thanks for your patience.

Responsible Pet Program Tomorrow

All students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will attend a free *Responsible Pet Program* workshop in the hall tomorrow. The program is run at our school every year to teach young children about how to care for animals and how to be safe with them. The program will commence from 10.45am.

Regional Spelling Bee

I wish Gabby, Lilly, Harrison and Jordie all the best of luck as they compete at the Regional Premier's Spelling Bee next Tuesday. All four students will represent the school and will move to the state championships in Sydney if they are successful next week. Good luck to you all!

SASS Recognition Week

This week is School Administration and Support Staff (SASS) Recognition Week where we thank the wonderful team we have at our school who support the teachers and students each and every day. Thank you to you all for your hard work. Our school wouldn't function without you! I trust you will all join with me in thanking our administration staff, school learning support officers, general assistant and cleaning staff. Thanks again to you all!

Brad Hunt
Principal

Thank you

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Dates For Your Diary

SEPTEMBER

Tomorrow: Responsible pet program (K-2)
 Tuesday 11th: Regional Spelling Bee finals
 Thursday 13th: P&C meeting in the MPC (2.00pm)
 Saturday 15th: Outdoor movie night
 Wednesday 19th: Book week dress up
 & Grandparents Day
 Friday 21st: North west athletics carnival
 Friday 28th: Footy colours out of uniform day
 Last day of term 3.

Please check the school app for updated times and dates.

Assemblies - Friday 12.30pm

Term 3 Whole School Assemblies (Subject to change throughout the term)

Friday 7th September: Years 1 and 2 presenting

Friday 21st September: Kindergarten presenting

P&C News



Return and Earn is a great way for students and the community to get involved with recycling, help to reduce litter, and raise money for our school community.

Martin's Gully Public School has become a donation partner on one of our local Reverse Vending Machine (RVM). We are a partner on the machine located on the Corner of Long Swamp Rd and Depot Rd. People returning their eligible drink containers to the RVM can choose to donate their refund directly to Martin's Gully Public School.

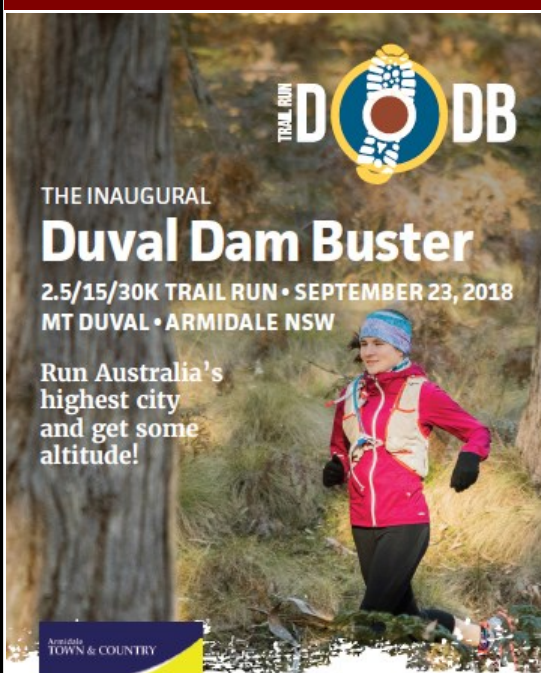
OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT—SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

Tickets are on sale at the office.

Can you help: If you are able to help on the night please return the volunteer note as soon as possible.

Last week we held another successful Father's day Stall. These events could not be held without the support of our school community. The P&C would like to thank all the parents who assisted in cutting the gift tags, wrapping, setting up and selling gifts at the stall. Every bit counts and it is greatly appreciated. Lastly we would like to thank every family who supported the stall by purchasing a gift.

Community News



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bike week**
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16-23 September 2018

Cycling events in Armidale

Jump on your bike
and join us for some
fun-filled rides in the
Armidale area.

These rides will explore
the beautiful local scenery
and are suitable for the
whole family.

Family Fun Creek Ride!
 Sunday 16 September 2018
 Join us for a leisurely bike ride along Dumaresq Creek or be more energetic and join in the QR Code Chase or just look fabulous for Best Dressed Biker! Whichever way you roll it all begins at the Farmers' Market in Curtis Park at 10.30am. It finishes when you return to the Market just before lunch with plenty of options for a feed.

- The ride gathers at 10.30am Sunday 16th September 2018 from Curtis Park
- The ride is 5km loop along Dumaresq Creek at your own pace
- You could win - QR Code Chase, Best Dressed Biker, and lucky riding prizes
- To play QR Code Chase you will only need a QR Code Reader for your device
- The ride is along the cycleway, with only one road crossing
- Beginners welcome
- Suitable for mountain or road bikes or very pedal powered contraption
- All cyclists must wear a correctly fitted helmet
- Children under 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult
- Participants should have their bikes in good working order
- Bring a water bottle and sun protection
- Guided by Sustainable Living Armidale Transportation Committee riders

Commute Challenge!
 17-23 September 2018
 The Commute Challenge is a friendly competition to encourage cycling as a fun and healthy alternative to vehicle commuting. Participants can register as an individual or team of 3-8 riders. Participation is easy, all you have to do is log your bike commutes online. Encourage riders at your school or work to participate!

- Register yourself or your team by going to SLArmidale.org/bikeweek
- To register enter your name, email and create a password (this will be used to log in during Bike Week and record your commutes)
- To register a team, have one person from the team create a team name and then other team members can select that team name
- Teams must be comprised of 3-8 riders
- Have fun, be safe, and Get pedalling!

NSW Transport

For more information visit
SLArmidale.org/bikeweek

Stage 2 News



3/4 Wombats

During English, we have been focusing on the beautiful picture book 'Stellaluna' by Janell Cannon. This book has inspired us to make more careful choices with vocabulary in our own writing. During writing this term, we have been typing our written texts straight into Microsoft Word which the children have attempted with a positive attitude. They have learnt about how to use the spellcheck and thesaurus functions more effectively, as well as gaining the opportunity to improve their typing skills.

During Maths, we have been further developing our understanding of division by playing games and using hundreds charts to reinforce our understanding of this concept. It has been pleasing to see the children develop a deeper understanding and be able to explain their reasoning for their answers more accurately. We have also been studying volume in measurement. The children have really enjoyed the hands-on activities. Underneath you can see us working on using cubic centimetres to stack into rectangular prisms so that we can find their volume.



In Dance, we have been practising using the elements to choreograph our own combinations of moves. The children have really embraced their ideas and confidently choreographed (and performed) these dances to their peers. At present, we are working on a whole stage dance, which we will perform for infants students towards the end of term.

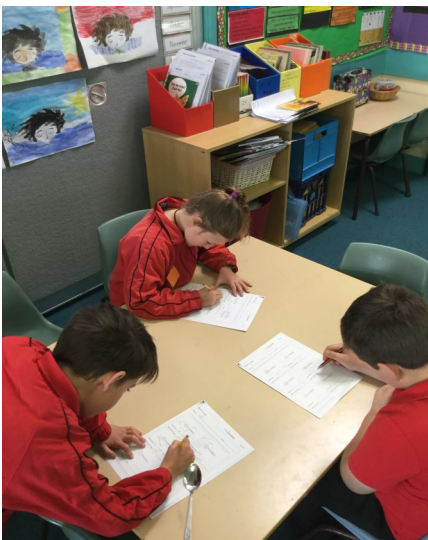
We had our first gymnastics session on Monday, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. I was very proud of how all students tried everything (no matter how hard they found it) and the way that they followed instructions. They were great ambassadors for Martins Gully! We will have one more session on Monday the 17th of September (Week 9). If possible, it would be very much appreciated if money can be finalised by this date. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this great experience.

Jane Townsend

Stage 2 News



Stage 2 Bilbies have been completing an English unit focusing on the picture book, "Stellaluna" by Janell Cannon. This book has themes of empathy and friendship. Our class have been looking at how the author crafts her story, the image building during the setting of the book and the use of plot devices such as building drama and suspense. The students in the Bilbies, completed a picture quilt which is now displayed in our classroom.



We are currently working on our Science unit "Heating Up". Heat is important to us in many ways in our everyday lives. We use heat in practical ways, such as drying our hair, cooking our dinner and warming our water. We enjoy the feel of the Sun's warmth and we also know the dangers of heat and react instinctively when we touch a hot stove. However, heat also preoccupies us! We worry about things being too hot or too cold— our food, the water in the bath, how we sleep. The "Heating Up" unit provides opportunities for our students to investigate different heat sources and how heat moves from one object to another. Through hands-on

activities, the students have been investigating the difference in conductivity of materials. The photos show students investigating how objects obtain heat by being in contact with a heat source.