



Wednesday 15th August 2018
Term 3 Week 4

From The Principal's Desk

NAPLAN Readiness Test

Our school has been asked to complete a NAPLAN readiness test this term, to test the school's ability to implement NAPLAN online in the future. This involves students completing example questions, similar to what they would be asked to do in the 'real environment'. Students will not receive feedback or results from the trial, this is simply to test the school's internet access and to see what problems emerge by completing the assessment online, instead of with a pencil and paper. Students in year 5 will work on the trial on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th August (week 6) and year 3 will complete a trial of one example on Wednesday 29th August. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival

I wish all students attending the PSSA Armidale Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday the best of luck. We have close to 40 students who have qualified to compete at the event on Friday. Students who are selected from the zone carnival will compete at the North West Athletics Carnival in Tamworth on Friday 21st September.

P&C Movie Night - Volunteers Needed

Our dedicated P&C has been working solidly on organising the outdoor movie night to be held on Saturday 15th September. For the event to be a success, we need parents to volunteer to assist with various tasks on the afternoon and evening. If you are available to help, please contact us at the school. Thank you for your help.

Spelling Bee Finalists

Congratulations to our stage winners and runners up from last week's Spelling Bee. Harrison, Jordie, Gabby and Lillie will all represent our school at the regional finals to be held later this term. Congratulations to all students who competed at our finals last Thursday. A great effort by you all.

PSSA Gymnastics Gala Day

Congratulations to Mia, Vanessa, Charlie, Chloe and Renee on their hard work in competing at the PSSA gymnastics gala event on Monday. All students represented our school proudly. Well done girls!

Book Week/Grandparents Day—Claiming the Date!

Book Week and Grandparents Day—Wednesday 19th September. Please see information in today's *Gulgos*.

Brad Hunt—Principal

You Can Do It! Award Winners from Last Week



Indigo & Bella (K)

Charlie & Ella (1/2M)

Jack G & Kenzie (1/2P)

Taylor C & Harrison (3/4B)

Ethan S & Lila (3/4W)

Lewis & Thomas (5/6D)

Riley S & Jack (5/6E)

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Dates For Your Diary

AUGUST

Friday 17th: PSSA zone athletics carnival (AHS)
Thursday 23rd: New England sings rehearsal
Wednesday 29th: NAPLAN readiness trial (years 3 & 5)
Year 6 experience day at Duval HS
(To be confirmed)
P&C Father's Day Stall
Thursday 30th: NAPLAN readiness trial (year 5)

Assemblies - Friday 12.30pm

Term 3 Whole School Assemblies

(Subject to change throughout the term)

Friday 24th August: Years 3 and 4 presenting
Friday 7th September: Years 1 and 2 presenting
Friday 21st September: Kindergarten presenting

P&C News

On behalf of the P&C and our school community, we would like to congratulate Kristy Kentwell for being nominated as the P&C Federation Volunteer of the year. Kristy Kentwell is a highly valued member of the school community who spends many hours volunteering her time, she runs the clothing pool, is a representative on the Armidale Secondary College uniform committee. Congratulations Kristy on your nomination.

Last week the Regional Australia Bank held a presentation night for it's community Partnership Program. At the event the P&C were presented with a certificate and \$685. The P&C would like to thank everyone who has nominated us as their community organisation. If you bank with the Regional Australia Bank and wish to nominate the P&C as your community organisation, please speak to the bank. Thank you to Christie Rowbottom who attend the night on behalf of the P&C.

Last Friday we held a lunch order day, thank you to those who purchased a lunch package and to those parents who helped on the day.

On the 30th August we will be holding a Fathers Day Stall. We are currently looking for volunteers to help set up on Wednesday 29th from 1pm and to help run the stall from 9.00 on the 30th August. If you are available to help please email martinsgullypandc@gmail.com.

School News

PSSA Gymnastics Gala Day



Year 1/2 Possums Class Report

Term three has seen the start of some new exciting programs in stage 1. We have started our new You Can Do it program and have been looking at how different people have different reactions to situations. We have been looking at how to use an emotional thermometer to explain how we are feeling about a situation and have learnt about the various degrees of emotions (a little sad or happy, really sad - crying or happy - laughing and so sad you don't want to do anything or so happy you want to scream and jump up and down). We have also started our Play Based Learning in our classroom. We have Space, Veterinarian, Post office and Artists. This runs on a Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning.



In Art we learnt about Monet and recreated 2 of his art works. Now we have started learning about Andy Warhol and Pop art.

In literacy we are reading "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak. At long last Safari Pug has arrived so we have started reading this as a class, we have been waiting for it to be published and sent out since finishing Cowboy Pug last term.

We are working hard on our class item for the week 7 assembly, hope to see you there.

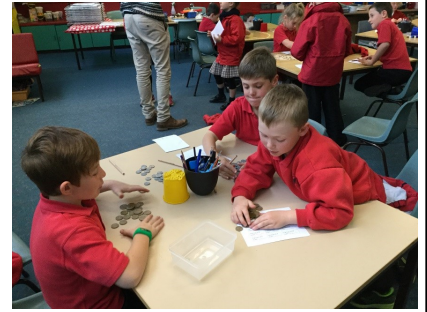
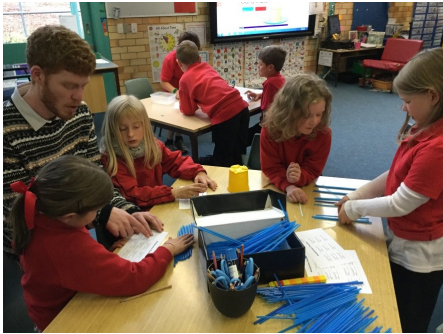


1/2M Class News



Wow, week 4 of Term 3 already!! The Magpies have had a busy and exciting start to the term.

This term we welcome Mr Cameron Baker into our class who is completing his 10 week internship as part of his university degree. The children are enjoying the fantastic lessons that Mr Baker has prepared for them each day. As part of Mr Baker's internship he will be teaching the children each week from Wednesday-Friday, with support and small group work being carried out by me on these days within the classroom.



Our literacy text that we are focusing on at the moment is a favourite of everyone's 'Where the Wild Things Are'. The children have been looking at the grammatical features within the story and creating their own very descriptive and entertaining pieces of writing. Thank you to Mrs Schaeffer who taught the children in the first week of this term and created some wonderful pieces of writing as well as some amazing artworks.

Lincoln's artwork of Max

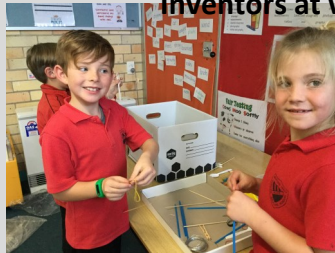


1/2 Magpies at Play

Last week the stage 1 classes started their Play Based Centres which was met with great joy and enthusiasm by the children. The play base centres within the Magpie classroom are Inventors, Reporters, Dinosaurs and a Flower Shop. If you find you have some bits and pieces at home which can be added to any of these centres, please feel free to send them into school with your child or drop at the front office.

Some photos of us at play.

Inventors at work



Art Under the Table



Mirror Mirror



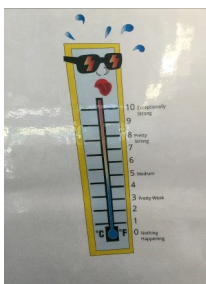
Dinosaur Park



Reporting on the daily news



Creative new inventions



The children have responded very positively to our refreshed YCDI program and it has been lovely spending time with the Year 2 student's on Thursday afternoons with our big focus this term being on Wellbeing. Over the last couple of weeks we have discussed and shared strategies and ideas on dealing with 'Hot and Cold Feelings' using the Emotional Thermometer as a way of expressing our feelings in a variety of situations. I have been very impressed by Year 2's mature, settled and thoughtful approach to these lessons. Our focus over the next couple of weeks will be on Resilience.

Have a fantastic week.

Mrs Dunham, Mr Baker and the Magpies



PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE 2018



The Premier's Spelling Bee is open to all Years 3-6 public school students.
For information visit: www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au and click on 'Speaking Competitions.'
Schools register in Term 2. Entries close Friday 6 July 2018.



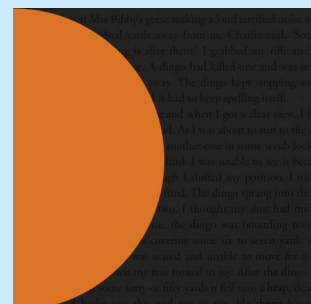
Well done to all students who competed in our school Spelling Bee finals last Thursday 9th August. Congratulations to Harrison and Jordie from Stage 2, and Gabby and Lillie from Stage 3 who will represent our school in the Regional Finals to be held on Tuesday 11th September, 2018 at Newling PS.





This year MGPS will be celebrating Book Week from the **18th-21st of September.**

This will involve a Book Fair hosted by Readers Companion and a Book study held in each classroom on **Wednesday 19th September.**



This year, Book Week will also incorporate a celebration for Grandparents Day. Grandparents are invited to join us on Wednesday 19th September. They are welcomed into their grandchildren's classroom to read amazing stories and to assist in a craft activity, relating to a particular book. This will run from 12:00 1:20 and they are then invited to stay for lunch. Students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on this day. Parents and carers are also welcome to join us on this day.