

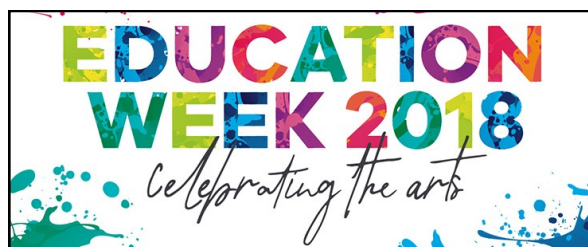


**Wednesday 8th August 2018**  
**Term 3 Week 3**

## From The Principal's Desk

### Public Education Week 2018

This week, all public and high schools in NSW are celebrating Public Education Week. Throughout the week, schools plan and hold a variety of activities to celebrate programs and systems in place across our schools catering for a diverse student body from Kindergarten to Year 12. Today our school held an Activities Day, based on a multi-cultural theme. Students were involved in many different activities representing countries from all around the world. I sincerely thank the many parents and carers who volunteered their time to come into the school and provide activities for our students. Without your support, we could not hold this event.



Our Spelling Bee finals will be held tomorrow morning from 9.45am in the hall where the finalists from each stage will compete. Winners from our school will compete at the regional finals later this term. Please also join us for our stage 3 assembly on Friday commencing at 12.30pm.

### Kindergarten 2019

The school will be finalising enrolment applications for next year's kindergarten class very soon. If you are planning to apply to enrol your children at Martin's Gully in 2019, and you haven't submitted your application, please complete this by Friday 10th August. Thank you for your help.

### Infrastructure Upgrades

I have been working closely with the Department of Education's Asset Management team to apply for additional air conditioning units for the years 3-6 classrooms. The classrooms become very hot in the summer months and are unbearable for students and staff when the temperatures are high. I have also had discussions around improving the bus area to make this more comfortable for students and staff particularly in winter and on wet days. Both projects will take some time to complete, however, I hope to be able to report back soon on progress for both areas.

### Book Week—Commencing Monday 3rd September

We will be holding Book Week events this year in the week commencing Monday 3rd September. We will once again hold a book fair (using a local business) for students, parents and the community to purchase books during the week. Profits from the sale of items will go towards the purchase of additional resources for the library. Please mark this on your calendars!

### Congratulations Brooke and Logan

Special congratulations to Brooke Stainton and Logan Finlayson on competing in the state cross country event last week. Both Brooke and Logan represented our school proudly and the north west region well. Congratulations to you both!

Brad Hunt

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## Dates For Your Diary

### AUGUST

Today: P&C meeting 6.30pm  
 Tomorrow: Spelling Bee finals  
 Friday 17th: PSSA zone athletics carnival (AHS)  
 Thursday 23rd: New England Sings rehearsal  
 Thursday 29th: Year 6 experience day at Duval HS  
 (To be confirmed)  
 Monday 3rd September: Book Week Commences  
*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 10th August: Years 5 and 6 presenting  
 Friday 24th August: Years 3 and 4 presenting  
 Friday 7th September: Years 1 and 2 presenting  
 Friday 21st September: Kindergarten presenting

## P&C News

### Movie Night Update

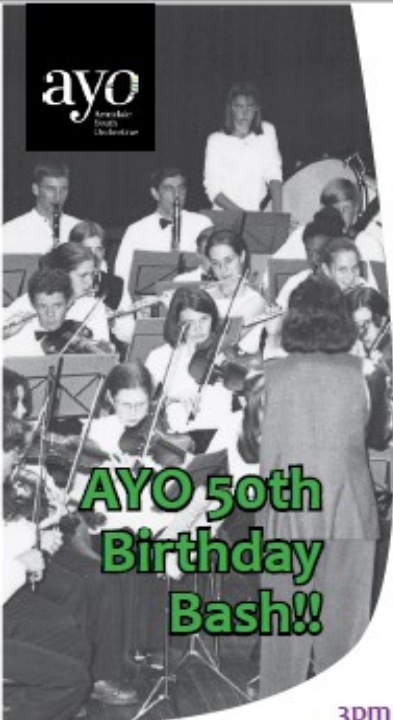
This week a note went home seeking volunteers to help at the Movie Night. The P&C needs your support to make the evening a success. If you can help please return the note ASAP with the times you are available, if you didn't receive a note please contact the office.

An order form for the Family Meal Deal will be sent home next week.

We need your help to spread the news about our Outdoor Movie Night! If you are able to display a poster at your business or workplace please see the front office.

**Next Meeting: Tonight, 8th August 6.30pm in MPC. Everyone is welcome to attend.**

## Community News



**AYO 50th Birthday Bash!!**

3pm  
 Sunday 19 August 2018  
 Lazenby Hall, UNE

TICKETS: [www.trybooking.com/VTTP](http://www.trybooking.com/VTTP)  
 • Family: \$35 Adults: \$15  
 • Pensioners/students \$10  
 • Children \$5

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### **"SCHOOL'S OUT!"** **CELEBRATION OF** **ARMIDALE HIGH SCHOOL**

1923 to 2018

The Armidale High School P & C invites you and your family to share in a celebration of our school.

As you are probably aware, secondary education in Armidale is being rejuvenated with the amalgamation of Armidale and Duval High School in 2019 with the formation of Armidale Secondary College.

We honour and celebrate the past and look forward to the future.

**When:** Saturday, 22nd September  
 11.30 to 3.30pm

**Venue:** AHS

Bring along a picnic and enjoy in the school grounds. Steak rolls, sausage sizzle, drinks, tea & coffee will be available for sale.

- Tours will be conducted of the school
- Photo booth
- Raffle
- Caps with school logo for sale
- School reunion group get-togethers
- Book sale
- Photos available for order and purchase



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### Raffle donations kindly sponsored by:

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• AHS Tas Dept.

• Lowes Petroleum

• Cedar Nursery

Funds raised will be  
 used for literacy and  
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*Thank you for  
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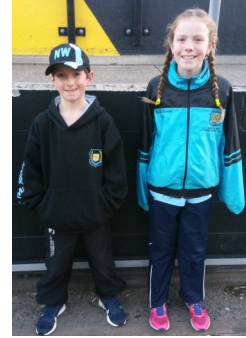
# School News



On Monday 6th of August the P.S.S.A Netball team went to Glen Innes to play Glen Innes Public School. The girls played in difficult conditions, with the rain and icy winds pummeling them. Unfortunately, we lost 18 to 7. I was very proud of how well the girls played and their positive attitude, despite the terrible weather. I would like to thank the parents (and uncle) who transported the children on the day and supported the girls throughout the game.

Jane Townsend

Congratulations to Brooke and Logan on your North West representation at the State Cross Country on Friday 27th July.



Congratulations to the following students who will be competing in the Martins Gully School Spelling Bee this Thursday from 9:45am in the hall

## Stage 2

Ethan S

Chloe

Aiden

Lila

Vanessa

Harry

Angus

Jordie

## Stage 3

Gabby

Bess

Matilda

Jackson

Hal

Paige

Jessica

Lillie



Well done Martins Gully School!

Our "out of uniform" day to raise money for farmers in drought stricken areas raised \$605.00.

Hallam, Thomas and Molly presented the funds to the Salvation Army early this week.

## EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITIES



## Stage 2 News

At the end of last term, the students were given a homework task to create their own lighthouse. Some children even included a working light, which was impressive. The lighthouses were all unique and creatively constructed. Our Critical and Creative thinking king (Captain Disposition) would be proud of 3/4!



3/4 has had a positive start to Term 3. We are focusing on explanations in English for the first three weeks of this term. Explanations tell us how and why things occur in scientific and technical fields. We have read an explanation about the Cape Otway lighthouse in Victoria, and learned about the amazing Fresnel lens in this lighthouse. We have also read about why eyes water and have highlighted technical language. Within the next week, the students will research a musical instrument and present an oral explanation about how their instrument works.

Our Maths this term has started with whole number and place value, addition and subtraction and time. It has been pleasing to see the children using and explaining more efficient number strategies with improved confidence.

The Bilbies have just completed our Science unit called Melting Moments. It was encouraging to see the students representing what they knew about the way a change occurs between a solid and liquid by adding or removing heat and reflecting on their learning. The Wombats have just finished their 'Plants in Action' unit last week. The children will start a Creative and Critical thinking group task this week, in which they have to plan, create and describe a flower of their own. They will use the Six Thinking Hats to help them plan and reflect on this task.

We spent our first YCDI lesson last week learning about resilience. Our coaching point for the week is, when bad stuff happens (and it will), it is common for us to feel very upset. The important thing is to learn how to bounce back from these things by becoming calm and getting back to work and play. When we learn how to move from our negative emotions to more positive ones, such as feeling calm and confident, we become more resilient.

Lastly, we would like to remind parents that our Gymnastics excursion notes have been sent home this week. We will attend two lessons on Monday 3rd and 17th of September between 1-2p.m. If it is more convenient to pay \$8 per week, then that is completely acceptable. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this fantastic experience.

Felicity Pennington and Jane Townsend