



Wednesday 13th February 2019
Term 1 Week 3

From The Principal's Desk

3-Way Interviews

During week 5, all teachers will be inviting students and their parents to come along for a quick meeting to discuss goals for 2019. We will hold 3-way interviews where the student, teacher and parent can decide on an educational goal for 2019 (and also meet your child's new teacher for this year). Our meetings will only be for about 10 minutes to allow time for parents to see other teachers if needed. Class teachers will provide information to families this week on when they are available at various times. Please consider coming along and being a part of the process.

Assembly this Friday 11.40am

As we have adjusted our school operating times this year, we will also adjust our assembly times to be held from 11.40am-12.30pm every second Friday. Our first assembly will be held this Friday (15th February) in the hall. Our students from years 5 and 6 will be presenting an item. I welcome all members of the school community to join us for our assemblies each week.

Parking

I am very aware of the limited parking available around the school grounds, particularly at home time. I am working closely with staff from Armidale Council to remove the bus area at the front entrance to the school and talking with departmental staff about the possibility of a staff car park to try and create more spaces for parents. Please ensure you are parked in the correct areas, as council staff do monitor the areas around our school at random times throughout the day.

Orchestra

Once again we will be utilising the expertise of staff from the New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM) to provide choir, orchestra and a kindergarten music program. I would like to encourage any student who can play an instrument, to come along each Monday at lunch time and join the school orchestra. Please bring along your instrument as well. It would be great to have our orchestra up and running to perform for us throughout the year.

School Maintenance Upgrade

Our school has been approved for air conditioning to be installed in the last four remaining classrooms that don't have access to this. This will mean that all areas of the school will have air conditioning installed, apart from the hall. We are also on the list for a significant upgrade to our WiFi network in the school to allow for more flexible learning spaces. And finally, the school has organised for our bus area to be upgraded to install panels to protect our children from the hot and cold weather while waiting for their buses. All work is expected to be completed by the first part of the year.

Have a great week!

Brad Hunt
Principal

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Dates For Your Diary

FEBRUARY

Thursday 21st: PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival (Armidale)
 Tuesday 26th: NRMA Bus Safety—Kindergarten

MARCH

Monday 4th: North West Swimming Carnival
 Monday 25th: Senior Excursion to Lake Ainsworth
 Tuesday 26th: Senior Excursion to Lake Ainsworth
 Wednesday 27th: Senior Excursion to Lake Ainsworth
 Thursday 28th: Senior excursion ends

Please check the school app for updated times and dates.

Assemblies - Friday 11.40am

Term 1 Whole School Assemblies *(Subject to change throughout the term)*

Friday 15th February: Years 5 and 6 presenting
 Friday 1st March: Years 3 and 4 presenting
 Friday 15th March: Years 1 and 2 presenting
 Friday 29th March: Kindergarten presenting

P&C News

P & C MEETING

The first P and C meeting will be held tonight
13th February at 6:30pm in the MPC.
 Everyone is most welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY NEWS



New England Conservatorium's music programs are designed to inspire and develop music skills in everyone!

- Pre-school Music
- Choral Program K-12
- Instrumental Lessons and Ensembles for all ages
- Music Therapy
- Instrumental Hire

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City Hockey Club - Field hockey registration for the 2019 winter season are now open. City fields teams in the Friday evening junior boys/mixed competition. Email peichorn@bigpond.com or phone Paul on 0427668915 or Lynne on 0427235851.

Registration date set for 24th February from 4-6pm at The Railway Hotel.

Breakaways Hockey Club - We will be entering Junior teams in the Saturday morning girls competition and if numbers allow the Friday evening mixed competition.

Registration day on: Saturday 23 February 2019 at the Armidale Ex-Services Club from 4-6pm. For further information please feel free to contact us via: Email: breakawayshockeyclub@gmail.com or Phone: Mark 0400 340 830 or Helen 0402 062 610

Harlequins Hockey Club are seeking expressions of interest from players interested in playing junior hockey this year. We will be fielding teams in Under 9s, 11s, 13s and 15s. Girls can play in all divisions and boys are welcome to play in the under 9 and 11s competition. Please send an email nominating your child's intention to play and which age division they are eligible to play. Please contact either: Louise Vaughan (junior co-coordinator) at vaughan79@bigpond.com OR Alisa Gray (junior co-coordinator) at harliesjnrhockey@outlook.com

South's United Football Club - Registration is now open. Go to www.playfootball.com.au to register. Our contact is southarmutdfc@northerninlandfootball.net.au

3/4 Bilbies News



Over the past 3 weeks students have begun to settle into their new surroundings and routines. We have been working hard to complete self-portraits, all about me bunting with facts about ourselves and 'I wonder' questions to add to our classroom display so that we can get to know each other. Here are some pictures of our classroom and our displays.



This term, we are studying a unit called 'Space Cowboys and Cowgirls'. This unit focuses on developing our understanding of the Moon, Sun and Earth. Throughout the unit we are learning to write and interpret informative texts in a range of forms (written and multimedia). During Maths, we have been working in small rotation groups to develop our understanding of number and place value through hands on games and activities. It has been great to see everyone getting along and working well within their teams.



In our You Can Do It lessons, we have been learning about the idea of success. We have been making a comparison between doing our **personal best** and doing our **competitive best**. The students agreed that by doing our personal best we are making our goals more achievable and self-driven.

Thank you to the parents who completed the interview about success. It was great to hear some real life success stories.

Lastly, homework will be sent home for the first time next week. It may include reading, spelling and maths. We also set a project once a term. Homework will generally be distributed on Tuesdays and is due on Mondays.



Hannah Grills

3/4 Wombats News



Welcome back to school for 2019! Now that we are in Week 3, the children have settled into their new routines and acquainted themselves with their new classmates. We have been working hard to complete a self-portrait with facts about ourselves to add to our classroom wall so that we can get to know each other better. Here are some pictures of the children at work:



As part of our learning this term, we are studying a unit called 'Space Cowboys and Cowgirls'. This unit will develop our understanding of the Moon, Sun and Earth, as well as give us the opportunity to learn about how to write and interpret informative texts in a range of forms (written and multimedia). I have been impressed with how maturely the children have discussed the reasons for their beliefs relating to space.

During Maths, we have been working on reading numbers and place value. The children have been using the place value column names to play games to reinforce their understanding of the digits in a number and their value. They have particularly enjoyed the game 'Nasty or Nice!' It has been pleasing to see the children readily work with a range of children in their class.

In our You Can Do It lessons, we have been learning about the idea of success. In particular, we have been focusing on how doing your **personal best** is preferable to doing your **competitive best**. Thank you to the parents who completed the interview to share their successes with us! It's great to have real life examples for the children.

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Jane Townsend



SCHOOL BANKING

Student banking will be processed each
Thursday

You Can Do It!



Connie

Confidence



Gabby

Get Along



Oscar

Organisation



Pete

Persistence



Ricky

Resilience

Kindergarten have been learning the names of the
five puppets that help students understand
the 5 Keys to Success:

*You Are The Key To
Your Success
"YOU CAN DO IT!"*



CONFIDENCE, GETTING ALONG, ORGANISATION,



Stage 1 students are focusing on how to be successful

Coaching Points for the Week:

Success means trying your hardest to accomplish something you set out to achieve. Whether you are successful or not comes from your effort rather than your teacher or parent helping you. Remember, everyone can learn just about anything.

Stage 2 students are learning about SUCCESS.

Coaching Points for the Week:

There is a big difference between doing just enough to get by and striving to do your personal best. When you have done as well as you can because you have tried your hardest and asked for help when needed, you are

successful. Success does not depend on how well you perform compared to other students; it depends on whether you have tried to do your very best.



**GROWTH MINDSET
THINKING**



**FIXED MINDSET
THINKING**

