



Thursday 13th March 2019
Term 1 Week 7

From The Principal's Desk

Senior Excursion—Monday Week

Our students in years 5 and 6 will be travelling to Lake Ainsworth for their major excursion from Monday 25th March until Thursday 28th March. As the excursion is less than 2 weeks away, can I please ask families to finalise their payments. If you need some assistance, as always, please contact me at the school. Mrs Felicity Pennington, Miss Sarah Randall and Mr Garry Porter will be accompanying the students on the excursion.

School Photo Day Claiming the Date!

Our 2019 school photos will be taken on Thursday 9th May (week 2, term 2) commencing at 9am. Please keep this date free. Students will be required to wear **formal school uniform** (white shirts, tie and red jumpers) for their photos.

National Day of Action Against Bullying

This Friday, our school will join with hundreds of other schools from across Australia, in holding small workshops in our classrooms about bullying and having/showing respect for each other. Our *Kindness Day* here at school will involve every class using a text to promote discussion on how we can look after each other and prevent incidents of bullying. I thank our teachers for putting together the workshops this week.

Congratulations Jordie

Congratulations to Jordie Cullen who has qualified to compete at the State Swimming Carnival in the coming weeks. Jordie qualified to attend at last Monday's North West Swimming Carnival. All the best Jordie!

Out of Uniform Drought Fundraiser

Thank you to our Student Representative Council (SRC) for organising last Friday's out of uniform day to raise fund for the drought relief. The students raised \$245. Well done everyone. This money will be donated to the drought relief fund this week.

Additional Bell at Home Time

If you have been in the school just before home time recently, you may have heard two bells ring 5 minutes apart from each other. This is because we have added a bell at 2.55pm, 5 minutes before home time, to allow time for those students on longer bus trips to go the toilet and get a drink. A home time bell will still ring at 3.00pm. Could parents of students who have a longer bus trip home from school, encourage them to utilise this time.

NSWPPA Meeting

I am attending the NSW Primary Principal Association Term 1 State Council meeting in Sydney for the next two days. Emma Polson will relieve as principal while I am away.

Brad Hunt
Principal

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Brad Hunt

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Kate McKay, Emma Polson
& Felicity Pennington

Dates For Your Diary

Assemblies - Friday 11.40am

MARCH

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

APRIL

Friday 5th: Cross Country at the Armidale Arboretum
Friday 12th: Easter Hat Parade/Last day of Term 1
Monday 29th: School Development Day (Staff Only)
Tuesday 30th: Term 2 commences for students

Please check the school app for updated times and dates.

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

Friday 15th March: Years 1 and 2 presenting

Friday 29th March: Kindergarten presenting

P&C News

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 20th March at 6.00pm, in line with our current bylaws. A number of committee members will not be re-standing for executive positions which means we will need new members to take on these roles. If you are interested in taking on a role or would like to know more information about the roles, please email the martinsgullypandc@gmail.com.

CLOTHING POOL

Open 2.45—3.15pm Week 8, Tuesday 19-3-19, Week 10, Tuesday 2-4-19

At other times by arrangement with the office.



Thank you to everyone who supported our bake stall.

MGPS News



Cross Country Friday 5th April at the Armidale Arboretum?



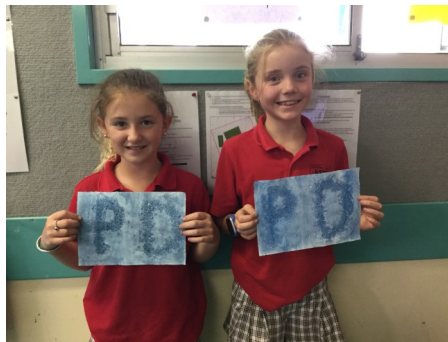
YEAR 7 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Forms are due back by **Tuesday 19th March**. Forms still need to be returned if you do not require a public school placement.

3/4 Wombats Class News



It's hard to believe that we are in Week 7 already! We have gradually been working on using different art techniques to create book covers for our workbooks. This week we experimented with sprinkling salt and rice on watercolour paint. The children enjoyed experimenting with this technique and even found a more effective way to add paint in the final step! The pictures underneath show the children removing the salt / rice and the final product which will go on our Personal Development workbooks:



As part of our 'Space Cowboys and Girls' unit we have begun researching and planning our own documentary on a topic related to space. The children have been working persistently to gather information which they will eventually present using iMovie.

During Maths, we have been working on addition and subtraction. The children have been using hundreds charts and number lines to record their strategies. We have also been focusing on learning our combinations to 10 and 20, as well as our doubles. This knowledge is crucial to developing a strong number sense. It has been pleasing to see the children continue to persist with tasks, even though they were working tough.

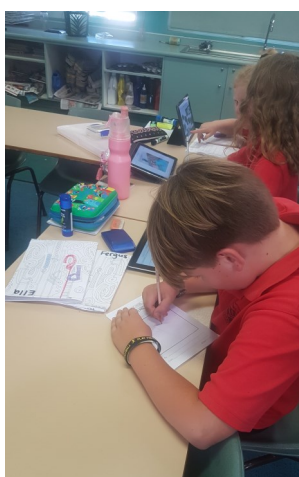
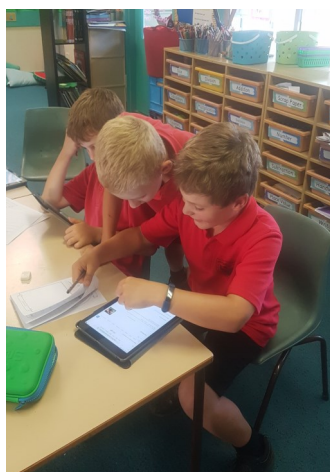
In our *You Can Do It* lessons, we have been learning about a **growth mindset**. In particular, we have been focusing on how you need to make mistakes to learn and grow as a person. Often this requires a great deal of persistence and resilience, but the end result is absolutely worth it. The children have discussed examples of how having a growth mindset has helped them or others in their life succeed.

Lastly, the final homework task for the term has been sent home this week. It is a STEM project relating to planning and creating a planet. The six hats (steps) encourage the children to think critically and creatively throughout the process. This task is due on Monday of Week 11.

Jane Townsend

3/4 Bilbies Class News

In 3/4 Bilbies we have been working through our informative unit 'Space Cowboys and Cowgirls'. This week, students began working on an information report about an animal of their choice. Students have been using the i-pads to research what part of the world the animal comes from, what the animal eats, what sort of habitat the animal requires and the scientific name of the animal.



During Maths, we have been working on chance and probability. Students conducted an experiment to see which total was more prominent when two dice were rolled. Students worked in groups to roll the dice consecutively 100 times and tally the totals to find the most prominent total. Once the investigation was complete students discovered that number 7 was generally the most prominent total rolled.



In our You Can Do It lessons, we have been learning about the idea of Achievement. Students have been focusing on the power of a growth mindset. Students with a growth mind set understand they can grow their brains through hard work, the use of effective strategies (such as positive self-talk), and help from others when needed.

Lastly, we have set a design task for students to complete at home. Students are to create and design their own planet to fit within our solar system. We cannot wait to see what wonderful creations our students come up with!

Hannah Grills



You Can Do It!



Connie

Confidence



Gabby

Get Along



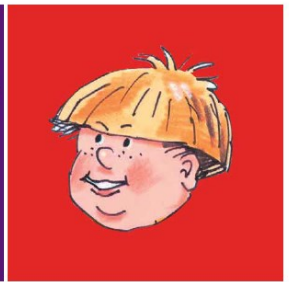
Oscar

Organisation



Pete

Persistence



Ricky

Resilience



KINDERGARTEN COACHING POINTS FOR THE WEEK

To be successful and happy like Pete Persistence, we need to remember to keep on trying, even when things seem hard or not fun. When something is hard but you are persistent by not giving up, this helps you to be successful!



STAGE 1 COACHING POINTS FOR THE WEEK

Being well organised helps us to be as successful as possible in our schoolwork. Setting a goal and working out the steps we need to take to achieve that goal makes it more likely that we will be successful in the end.

STAGE 2 COACHING POINTS FOR THE WEEK

Setting a goal that includes short-term goals can make it easier for you to focus on what needs to be done to be successful. There are reasons why it is good to be someone who sets goals.

- ♦ It is fun and exciting to reach the goal.
- ♦ It is fun to take steps towards the goal.
- ♦ It will be helpful to us if we reach the goal.
- ♦ It will be helpful to others if we reach the goal.



STAGE 3 COACHING POINTS FOR THE WEEK

Students who want to do their personal best are in the habit of setting goals. It's good to practise what they do:

- ♦ **Make your long-term goals big** (e.g. being the best doctor, teacher, mechanic, actor, journalist).
- ♦ **Set your short-term goals so that they are reasonable to achieve** – these are steps you will take leading to achieving your long-term goal.
- ♦ **List specific daily goals** – things you will do on a daily basis to help you to achieve your short-term goals. These are especially important if you are striving to achieve your personal best when learning something new or trying to improve.





Registration Assistance and Junior Training Day

**Thursday 14th March
at Armidale Sportsground 4pm - 6pm**

REGISTER NOW Online
<https://www.myfootball.com.au>

** ALL competitions starting Saturday 6th April 2019*

** Ensure you have your active kids voucher before registering to
gain the \$100 government assistance <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au>*

** Teams filling fast with all nominations required by Friday 22nd March*

***** Junior Fees *****

5-7 years = \$120 (\$20 after using active sports voucher)

8-11 years = \$140 (\$40 after using active sports voucher)

12-16 years = \$160 (\$60 after using active sports voucher)



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ARMIDALE PRIMARY SCHOOLS CUP



- **BOYS & GIRLS COMP**
- **TERM 2**
- **MODIFIED GAMES**
- **VRS 3&4**
- **VRS 5&6**
- **NSW RUGBY
SANCTIONED &
INSURED**
- **COACHES & SUPPORT
STAFF
AVAILABLE**
- **NO COST**
- **PLAYED @ TAS**
- **TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY**

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