Brr!! What a chilly week for the first week of school. I must admit that snow was lovely to watch on Friday. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for this weather. Students may wear beanies under their red hats if they like to keep their ears and head extra warm.

Yesterday, Mr Steve Widders attended our morning Assembly to open our NAIDOC week and raise the flags. It was lovely to see our guests and parents here with the students discussing the meaning of NAIDOC week and then sharing morning tea with our leaders. The Clontarf dance group were brilliant and the students enjoyed watching the dances, many students were invited to participate on stage in a dance at the end. We will publish the photos in next week’s newsletter.

Today the students were very fortunate to have a few of the Elders visit their classrooms. The Elders were assisting the students in art – all students decorated a wooden boomerang, maths activities, literacy - story telling and P.E. games. The BBQ lunch was shared by all staff and students and thank you to the parents who came along to celebrate with us.

This Thursday the senior leaders will be organising and leading the tabloid Indigenous games for the whole school and on Friday we will close NAIDOC week with a Gathering where the year 3 students will present an item. Mr Moir and I will be presenting special awards to a few students from each class.

This Friday 20 of our senior students have the opportunity to attend the Premier’s Sport Leadership program at Duval High school. They will participate in a variety of sport games and learn how to break them down to teach to other students. Please make sure your child brings their notes back in.

We are talking about the You Can Do It Confidence Key for the first part of this term. Please talk to your children about how they can use this key and show their confidence every day at home and at school.

With 596 applications across the New England area, two of our very talented students, Madeleine Landrigan and Natasha Livermore-Williams, were selected as finalists in the Let’s Hang It art competition. Natasha received Highly Commended and People’s Choice and Madeleine received a Certificate of Participation. Well done girls!

Don’t forget the P & C meeting NEXT Monday night here at school at 6.30 pm.

Next week is Education Week and we will have open classrooms on Tuesday from 11:45-1:00pm for Maths activities.

There will be a Teddy Bears’ Picnic on Tuesday for Kindergarten and Transition, please see over for more information.

Julianne Crompton
Community Notices
The school is happy to advertise some local events and business ventures. However, we do not necessarily endorse them to you. It is the responsibility of individual parents/caregivers to ensure that they themselves are satisfied with all services offered before they involve their children or themselves.

Drumstix Canteen
Friday $6 special

Lunch Special:
Dino nuggets with chips
Or
Chicken soup with bread
and
Fruit salad or yoghurt
and a drink

The canteen will also be open at afternoon tea. Fruit Snacks, JJ’s, low fat Banana muffins and ice blocks will be available.

If parents/carers would like to volunteer in the canteen please contact the front office and leave your details.

Important Dates for your Calendar

**Tuesday 22 July:** Information night at AHS

**Week 2—NAIDOC WEEK**

**Thursday 24 July:** Tabloid Sports 1.30-2.30

**Friday 25 July:** Gathering Y3 Dance
- Rugby Clinic Y2 and Y3
- Year 5/6 Duval Premier Sport

**Week 3—EDUCATION WEEK**

**Tuesday 29 July:** Transition/Kinder Teddy Bears Picnic (bring Teddy bear and lunch)

Open Maths Session—Parents

**Friday 1 August:** Tabloid Sports

**Wednesday 6 August:** Pie Drive orders and money due
- Pizza Day

**Friday 8 August:** PSSA Athletics

**Wednesday 13th August:** Pie Drive order pickup

**Wednesday 27 August:** Mufti Day gold coin donation for senior camp

**Week 6—BOOK WEEK**

**Tuesday 9 September:** School Photos

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**Friday 7 November:** Year 5-6 Science in the Bush

Year 7 (2015) Information Evening

Armidale High School
School Auditorium
Tuesday 22nd July 2014
5.30 pm

All parents and students currently in Year 6 are warmly invited to this important information evening.

Coffee, tea and cakes provided.

Enquiries to: 6776 7466
Email: armidale-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: http://www.armidale-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Kindergarten and Transition
Teddy Bears’ Picnic

Come and join us for some reading activities and a picnic!

**Tuesday 29th July 2014**

Clothing Pool
Opening hours
8:45—9:30 Tuesday
2:45—3:30 Thursday
Friday after Gathering

No EFTPOS available

Please contact Fiona Munzenrieder for any of your school clothing needs on 0447 624 674

**Sports shirts now available**