It was fantastic to see so many parents celebrating the achievements of our students at gathering last Friday. It was a real pleasure to see so many students receiving awards for doing the right thing, working hard and trying their best. Last week I introduced a new “Principal’s award”. This award will be given to students who show improvement in a particular area, follow our school rules and wear our school uniform with pride. Last week my awards went to Bella Hunt and Rahif Shawdari.

Once again we were treated to some fabulous performances by Year 4/5 and Year 1. Mr White, who has a background in circus skills, showed us some of the circus activities he has been teaching the students. It was very impressive to see what has already been achieved in such a short time-frame. The fun the students were having was evident by the looks on their faces. Year 1 were impressive with the facts they knew about frogs and tadpoles. They finished with a little song and even I was singing along!

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**Dental Visit**

You will have received a note about the clinic. The Dental Van will be at Drummond in week two of next term. The idea of the service is to provide a free tooth and gum check for our students. To be a part of this you will need to return your note to school.

For each returned note your child will receive a raffle ticket and go into the draw to win a movie ticket, popcorn and drink voucher.

**Updating Information**

Our school is currently updating our records to improve the quality of service that we provide. This information will be kept and used by your child’s classroom teacher this year. We ask that you complete and return the forms to the school by Tuesday March 24.

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**Autumn Festival**

Don’t forget the Autumn Festival March this weekend. It would be fabulous to see many of our students showing off how good they are to the rest of the Armidale community. We hope to see everyone dressed in full school uniform, looking amazing!

Mrs Louise Moffatt

Relieving Principal
Swans AFL members teaching some basic skills

We had lots of fun at our Multicultural Day