Over the past few weeks we have had an increasing number of students arriving at school before school hours and this is a huge safety concern. On a number of occasions we had students arrive extremely early. This is not safe. A teacher is on duty from 8.45am each morning. If students arrive prior to this time they are required to sit quietly in the outside assembly area. Students are required to be at school every day from 9.05am to 3.10pm.

Students who have not been picked up by 3:15pm are taken to the administration area to wait until they are collected. If you are running late it is important that you let the school know so that your child does not become distressed.

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 are now being accepted. Children born between 1st August 2010 and 31st July 2011 are eligible to enrol. Parents/carers who would like to enrol a child for Kindergarten next year, need to visit the school office to collect an enrolment form. Please bring the following:
- Child’s birth certificate for proof of age
- Passports and visas for families born overseas
- Proof of residence (council rates notice, electricity account or bank account).

We will be holding Book Week during Week Six, 17th – 21st August. A book fair has been organised and further details will be available as the Book Fair approaches. The theme for Children’s Book Week this year is: *Books Light Up our World*.

Mrs Platts and Miss Rich and their band of volunteers have been working very hard with the children in the dance groups and the students that are also going to be a part of the massed choir over the past few weeks. The performances for the *Armidale Community of Schools Creative Arts Festival* will be held on Wednesday 2nd September. A note for all children involved will go out very soon. Tickets will be available for the performance from Reader’s Companion bookstore in the Mall opposite the Armidale Post Office from next Monday the 10th of August. Tickets are $15 adults and $10 students.

The children have also been practicing hard for the school musical – *Lollies*. The date for the Lollies performances will be a matinee and a night performance on Tuesday the 25th of August. It will be wonderful to see lots of people attending to support their children and our school.

This term our school is once again participating in the *Woolworths Earn and Learn program*. Completed sticker cards can be placed in the box in the school office. This program will enable our school to earn educational resources when anyone from the community shops at Woolworths. The program runs until the 8th of September.

Order forms will be sent out very soon for the sausage sizzle to be held on Friday 14th August. Each child will require a separate order form. The note will need to be returned to the school PRIOR to the day along with payment.

Well done to all of the students that tried their hardest at the Athletics Carnival last Thursday. I heard great reports about your behaviour, your efforts and your support towards each other. *Congratulations* to Tsharni Jerrard who came 3rd in the 100m final. This now qualifies her for the Regional Athletics Carnival.

The K/1 class will be performing at Gathering this Friday from 9.30am. Please come along and show your support.

Have a great week everyone!

Mrs Tanya McKinlay  Relieving Principal
Confidence

This habit of the mind teaches students that they do not have to be perfect! It is okay to make mistakes when learning something new or having a go at something. It is important for your children to see this attitude modelled not just spoken as it is not the end of the world when something does not go the way we planned. This of course does not mean we do not have to try and give effort, but we need to have a go!

"It’s okay to make mistakes when learning something new."

Taking Risks
... leads to confidence and not feeling worried

Term 3 Musical

Full dress rehearsal Monday with guests 24 August
Matinee and evening performance Tuesday 25 August

Term Three 2015

August

Friday 7 August - Gathering K and Year 4/5
Gymnastics K, K/1 and Year 1 1pm-2pm

Tuesday 11 August - Pick up Pie Orders from school hall 12noon - 4pm

Friday 14 August - YCDI reward session

Friday 21 August - Gathering Y2 and MC
Musical Dress Rehearsal

Monday 24 August - Musical Full Dress Rehearsal for invited guests

Tuesday 25 August - Musical Matinee performance
Musical Evening Performance

Week 8 Creative Arts Festival
School Learning Support Staff recognition week

Wednesday 2 September - YCDI mini award session

Week 9 Dental Clinic and Swim School

Week 10 Swim School

Tuesday 15 September - School Photos
Gymnastics Excursion

This term all students in the K-6 classes will have the opportunity to participate in a gymnastics session at the Armidale Gymnastics Centre. This sporting activity has been planned to support the curriculum outcomes for Gymnastics in PDHPE. A note will come home with all students this week.

**ARMIDALE CITY GYMNASTICS CENTRE ROSTER**

**YEAR:** Kindergarten and 1  **August 7**  12.30 – 1.30 pm

**Student cost:** $3.00  (The total cost of the excursion is: $8.00  ($3.00 Bus + $5.00 Armidale City Gymnastics). This cost has been subsidized by the school and students are only being asked to pay for the bus travel.)

All students must return a signed permission note with $3.00 by Thursday July 30 to allow them to participate in this activity.

Creative Arts Festival

**Wednesday 2nd September**

7.30pm at Lazenby Hall

All public schools in the Armidale area will showcase themselves in dance, singing and musical items etc. The combined schools choir will also present an item. The evening will commence with an Aboriginal welcoming ceremony.

Tickets are available from Readers Companion in the Mall - $15 each

Book club orders are due this Friday 7 August.

Dental Van

Due to circumstances beyond our control the Dental Van needed to be rescheduled in all schools across the state. The Dental Van will be at Drummond in Week 9 of Term 3. The Dental Van notes will go home this week, please return the completed note if you would like your child to have a free dental assessment. If you have previously returned a Dental Van note this note remains current and you do not need to complete another note.
Learn to Swim School – Term 3

The Drummond Learn to Swim School will be taking place in weeks 9 and 10 of Term 3. Due to a cut back in allocated hours the swim school is being offered to all students in Years 2, 3 and 4 that cannot confidently swim 25 metres.

*Years 2, 3 and 4 will have a 10 day swim school at the TAS pool in weeks 9 and 10. Students will travel to and from the pool by bus.

The COST of the Learn to Swim program will be $35.00. This payment will be a set fee payable prior to the swim school starting. The fee is set as the school is subsidizing the cost of the swim school for all students. Regular payments may be made over the term to the office to pay the cost of the swim school off.

An expression of interest note for the swim school will come home with your child. Please return the note to indicate if your child will/won’t participate so allocated spacers can be filled. If allocated spaces are not filled the spaces will be offered to other students in Year 5.

Sticker sheets are available from the school office.

We would like to pass our last total which was 7500.