



FRIDAY ONLY

Orders must be rung through by parents

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Sausage Roll with Milk or Juice

\$5.00

Kid Preneur Raffle

Students with raffle tickets please ensure that they are returned to school by Wednesday 9th November as the raffle will be drawn at assembly on Thursday 10th November.

Armidale's new Christmas Tree will be unveiled and illuminated

Thursday 1 December 2016 5pm - 10pm Christmas in the Mall

- Sparkling new Christmas Tree will dazzle in the mall
- Market Stalls
- Santa and his elves
- Local Kona Chocolate Wheel
- Live Music
- Shop Open

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Thursday 22 December Christmas Movies in the Mall

- Back to Back Christmas movies from 7:45pm

CHRISTMAS in the mall Thursday 1 December 5pm - 10pm

Saturday 17 December 9am - 12pm Kids Day in the Mall

- 100+ Activities
- Community Performances
- Live Music and Entertainment

Friday 16 December 3pm to close Schools Out Pool Party

- Schools out for the Year - Celebrate the end of year with your school mates
- Free sausage sizzle
- All Inflatables out

Save the date

Thursday 1 Dec Christmas in the Mall - Central Mall

Friday 16 Dec Schools Out Pool Party - Armidale Pool

Saturday 17 Dec Kids Day in the Mall - Central Mall

Thursday 22 Dec Christmas Movies in the Mall - Central Mall

Keep up to date on Christmas activities facebook.com/armidale2350 www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au

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Welcome to Week 5 Term 4

November 7, 2016

Thank you for your continuing patience with the council roadwork. The Erskine Street entrance will remain closed and unsupervised until the council has completed the work – hopefully in the next couple of weeks.

Selective School Applications

Applications are now open for students in **Year 5** who wish to be considered for selective classes in Year 7, 2018. This application includes both the Duval High School's and Armidale High School's selective classes. The online applications close on Monday November 14, 2016 at 10pm. **APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE CLOSING DATE.** The application is completed and submitted by the parent/s. This process is conducted by the Department's High Performance Unit and the school has no influence on the results.

School photos are Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Please ensure your child is dressed in full school uniform.

Bennelong Concert

Last week 36 students under the supervision of Sally Spillane, James Waters, Michelle Porter and Tina Townsend had the opportunity to travel to Sydney to perform at the Opera House. The students left bright and early on Sunday morning. The students rehearsed at the Opera House on Monday afternoon in preparation for the evening performance. This was the first time the entire choir (over 700 students!) had the opportunity to rehearse together. I was lucky enough to be able to watch the performance. I was awestruck by how beautiful the performance was. A truly remarkable feat and an indication of how well-prepared all the individual schools were. I thank Sally Spillane for her enormous effort in preparing our students so well.

While in Sydney, the teachers took the opportunity to provide the students with some additional experiences. The students were fortunate enough to be able to visit the Darling Harbour Aquarium, Madam Tussauds and the Taronga Zoo. How fortunate we are at Ben Venue to have teachers who willingly provide our students with so many culturally rich opportunities.

Transition for new Kindergarten students

Our Kindergarten teachers are currently organising training for 2017 Kindergarten parents and experience days for our 2017 Kindergarten students to ensure the transition to 'big school' is as smooth as possible. Last Tuesday evening our Kindergarten teachers provided a workshop for our new Kindergarten parents on "supporting your child with numeracy development." Last Thursday our 2017 Kindergarten students came to school to get a glimpse of what Kindergarten life will be like next year. It was lovely to see so many confident, excited and smiling faces. Thank you Mel Bulmer, Julliann Porter and Sue Lye for all the effort and preparation you have put into these days to ensure their success.

Ann Lewis

TERM 4 2016 CALENDAR

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	7.11	8.11 School Photos	9.11 School Photos State Spelling Bee Kindergarten Fire Training Centre	10.11 PSSA Cricket	11.11 Korean ConneXion
7.11.16 - 18.11.16 SWIMMING SCHOOL					
6	14.11	15.11	16.11 Kidpreneur Melbourne K-6 Sausage Sizzle	17.11 3rd Kindergarten Orientation Day	18.11 Yr 6 Dorrigo
7.11.16 - 18.11.16 SWIMMING SCHOOL					
7	21.11	22.11 Schools Spec	23.11 Schools Spec K Gymnastics	24.11 Schools Spec	25.11 Schools Spec Korean ConneXion

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AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

We are already in Week 5 of our final term of school for 2016!!! Wow, time sure does fly. 3G had a fabulous time on their excursion to the New England National Park and the Dutton Trout Hatchery . There were plenty of things to see and do. One of the most popular things was feeding the fish. It was a mass feeding frenzy!!!!

In English we have been examining several stories that have a significant moral about the environment. Some of these include 'The Great Kapok Tree', 'Last Tree in the City' and 'Window'. Students have also made connections with other familiar texts such as 'Fern Gully' and 'The Lorax'. We have been completing some persuasive writing about the importance of looking after our environment and also some informative writing about different animals.

In Geography we are continuing to explore state and national parks in Australia (which will be complemented by our excursion). Students have been learning many new and interesting facts such as the wide varieties of plants living in different areas and the sizes of some of our protected areas.

Thank you to parents who continue to ensure their child's supplies such as glue sticks and pencils are up to date!

Jeanenne Gale

6W have been super busy this term along with the rest of Year 6. Students gave three terrific renditions of 'Happily Ever After' in week 3. Also many students travelled to the Opera House last week for the Bennelong Concert which was amazing, with students also getting to visit the Sydney Aquatic Life Aquarium, Madam Tussauds and Taronga Zoo.

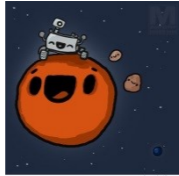
Last Thursday students also participated in the Armidale High School and Duval High School Orientation Days and by all accounts they are all ready and keen for next year.

In class students have been completing a variety of assessment tasks as well as enjoying some great experimenting in the Science unit 'It's Electrifying' . In English students have been completing work around the Judy Bernard-Waite novel 'The Riddle of the Trumpalar'.

The end of year is fast approaching and Year 6 students are excited for their final weeks at Ben Venue which are sure to be full of fun and exciting activities.

James Waters

2B students are enjoying working hard to learn new things about push and pull forces in Science. We are finding examples of these forces in the air, on the ground and in water! To explain how we think things move we are drawing pictures and labelling them to show the direction in which forces move things.



In History students are comparing technology from the past with what is available now and looking at how it has changed the way we do things. It would be interesting for students to talk to a parent or perhaps grandparent about technology that was available when they were in Year 2. 2B are finding that there is some pretty amazing technology in the world today. Holidays on Mars are not too far away!

A number of the students in our class are participating in the Year 2 Swim School. It is great to see them working on their water safety and swimming as we move closer to summer. They are learning new skills in the water and having a great time too!

2B students continue to delight their teacher with the enthusiasm and excitement they bring to activities they undertake at school. They are definitely owl-some.

Lyn Burgess



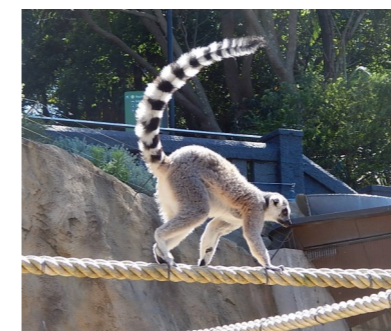
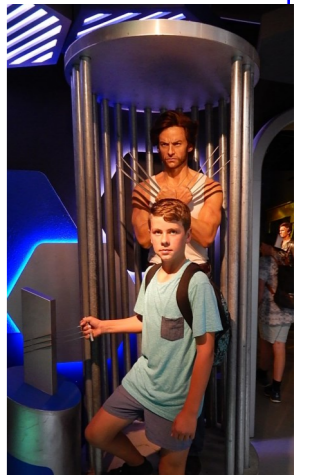
Opera House Excursion

What a wonderful excursion our Year 6 choir students had when we travelled to Sydney to perform at the 'Bennelong Concert' at the Opera House as part of 'The Festival of Choral Music'.

Students worked hard throughout the year learning a diverse range of repertoire including musical theatre items from the 'Lion King' and 'Seussical', music from the Disney film 'Brave', and Peter Allen's 'I Still Call Australia Home'.

The teachers and I were most impressed by the excellent manners and professionalism of the students displayed at the Opera House Concert. We were very proud of our students and they are to be congratulated for their fine work.

Thank you to our lovely parents who were able to come down and support their children at the Opera House during this amazing experience.



Halloween Social

