This year, students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy) on the 15th, 16th and 17th May. For those students involved, a letter from the NSW Department of Education and Communities is attached to today’s newsletter. If you have any questions, please come and see me.

Angus Smith, Claire Hyland, Ryan Hendrickse and Georgia Edwards represented our school at the Regional Swimming Carnival yesterday. I would like to congratulate all four students for qualifying to participate at such a high level.

Claire Hyland, Jasmin Poulter and Angus Smith will attend their first rehearsal as part of the Armidale Community of Schools’ Choir this Thursday. The choir will perform at next week’s Regional Principals’ Conference in Armidale. Thanks again to Claire, Jasmin and Angus for working so hard on learning their songs in such a short time.

Next Saturday (17th March) our school will march with the Armidale Community of Schools in the Autumn Festival Parade. All children are encouraged to walk with us if they can. I will provide more details in next week’s newsletter.

Our next assembly will be held on Friday at 2.50pm. All parents and community members are most welcome to come along.

Finally, I will be away tomorrow at a funeral. Katie’s grandmother lost her battle with cancer last week and her funeral will take place in Tamworth. Mrs Muir will take Upper Division and Mrs Piddington will take Lower Division. Students will not be able to be at school until 8.30am tomorrow. Please remember that a teacher’s car must be at the front of the school before children can be left at school. Thanks for your help with this.

Have a great week!

Brad Hunt

AWARD WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK

Lily Croft - leaving finger spaces in sentence work
Georgie White - improvement in letter formation
Cody Droder - outstanding handwriting
Jasmin Poulter - outstanding bookwork
Nat Edmonds - excellent effort in Maths
Max Robertson - great work in Reading

Joss Sinclair
Seamus Hunt

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

Thursday 8th  Mr Hunt away - replaced by Mrs Piddington
Friday 9th  Mrs Muir @ PSSA Netball - replaced by Miss Hough
Thur/ Fri 15th, 16th  Mr Hunt @ Regional Principals Conference replaced by Mrs Piddington & Mr Porter
Friday 23rd  Police Talk - 2.30pm
Monday 26th  School Photos Assembly 2.15pm
Friday 30th  Cross Country @ Kingstown PS

Friday Lunch Orders

Michelle Turner
DEMON KNIGHTS FOOTBALL CLUB

Demon Knights Football Club would like to invite all existing and intending players to sign up for football in 2012. DKFC wishes to advise all players, that **mandatory online registration is required.** All intending players must visit [http://www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au) and follow the prompts. You then bring a printed invoice to the DKFC payment days on the **17th and 24th of March** at the **Wicklow Hotel Courtyard** between **10am and 1pm** to complete registration. If you do not have internet access contact the club and we will be pleased to assist you.

For further details email us at: [demonknightsfc@northerninlandfootball.net.au](mailto:demonknightsfc@northerninlandfootball.net.au)

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UPCOMING ATHLETICS CARNIVALS

**Kelly’s Plains Athletics**
Friday 22nd April 2012

**Small Schools Athletics**
@ Kelly's Plains PS  
11th May 2012

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Autumn Festival

Kelly’s Plains Public School will be participating in the Autumn Festival Parade again this year!!

For students wishing to march, mark **Saturday 17th March** in your diary now. More information and a permission note will be sent home in the near future.

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Kelly’s Plains P&C Report

- Kelly’s Plains to host 2 day SATCHEL Training. Sixty to eighty participants to attend. P&C to do catering. Donations from the community: biscuits, cakes and other nibbles will be gratefully accepted. These items can be stored in the Canteen. Date to be confirmed.
- Points were discussed about the 150th School Anniversary
- Mr Hunt is still researching venues for the Upper Division excursion later this year. Accommodation is tentatively booked in Sydney. Mr Hunt will give an update.
- School fees were discussed and a note on this matter will be submitted to the Newsletter.
- A school promotion is being investigated regarding the Community Mutual
- Jane Weier reported that School Banking is looking to be a success and may help towards fundraising. Suggestions were made that the SRC could take on this task.
- Tanya Alcorn will get quotes on a new oven for the Canteen and suggested the next working bee focus on installing the oven and a kitchen sink. If anyone has a double sink to donate, could they please let Tanya or the school know.
- A PA System will be purchased for future Carnivals / Sports events
- An update will be give on the Video Conferencing System

Report by Annalisa Andrews
Clean up Day

2nd March

Clean Up
Schools Clean Up Day