From the Principal’s Desk...

Year 6 students attended the GRIP Leadership Conference at the Armidale Ex Services Club on Monday. This experience is valuable in providing leadership training and discussions about what it means to be a school leader. Thank you to Mrs Weier who accompanied the students on the day.

Book Packs Reminder - Each student is supplied with a variety of text books to be used throughout the year. The total cost per student is $60. This fee is capped at $150 per family. We will also accept payments over a series of weeks / months. Thank you to the parents who have already paid for these book packs.

Thank you to Mrs Morley and Mrs Weier who set up and coordinated our very successful Book Fair last Thursday. We sold a total of $1100.00 worth of books and along with the generous $200 contribution by the P&C we were able to purchase over $500 worth of books for our school library.

Milo Days – Year 6 students are keen to have Milo days at school each week. Warm Milo will be for sale each Tuesday and Thursday at a cost of 50c per cup. Students do not need to bring a mug.

This Friday the P&C will be holding a Mother’s Day stall following the assembly. A variety of Mother’s Day gift packs will be for sale at a cost of $5, $10 or $15. These gifts include items such as jewellery, chocolates, tea cups, terrariums and much more.

Please note that assembly will commence early this week (2.30pm) to allow for the Mother’s Day stall to operate until the end of school.

Lunch Orders will be available this week from Lynches Road Store. Please place your order in the foam box located in the Upper Division storeroom. We require parent volunteers to collect the lunch orders from Lynches Road at 1pm and deliver them to school each Friday.

We will be having our first Disco for the year on Thursday May 15 from 3.30pm – 5pm here at school. The Disco will be held in the school COLA or in the Upper Division classroom if the weather is unpleasant. The theme for this Disco is ‘Onesies’ and the students can wear a onesie if they have one. Students do not need to be collected from school on this day until 5pm. Students can pay $5.00 for a packet of chips and a Freddo Frog. If you don’t have a onesie you can wear PJs.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

TODAY

Armidale Community of Schools Meeting.

Mrs Weier to teach Upper Division Assembly 2.30pm

FRIDAY 9

TUESDAY 13 - THURSDAY 15

NAPLAN

THUR 15

Disco 3.00pm—5.00pm

FRIDAY 23

KPPS Athletics Carnival

FRIDAY 30

Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival @Kentucky Public School

Friday Lunch Orders

Lynches Road Shop
"The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students will take the 2014 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent_carer_support/index.html

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au"

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**Direct Deposit into KPPS Bank Account**

Some parents have asked about the possibility of depositing funds into the school bank account to pay for excursions, book packs etc. This can be done in person at the Westpac Bank or through your own internet banking facilities. You MUST put your family name and a brief description of the activity being paid for e.g. Smith - Book Pack.

Bank: Westpac Bank  
Account Name: Kelly’s Plains Public School 2273 Administration Account  
BSB: 032-001  
Account no.: 142170

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Kelly's Plains Public School  
Athletics Carnival  
Friday 23 May

**Sports Teams**

Booralong Bilbies - Blue & Black  
Gara Geckos - Green & Black