Last Thursday, Kelly’s Plains Public School competed in the Uralla Cluster Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival at the Monckton Aquatic Centre. Students competed against Kentucky, Rocky River and Kingstown Public Schools. Kelly’s Plains WON the carnival for the 6th year in a row. Congratulations to Layla Weber (Juvenile Girls Champion), Nicholas Weier (Junior Boys Champion) and Harriet Beynon (Senior Girls Champion).

Please return your permission to publish forms ASAP. These give permission for students to have their photos and work published online (e.g. on the school website), in newsletters and on television.

Lunch orders are available this Friday from Lynches Road Store. Lunch orders need to be brought to school by Thursday each week and placed in the foam box in the Upper Division classroom. Mrs Morley then takes them to Lynches Road Store on Thursday afternoons.

Private Vehicle Conveyance forms for new students are to be sent to the Department of Transport by parents. If you have not received a letter within 6 weeks you need to contact the Department of Transport and make enquiries. If you have changed your address you also need to complete a new PVC form and post it to the Department of Transport. Forms are available from the office.

Tomorrow the SMASH program commences at school and will be running for the entire term. We must have the permission note by tomorrow or students will not be able to participate. Payment can be sent in later. Payment for 2014 is $30 per student (maximum $70 per family). Students are encouraged to wear their SPORTS UNIFORM each Thursday for the rest of the term.

Don’t forget Super Hero Day is coming up shortly. Friday 21 February 2014. All students K-6 are involved.
SUPER HERO DAY

Friday 21 February 2014
Come dressed as your favourite SUPER HERO.
This day is for the whole school K-6

PLEASE SEND IN ART SMOCKS (OR OLD LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS) FOR STUDENTS TO USE

Mrs Piddington is collecting large plastic bottle tops from milk bottles or sports drinks. Please bring some to school.
Thank you

Basketball is Back!!!

Armidale Minibasketball will begin the new year with a registration and skills session on Monday 10th February from 5 - 6.00pm at The Den. As it is a new season and many children have graduated to high school, we have to re-organise our minibasketball teams for 2014, so don’t forget to turn up or to contact Judy Monaghan, otherwise we won’t know you want to play.

Miniball is basketball for primary school children and is divided into three grades: players in years Kinder/Yrs 1&2, players in Years 3 & 4 and players in Years 5 & 6. Games are held on Mondays from 4pm at The Den (located at AHS). Come along and try it out for a week to see if you like it; new players are always welcome. Game cost is $5 per game or $35 per term with the Annual Registration $25 for all. Forms will need to be filled in.

Miniball runs every term for approximately 8 or 9 weeks.

Games for players in years K-Yr2 are at 4pm, while games for players in Years 3 & 4 are held at 4.50pm and for players in Years 5 & 6, the games are at 5.40pm. We have a free training session on Wednesday afternoons at 4.30 - 5.30 beginning 13th February at The Den and this is open to all students, even if they do not play basketball.

If you would like to participate in this fabulous game, please contact Judy Monaghan on 67727771 or 0417622859 or catch us on email at armball@bigpond.com. We put all children into teams with as many friends as possible. Uniforms are supplied and we ask that all players have joggers and a water bottle.
NO APOLOGIES, NO EXCUSES
When it comes to child safety, Armidale Dumaesq Council and the New South Wales Police make no apologies for fining drivers who break the law around schools and school zones.

Right now Armidale Dumaesq Council and the New South Wales Police are closely monitoring speeding and parking around schools throughout the Armidale area.

If you are caught endangering a child by speeding in a school zone or parking illegally, you will be fined. Illegal parking in school zones puts child safety at risk.

KNOW YOUR PARKING SIGNS

NO STOPPING
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
You cannot stop in this area FOR ANY REASON.

WHY IS IT THERE?
To keep sight lines clear for drivers AND children, so both have more time to avoid traffic and crashes.

NO PARKING
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
You can stop in a NO parking zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers.

WHY IS IT THERE?
To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.

BUS ZONE
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
You must not stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

WHY IS IT THERE?
To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up passengers.

Cars parking in bus zones put lives at risk by forcing buses out of their safety zone.

Children are small, hard to see, behave unpredictably and their little bodies are extremely fragile. You need to take extra care when driving and parking in and around school zones, even when you think there are no children around.

FACT
One child pedestrian is killed every week in Australia (on average). For every one of these deaths, there are also 25 child pedestrians admitted to hospital for treatment to injuries.

When a child is hit at an impact speed of 30km/h they have a 99% chance of survival. At 70km/h, the child’s chance of survival is less than 7%.

+ Source Kid Safe 2000+
*Source Australian Transport safety Bureau*
Keeping your kids safe online this term

Between work commitments, dance classes and footy practice you’ve got enough on your plate this term without worrying about what your kids are up to online.

You can’t keep your eye on them 24/7, but there are some steps you can take to ensure your kids are safe online when you’re not around. Telstra brings you some tips to keep in mind when getting household devices back-to-school ready:

1. Talk with your kids about their digital lives. Create conversations and stay involved
2. Ask your children how they use technology and try it for yourself – try playing a game or uploading a video together
3. Explain the rules of responsible device ownership
4. Protect personal information – teach your children how to turn on privacy settings
5. Encourage children to ‘think before they click’, to think about content and the consequences of posting it
6. Be an offline supporter. Encourage kids to have some screen-free time each day and turn off devices at bedtime
7. Teach kids to treat others the same way they’d like to be treated online and be zero-tolerant to rude or mean online behaviour
8. Make the most of parental controls on devices
9. Let your children know you’re always there for them – assure them that their internet privileges won’t be taken away if they are exposed to content that makes them feel uncomfortable or concerned
10. Don’t just talk about the right thing to do; be a role model with your own digital habits

Above all, have a fun and safe term!

For more information about keeping the family safe online visit: telstra.com.au/cyber-safety

Get your own cyber safety kit:

With school bags brimming with technology this year, Telstra is reminding people to review our handy guides to cyber safety to ensure gadgets are being used safely and sensibly – by young and old.

The Cyber Safety kits, available free from Telstra’s website, aim to teach children and parents, teens and grandparents (both the cyber savvy and new learners) how to avoid common pitfalls online, including identity fraud, shopping scams and cyberbullying.

Visit Telstra’s cyber safety page to download the kits: www.telstra.com.au/cyber-safety
2014 Small Schools' Swimming Carnival
Soundwaves
Over the past two weeks, the school has been learning the bouncing balloon b, b, b and ants on apples a, a, a sounds. The Kindergarten students have also been introduced to the mummy on the moon m, m, m and trotting tiger t, t, t and seals swim seals slide s, s, s sounds. Every day the students work on activities surrounding these sounds as well as practising sight words. To help your child, discuss these sounds and the words they are in e.g. ball, bubble, mouse, mumble, ants, ambulance, lake, make and take.

Mathematics – 3D Shapes
The students in Upper Division have discussed the unit of work in “Measurement and Geometry” and have decided to begin the year learning about 3D shapes. The whole school will be exploring and learning 3D shapes over the next couple of weeks. It would be helpful to discuss 3D shapes in your environment to provide a better understanding of this topic e.g. cones, rectangular prisms, spheres, pyramids, cylinders and cubes.

Creative Arts
Since the beginning of the year, the students have been working on artworks for the Armidale Show Pavilion. We have been using the extensive music equipment, including exploring recorders, xylophones, keyboards, bells and the school piano to play “Mary had a little lamb”. The recorders could be heard throughout the school. If you have a recorder at home and would like to bring it in to school, please do so. Our drama and dance activities have also begun.

You Can Do It
We will be completing the YCDI program a little differently this year. The Year 6 students will have a leadership role in presenting content, role play and general discussions around the program in small groups. This will become a Peer Support program with the key messages of organisation, getting along, persistence, resilience and confidence being explored. This week we had our first getting to know you sessions with our new students and kindergarten. We look forward to sharing our experiences with you over the coming weeks.

City Hockey Club
Registration for the 2014 winter season.

Boys play on Friday evening.
Sign on will take place on Sunday 16th February 2014 at the Bowling Club BBQ area, between 12.00 and 2pm.
A sausage sizzle will be held during this time.

PH 6772 4089
All welcome.

Please send in a labelled document folder for all students to use for their home readers