Last Thursday February 20, selected Kelly’s Plains Public School students competed in the District Swimming Carnival at the Monckton Aquatic Centre. All of our wonderful students swam extremely well and did our school proud. Congratulations to our junior and senior relay teams as well as Nicholas Weier (50m freestyle) who now go on to compete at the Regional Carnival on March 10.

Congratulations to Brandon Sullivan who will be representing Kelly’s Plains Public School tomorrow at the Armidale Community Of Schools (ACOS) Orchestra rehearsal at Ben Venue Public School

Please return your permission to publish forms ASAP. These give permission for students to have their photos published online (e.g on the school website), in newsletters and in newspapers 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. We DESPERATELY require a parent to collect the lunch orders from the store at 1pm and drop them to the school as a teacher cannot leave the school to collect them and leave only one teacher present to supervise all 39 students. Please let us know if you can help with this issue. If we do not receive parent assistance this week we are NOT able to continue with lunch orders each Friday. A parent roster can be organised if we get sufficient helpers. Thank you to the Beynon family who delivered the lunches last week.

Remember, if you haven’t already done so, to pay for the SMASH program that is running each Thursday for the entire term. Please make your payment of $30 per student (maximum $70 per family) to the office ASAP. Students are encouraged to wear their SPORTS UNIFORM each Thursday.

What a fabulous SUPERHERO DAY we had last Friday. Thank you to Mrs Piddington (Bug Girl) for her excellent organisation of the day. All students (and teachers) wore a superhero outfit to school and participated in fun activities such as ‘Kryptonite collecting relay’, the ‘Laser beam challenge’ and the ‘Boot the Villain’ game. As a special treat we also had ‘superhero’ parent (Matt Weber) and his ‘sidekick’ (Bruce), land a helicopter on our school oval. Matt talked about his job as a helicopter pilot and students were able to ask questions. We took gold coin donations to go towards the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Australia and we raised $56. Over the coming weeks other parents will be invited to attend the school and talk about their (superhero) jobs as well. Please let us know if you are particularly interested in talking to the students.

We are also planning a whole school full day excursion on March 18 to visit the Police, Fire and Ambulance stations as well as the new Armidale Courthouse. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Please be aware of the roadwork occurring on Kelly’s Plains Road over the coming months. There will be some traffic delays of up to 20 minutes at a time a speed limits have been reduced. Please consider this as you plan your drop off and pick up times.
FOR SALE – one upright piano. $200 or nearest offer. Please see staff for further details

Piano Lessons – Please send in your expression of interest ASAP so that lessons can start soon

Book Packs – Each student has been 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 for your co-operation in this matter.

Mrs Piddington is requesting washed and dried milk bottle tops to be brought into school for her shoe box learning centres.

This weekend is Clean Up Australia Day and as usual Kelly’s Plains students will be participating in the Clean Up Schools day on Friday February 28. Students can wear Mufti clothes to school on Friday and must still wear their broad brimmed hats and bring gloves if possible. Upper Division students will be concentrating on cleaning the roadsides along Kelly’s Plains School Road and Lower Division will clean inside the school grounds.

The next P&C meeting will be held at school on Monday March 3 commencing at 3.45pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Reminder ….
No hat No play
Please check your child has a labelled hat at school.
Hats may be purchased from the school office at a cost of $8 each.

Could parents of our younger students please include spare underwear in your child’s bag?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February / March

Thurs 27 - SMASH
Fri 28 - School clean up day
March 10 - Regional swimming
March 15 - Autumn Festival Parade
March 17 - Life Education van
March 18 - Whole school excursion to town
(Fire and Police Station plus Armidale Court House)
March 19 - Debating Day at ACPS
March 21 - Adam Marshall to present Year 6 ties at Assembly
March 26 - School Photos
March 27 - Zoo Mobile to visit KPPS

On Wednesday March 19 2014 most students from Years 5 and 6 will be attending a Debating Day at Armidale City Public School. This will be a great learning opportunity for the staff and students, and help prepare us for the Debating Competitions which will be held this year.

The cost to students will be $10.00, and has been subsidised by the school.

More information to follow.

CALLING ALL JUNIOR RUGBY PLAYERS!

New England Junior Rugby Union (NEJRU) is fielding teams in the Under 12s, 13s, 14s & 15s at the NSW Country Junior Rugby Union Championships coming up in May this year.

Trials for representative squad selection will be held at Moran Oval in Taylor Street, Armidale on Sunday 2nd March from 1pm - 4pm.

Check out the NEJRU Facebook site at https://www.facebook.com/ NewEnglandJuniorRugbyUnion
In sound waves we have been learning the sounds crazy kite k,k,k and empty eggs e,e,e. All of the spelling activities look at words that contain these sounds eg. Take, thank, back, queen, help, tell, well, said (ai makes the e sound). Below is an example of how we teach the letter formations of the sounds that the students have learnt over the past 5 weeks. Please practice writing these with your children and use the chants that we are using in the classroom.

Mathematics
In mathematics we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. The students are learning to draw and label squares, rectangles, circles, pentagons, octagons, hexagons and different types of triangles for upper division, including equilateral, isosceles, scalene and right angle triangles. Students have completed a variety of hands on activities to explore the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

The basic number facts are taught, practiced, and refined daily. It is important to continue this at home. Ask your child simple addition and subtraction questions, estimate how many peas are on the plate, talk about how you use maths in everyday situations. Counting by 2's, 5's and 10's is important for lower division and students in upper division should be focusing on all the timetables to 12.

Creative Arts
We have been very busy preparing some artworks for the Armidale Show, which is coming up next weekend. Our school will be entering a number of items.

If you would like to enter extra artworks please get a copy of entry details from the office. There are many categories to choose from art and craft including creating posters, making Christmas decorations, origami, making a bookmark, lego construction, painting, drawing and fruit and vegetable art!

We will be entering a whole school poster and some individual artworks.
Our super hero day was such a fantastic event that tied together a thorough unit written and taught by Mrs Piddington to lower division. As a staff we were so pleased that everyone got to enjoy the activities during the day from the fashion parade and description, laser beam challenge, helicopter visit and photo shoot ending it all with a super assembly. Thank you to the P&C for acknowledging our hard work. Thank you for all the hard work you did in getting the children dressed as superheros, they all looked fantastic!

We will never forget the smiles on all of the ‘superhero’ faces as they watched the helicopter land, the excitement in their voices while sitting in the helicopter and the overall buzz the students expressed all day.

On Friday our school had Superhero Day. We made a gold coin donation for Muscular Dystrophy and in the COLA we had a fashion parade. We played games like Kryptonite Challenge and Laser Beam in the playground. We played Boot the villain. Matt came in his helicopter. We took lots of photos of the helicopter. And it was a SUPER day!

Lily

On Friday we had Superhero day. First we had a fashion parade. I was Rainbow Woman. Then we did Kryptonite collecting. After that we played Boot the Villain. Later Matt arrived in a helicopter. I sat in the front and the back. After lunch we did the laser beam challenge. IT WAS A SUPER DAY!

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**SUPERHERO MISSION**

**EMERGENCY**

There is a power cut at the hospital.

Urgent help needed!

Which super powers?

What equipment?

How can you help?

**BUG GIRL**

**BATMAN**