From the Principal’s Desk...

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 again 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. Thank you to Donna Matheson and the Beynon family who have delivered the lunches to school over the last two weeks.

Thank you for your prompt payment for SMASH. Students are encouraged to wear their SPORTS UNIFORM each Thursday.

Please let us know if you are particularly interested in talking to the students about your work in the community.

We have planned a whole school, full day excursion on March 18 to visit the Police and Fire stations as well as the new Armidale Courthouse. The Ambulance service is also planning to visit us at the park behind the Tourist Information Centre as we enjoy our Hungry Jacks lunch.

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 and 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. We would like to have sold this piano by the end of this term.

Piano and keyboard Lessons will commence next Tuesday March 11

Book Packs – 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 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.

Last Friday Kelly’s Plains students participated in the Clean Up Schools day. Upper Division Students concentrated on cleaning the roadsides along Kelly’s Plains School Road and Lower Division had a huge clean up inside the school grounds. Well done to all students for their participation.

Thank you to the parents who attended the P&C meeting on Monday March 3. The next meeting will be held at school on Monday April 7 commencing at 3.45pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Next Thursday March 13, we will be having a welcome gathering at school commencing at 5.30pm. All families are asked to bring a savoury finger food plate to share.

Reminder No hat no play.......check your child has a hat at school......hats for sale $6 each

There will be NO assembly this Friday March 7, however there will be assemblies held over the next two weeks (March 14 and 21). Please Note Adam Marshall will be presenting the Year 6 leaders with their school ties on March 21.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY MARCH

| Thursday 6 | SMASH |
| Friday 7  | Lunch orders from Lynches Road |
|           | No Assembly |
| Monday 10 | Regional swimming |
| Tuesday 11| Music lessons start |
| Wed 12    | Book Club orders due back at school |
| Thursday 13| SMASH |
| Friday 14 | Welcome gathering at school 5.30pm |
|           | Lunch Orders from Lynches Road |
|           | Assembly 2.50pm |
| Saturday 15| Autumn Festival Parade |
| Monday 17 | Life Education Van |
| Tuesday 18| Whole school excursion to town |
|           | (Fire and Police Station plus Armidale Court House) |
| Wed 19    | Debating Day at ACPS |
| Thursday 20| SMASH |
| Friday 21 | Lunch orders from Lynches Road |
|           | Adam Marshall to present Year 6 ties at Assembly 2.45pm |
| Monday 24 | Responsible Pet Ownership |
| Wed 26    | School Photos |
| Thursday 27| Zoo Mobile to visit KPPS |
|           | SMASH |
The students and staff who will march in the Autumn Festival on Saturday 15 March will be promoting our school motto SHARING, LEARNING, CARING.

Students need to be dressed in full school uniform.

We will meet in front of the TAFE at 12 noon.

Parents can collect their child/children near the front of the pool on Dumaresq Street at the end of the parade.

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?

Excursion
We are having a whole school, full day excursion on Tuesday March 18 to visit the Fire Station, Police Station, Hungry Jacks as well as the new Armidale Courthouse. The Ambulance Service will try to come and join us at lunchtime if they are able to.

The permission note will be included in today’s newsletter. The only expense will be the cost of your child’s lunch at Hungry Jacks. A menu will be given out to each family to choose lunch items.

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.

Book Club Orders
Due back at school by Wednesday 12 March.
Soundwaves

This week our sound is Ducks dive down d, d, d. When we teach handwriting we use these rhymes with the children. Here are the rhymes from the letters we have learnt.

First make a yummy egg to eat, then a slide for an ant when he's finished his treat.

Draw a straight back just like me. Don't forget to add a belly for b.

A little egg to start off e. Add a plate - here's breakfast for me!

This flower is tall and hangs a little. Add a line right in the middle.

Cars can cruise down curvy c. Stop near the ground - that's it you see!

Start high, go down. Go halfway back, then halfway round. Curl back to the stick and kick!

Go down, hit the ground...get ready for bumps. It is easy, add 2 humps.

Little i is an ice-cream treat. Add a sprinkle on top and it's ready to eat!

Silly s is a slippery snake. Twisty, turny, ready to shake.

Mathematics

We are still learning about 2D and 3D shapes. Please talk with your children about the different 3D shapes in your pantry. Can they stack or roll?

Talk about how we draw these shapes.

English

Upper division have been writing expositions about why you need to wear a seatbelt and will be having a Shark day on Friday.

Creative Arts

We have been very busy preparing some artworks for the Armidale Show, which is coming up this weekend. Our school will be entering a number of items.
If you would like to volunteer your time assisting in the classroom, running sporting teams at lunchtime or anything else. Please don’t hesitate to talk to the school. “Many hearts make a school, Many hands build a school”.

Arimdale Ex-Services Westside Soccer Club Rego Day
23rd March 2014
11am-1pm
Jack Vallance Oval or register online at myfootballclub.com.au
For more information please contact our Registrar, Samantha, on 0401654340’

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