DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**JUNE**
- Wednesday 18th: Gymnastics in Armidale
- Tuesday 24th: NO TRANSITION
- Wednesday 25th: Gymnastics in Armidale
- Friday 27th: Crazy Hair Day & Last Day of Term

**JULY**
- Tuesday 15th: School Resumes for Term 3
- Thursday 17th: P&C Street Stall
- Wednesday 23rd: P&C Meeting 6pm

The end of term 2 is fast approaching and all members of staff have been extremely busy writing and editing semester one reports. As principal it has been a sheer delight to read all of the reports and it is wonderful to see that the majority of the students have shown significant improvement in all Key Learning Areas (KLA’s). Hopefully all reports will go home on Friday. Attached to this newsletter are the proposed interview times for all parents. If the time does not suit please notify your child's teacher as soon as possible and a new time will be given.

**North West PSSA Cross Country**
Last Friday Bridget McKemey travelled to Coolah with her mother to participate in the North West PSSA Cross Country event. Bridget ran enthusiastically in the 8/9 years age group and she came in 25th position. This was truly magnificent! Well done Bridget.

I believe that our school now needs to look at planning and preparing a 500m cross country track for our fine athletes to train for future cross country events.

On Friday I went to Coolah for my cross country and I came 25th. I got a blue North West jumper and a shirt to wear. I went to the gift shop. Then we went back to the cross country and walked the course. After the boys ran we lined up to run, then the gun went for us. After the race we walked to have some lunch. Then we walked back to the car and went home.

By Bridget McKemey

**Active After School Communities**
Yesterday 28 students attended our AASC session and now every student is looking forward to their next gymnastics session at the Armidale Gymnastics Centre on this Wednesday 18th June. All students need to wear their sports uniform and bring a cold lunch and a water bottle. ASSC will continue next Monday and then we will all travel to Armidale on Wednesday afternoon for their final gymnastics session.

Last Thursday I had the privilege of hosting Justin Hathaway the North West co-ordinator for this great program and we wrote and submitted our school’s programs for term 3 and 4. In term three the students will be doing hockey and cricket and in term 4 touch football and soccer.

Sadly the ASSC program will cease at the end of this year due to budget cuts however a new program is being talked about and hopefully I will receive more news in the future.

**Crunch and Sip**
Many thanks to all parents for providing their child/children with a piece of fruit or a vegetable for crunch and sip. Our school is achieving 100% participation for this program. The students are also enjoying their delicious cup of warm milo each morning.

**"Mathletics" Champions**
Congratulations to the following students who have worked so enthusiastically and conscientiously to complete all of their years gold bars in "Mathletics".
- Muhammad Elyassa - completed all of year two gold bars.
- Aidan Purvis - completed all of year two and year three gold bars.
- Wyatt McGinty - completed all of the kindergarten gold bars.
- Harry Purvis - completed all of the kindergarten gold bars.
- Ashlee Morgan - completed all of the kindergarten gold bars in just eight weeks.

The above students will now go up a year level and they will also concentrate on their "Live Mathletics " tasks.
No Transition Next Tuesday
No Transition next Tuesday due to Mrs Gittoes having kindergarten reports. Transition will recommence in term 3 Tuesday 15th July.

Wacky Science Wednesday’s
With Nakita, Wylie, Tom & Kye

Get wacky with Nakita
Today I’m going to be doing dancing sultanas.
What you’ll need:
2 Clear glasses
Lemonade
Water
Sultanas
First: You fill one glass with water.
Second: You put some sultanas into the water.
Third: You put some lemonade in the other glass.
Fourth: You put sultanas in the glass.
And watch them dance.

Wacky Science Wednesday I did a “Water Vacuum”.
First I filled a plate with water. Then I put a candle in the water on the plate. Light the candle, then put a glass over the candle and it should suck the water up inside the glass. The water on the plate should be gone. What happens when the oxygen burns it expands and when the candle goes out it contracts back and causes it to suck the water up inside the glass.

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THE EXPLODING LUNCH BAG
With Wylie
You will need:
- A lunch bag (zip lock)
- (freezer bags) work best.
- Baking soda.
- Vinegar
- Measuring cup

What to do:
1. Go outside or in the kitchen sink put a ¼ cup of pretty warm water into the ziplock bag.
2. Then add half a cup of Vinegar to the bag.
3. Next put three teaspoons of baking soda into the middle of the tissue.
4. Wrap the the baking soda up in the tissue by folding the tissue around it.
5. You will have to work fast now - partially zip the bag closed but leave enough space to add the baking soda packet. Put the tissue with the baking soda into the bag and quickly zip the bag completely closed.
6. Put the bag in the sink or down on the ground (outside) and step back. The bag will start to expand, and expand, and if all goes well...POP!

What happens inside the bag is actually pretty interesting - the baking soda and the vinegar eventually mix (the tissue buys you some time to zip the bag shut) When they do mix, you create an ACID-BASE reaction and the two chemicals work together to create a gas, (carbon dioxide - the stuff we breathe out) well it turns out gasses need a lot of room and the carbon dioxide starts to fill the bag, and keeps filling the bag until the bag can no longer hold it anymore and, POP!

Oil and water With Kye
For this experiment you need oil, water, food dye and an empty soft drink bottle. Firstly you put the water in the bottle, add 3 drops of food dye and then add some oil. Put the lid on the bottle and shake it until it is mixed together.
The oil moves to the top of the water because the oil is denser.
It is a simple but interesting experiment to try at home.

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Crazy Hair Day – Raising Money for Cystic Fibrosis.

Every year our school holds a “Crazy Hair” day to raise funds for research into Cystic Fibrosis. This will be held on Friday 27th June, the last day of school for this term. Students can come dressed out of school uniform with their crazy hair for a gold coin.