THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:
"Attitudes are contagious. Are yours worth catching?"

Dennis and Wendy Mannering

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Isn’t it lovely to see the warmer weather in Armidale!! However it is very important that children bring their hats while at school and drink plenty of water. If children do not have a hat at school they will have to stay in the shade at recess and lunch time. Please reinforce this safety rule with your children. Children are able to have their water bottle in the classroom in case they need a drink during the day.

PRESENTATION DAY AND PARENT THANKYOU MORNING TEA

On Tuesday 8th December, we will be holding our annual Presentation Day to be followed by our annual Parent Thankyou Morning Tea. Presentation Day will be held in the school hall and will commence at 9:30 am. We hope many of our Sandon parents and carers will be able to join us to celebrate the many achievements of our students throughout the year. We also hope that as many of our parents and community members who have assisted us and volunteered throughout the year, can join us at the morning tea following the morning’s formalities.

OUTSTANDING CRAFT AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FEES

If you have still not paid these fees then it would be greatly appreciated if you could do so before next Friday 27th November. The craft fee helps your child through the provision of items that can be used for special art and craft activities. The craft fee is set at $10 per child, with a maximum of $30 to be paid.

The Voluntary Contribution assists the school in purchasing many of the basics such as paper, books, pencils etc. The Voluntary Contribution is currently $45 per family for the year.

CALENDAR – 2015

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COUNCILLOR GADD’S VISIT
On Wednesday morning Mr Colin Gadd, a councillor with Armidale Dumaresq Council, came in and taught Stage 3 about the roles of local government. He began by explaining what each level of government does, then went on to tell us about council roles. Some of those roles were rubbish disposal, park maintenance and local road maintenance.

Then Mr Gadd told us that Armidale Dumaresq Council has won multiple awards for many different things, including garbage disposal and water treatment. He also discussed some of the local government plans for the future of Armidale.

Last of all he taught us how people get elected and how often those elections are. People living in the local area or who own land in Armidale can vote in these elections.

Some things we learnt were that local councils do lots of community work, the local government has won multiple awards, the council used to be called the Armidale City Council, Armidale’s water reserve can support 50,000 people and each councillor has specific roles in the community.

We would like to thank Mr Gadd for giving us a comprehensive explanation of how local government works.
Written by Lawrence and Liam

SHINE AWARDS
PURPLE
Michael
2/3D
Zacchary
Kaleesha
3/4L
Samantha
Alex
Brendan
Bethan
Huna
Howard
3/4P
Sophia
Kara
William
Ryan
Isaac
Hamish
4/5/6H
Clancie
Lawrence
Luke
Samantha
Crystal
Thomas
Neisha
5/6R
Kai
Raheem
Niamh
Mohammed
Ryan
Elsie Joy
Shaquille

SANDON P&C UPDATE
MESSAGE FROM THE CLOTHING POOL
Final Uniform Order for 2015
If you have any uniform requirements prior to the commencement of the 2016 School Year we will be placing the Final Bulk Order for this year on Wednesday 2nd December 2015. All orders must be received by Wednesday morning with the required 50% deposit. They can be left at the Office, anytime, or the Clothing Pool, on either of the opening days, prior to the 2nd December. Orders received after this date will not be processed due to the shutdown of our suppliers.
Regards Robyn Johnson & Sarah Hillier
(Clothing Pool Co-ordinators)
SCHOOL BANKING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2016
We urgently need some parents/carers to volunteer to help with school banking at Sandon next year, as the current volunteers will be unable to continue.
If you do have an hour and a half to spare during the week and are interested in this role, you would be more than welcome to come up on a Thursday at 12pm to observe and learn in a bit more detail, what is involved, and then begin to be trained in the process if you want to.
School banking is a very valuable program for our students - not only are they learning to save money, but at the same time, funds are being raised for our school from the commission received from the Commonwealth Bank (based on the total amount banked), which can then be used for purchasing resources to help them learn. Please help us to continue to be able to offer this program.

FAREWELL AND THANKYOU!
On Tuesday we said farewell to the two Nauruan teachers who have been at Sandon for the past four weeks. The students of 2/3D loved having Mrs Hubert in their room and already miss her company. 5/6R was also sorry to see Miss Scotty leave. The school was treated to a dance by the male Nauruan teachers who have been at O'Connor Catholic College for the duration of their time in Armidale. Mrs Hubert and Miss Scotty thoroughly enjoyed their time at Sandon and expressed their amazement at how well they were embraced by all students.

CATERING FOR YEAR 6 FAREWELL DINNER
The parents of Year 5 students are asked to help with the catering for this special occasion. Please contact the coordinator of this event, Suellen Simpson, on 0429 016 927 as soon as possible if you are able to provide some food and/or assist on the night. Thank you!!!!