THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“Many run about after happiness like an absent-minded man hunting for his hat, while it is in his hand or on his head.”

James Sharp (1613 – 1679)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

WELCOME TO TERM 3

Welcome back everyone. I trust you all were able to enjoy having your children at home for the past two weeks during the cold winter weather. I am sure everyone enjoyed the snow!!

Term 3, as usual, is all about the children once again being engaged in their daily learning program and doing the best they can in class each day. Please encourage your child to be fully prepared for school each day, being in full school uniform and coming to school with the appropriate equipment required for their lessons. Thank you for your assistance in this way. The Term 3 calendar is attached to this newsletter. Please place it on your fridge or noticeboard and add any new dates for Sandon events as they arise.

You may have heard in the media that Armidale is one of a few cities in Australia bidding to be the new home of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA). This week a delegation from the authority came to Armidale to view the facilities we have here. They were particularly interested in the education available in Armidale and we were delighted to have them come to Sandon to view our wonderful school. They were, of course, very impressed as they walked around the school looking at our classrooms, our facilities and the students all hard at work. Thank you to Lizzie and Joshua, two of our Year 6 student leaders who welcomed them to the school and assisted with the tour.

CALENDAR – 2015

General School Contributions are now due: $45.00 per family
Art & Craft fee $10.00 per student (maximum $30.00 per family)

July
Monday 20th July
Pamper Night committee meeting 6:00pm
P&C meeting 6:30pm
Tuesday 21st July
Armidale High Year 7 information evening 5:30pm
Friday 24th July
Zone Athletics carnival – AHS
K-2 Assembly 2:30pm
Tuesday 28th July
☞ Last day for note & money for sausage sizzle
Thursday 30th July
☞ Last day for note & money for 4/5/6H Creative Arts day
Friday 31st July
Sausage sizzle fundraiser

August
Tuesday 4th August
4/5/6H Thalgarrah Creative Arts day
Thursday 20th August
☞ Last day for note & money for 5/6R Creative Arts day
Tuesday 25th August
5/6R Thalgarrah Creative Arts day
Wednesday 26th August
Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition
SANDON ARTISTS
Late last term art works from a number of students were entered in the NERAM and UNE ‘Let’s Hang it!’ art competition. I would like to thank Mrs Thomas for coordinating this for our students and I would like to congratulate Lizzie (Year 6) and Sinja (Kindergarten) whose art work has been selected to be hung at NERAM from 16th July to 2nd August. These two students are finalists in their respective divisions and the winners will be announced at the exhibition opening this Friday at 6:00pm. Well done Lizzie and Sinja!!

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2016
As mentioned last term we are now seeking enrolments for Kindergarten 2016. We would ask, if parents know of any family with children starting school next year, that they encourage them to come and get an information package from our school and take a tour around our classrooms.

There may be some confusion in the community regarding zoning and it is important for new parents to understand that we are able to take out-of-zone applications which can be considered if our in-zone enrolment is under the expected number.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
On Monday of this week, teachers engaged in an intensive program of professional learning which focused firstly on the new History K – 6 syllabus and secondly on the successful inclusion and teaching of students with autism in our classes. The new history syllabus is to be implemented into teaching programs in 2016 and we will continue to complete further professional learning around this throughout the remainder of the year.

Ongoing professional learning is an integral part of the role of all teachers and school leaders so that we continue to refine our skills, knowledge and understanding regarding the many complexities which are part of our work. At Sandon, each member of the staff is motivated and passionate regarding both our individual and collective continuous improvement, which ensures each child receives the highest quality of teaching and learning possible.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN IS BACK!!!!!!
Stickers started at Woolies on Wednesday 15th July. Buy up big and then come to the school office for your sticker card. Sticker cards are also available at Woolworths. A collection box has been ordered for outside Woolworths store. There is also a collection box in the school office foyer. In previous years the school has been able to buy valuable educational equipment and resources through this program. We would appreciate your support again this year.
MESSAGE FROM THE CLOTHING POOL
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MESSAGE FROM THE CANTEEN
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If you would like to volunteer to work in the canteen on a casual basis, please contact Courtyn Ryan on 0424038203.

P&C MINUTES
P&C minutes are always on display in the School foyer. A copy is available on request at the Office.

**GENERAL SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION**
- $45:00 per family

**ART AND CRAFT FEE**
- $10:00 per student (max. of $30)

**HEAD LICE**
We have had some recent cases of head lice. Please ensure that you inspect your child’s hair on a regular basis and notify the school if you detect any.

If head lice is detected, children must remain at home and be treated until there are no longer any lice or eggs visible. Alternatively, if head lice are detected in a student’s hair while at school, parents/carers will be notified to collect their child and commence treatment. Children may return once they have been treated and all eggs removed.

Thank you for your cooperation and vigilance with this matter.

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**SANDON P&C UPDATE**

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- PO Box 951 Armidale NSW 2350

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STOLEN GENERATION

Stolen away
From their mother’s watchful sight
On dark days
Darker than the darkest night
Families tried to fight
But the enemy proved their might
So they were taken away to places
Where there was no true warmth or light
From their families they were kept apart
Causing broken hearts
Hear the children’s
Soft sighing and crying
See their crystal clear pain
Gloomier than rain
Know these children
For they helped shape our nation
They are the stolen generation

Jasmine
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