THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
"Joy is not in things; it is in us."
-Richard Wagner (1813 – 1883)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK
Already we are at the end of week 3 – how quickly the term is flying by. There are a number of excursions and other events planned for this term so please check with your children for any information and or permission notes.

AN EVENING WITH ‘ACOS’
The Armidale Community of Schools is putting together a creative arts extravaganza to showcase the talent of our students. This will involve students from all of the public schools in Armidale and surrounds. There are a number of Sandon students involved in the performances. We have students in the combined primary schools choir and orchestra, we have students in a short drama production and we have students in a Stage 1 dance group.
The date for this event is Wednesday 2nd September and the venue is Lazenby Hall at the university. Tickets will be on sale in the near future from Readers Companion in the mall. Please mark this date on your calendar as I am sure it will be a fabulous event.

SANDON PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS FOR 2015
Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements at the Sandon Athletics carnival and the field events held at school.

- Junior Girl - Lacie
- Junior Boy - William
- 11yrs Girl - Darien
- 11yrs Boy - Cooper
- Senior Girl - Ella-Rose
- Senior Boy - Josiah

CALENDAR – 2015
- General School Contributions are now due: $45.00 per family
- Art & Craft fee $10.00 per student (maximum $30.00 per family)
- Monday 3rd August:
  - Last day for Book club orders
- Tuesday 4th August:
  - 4/5/6H Thalgarrah Creative Arts day
- Friday 7th August:
  - K – 2 Assembly 2:30pm
- Monday 10th August:
  - Last day for note & money for 4/5/6H & 5/6R Gold excursion
- Wednesday 12th August:
  - 4/5/6H & 5/6R Gold excursion
- 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
- Friday 28th August:
  - Book Week character parade 9:30am
- September:
  - Armidale Community of Schools creative arts extravaganza
- Friday 4th September:
  - Education Week & Literacy and Numeracy Week events
- October:
  - Monday 19th – Friday 23rd October
  - Stage 3 Major Excursion: Lake Keepit
BOOK WEEK IS COMING!
Each year Sandon Public School celebrates Book Week. This year Book Week begins on the 24th August. We will of course be having our usual book character parade as well as our annual book fair. More details will be sent home shortly about the book fair. This year our Book Week Character Parade will be held on Friday 28th August commencing at 9:30am. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character for the parade and bring along a copy of the book from which their character was taken. Parents / carers are most welcome to join us for the Book Character Parade. Don't be shy...you can dress up too if you like!

EDUCATION WEEK/LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK ACTIVITIES
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter we are combining our Education Week and Literacy and Numeracy Week events this year. Please put Friday 4th September on your calendar as we will be having a special assembly in the morning followed by a morning tea. Parents will then be invited to visit classrooms. More information will be sent home at a later date.

KC
The children in KC have been working very hard with their writing since the holidays. We are delighted with the way most are able to locate the words they want to use in the classroom or try to say unknown words slowly and write down the sounds that they can hear. Learning to write new words is an important part of each literacy lesson.
This term our HSIE unit is called "Places We Know". The children can bring in photos of places they like to go to share with their classmates. They will also be using junk material to design a new piece of equipment for a park or their back yard. We would welcome additional materials for these constructions.
Thanks to everyone who is assisting with Home Reading - please send books in regularly for changing. We seem to be collecting a number of jumpers and jackets that don't have names on them. This makes it very difficult for us to return them as the children do not remember whether they are theirs or not. Please check that everything that can be removed is clearly marked with your child’s name.
Carolyn Gadd and Kia Fabian

KM
Welcome back to Term 3. We have an exciting time ahead with Miss Brittany Lewis working with me in our classroom. This will enable me to work more often with your child individually or in a small group to meet their specific learning needs. In our PDHPE unit this term we are discussing the importance of a healthy lifestyle and in HSIE we are discovering the difference between wants and needs. This will involve the children sharing their ideas about the importance of shelter, clothes, diet and the need for someone to love and care for us! It is not too late to start home reading. Just send along a plastic folder for your child’s book. Those parents and carers who are reading with their child regularly are making a significant difference to their child’s progress. Thankyou!
Michele Thomas

1T
1T has had a great start to the term. The students have been learning about procedures. They wrote a procedure and followed it to make some yummy fruit salad.
The class has also been looking at fairy tales. We have been reading a variety of different fairy tales and are starting to look at the structure of a narrative. Last week at assembly we presented our own retelling of Jack and the
Beanstalk. All of 1T did a fantastic job reading our story to the audience. I encourage students in 1T to bring in their favourite fairy tale or folk tale to share with the class.

In our science unit we have started to look at different mixtures. We will continue our investigations and see what happens when we mix different household items together.

Tom McLean

1/2P

Well what a busy start to Term 3. We have been learning all about ‘Procedures’ over the last few weeks. We have read lots of ‘How to’ books and then practised following the instructions to complete the task. One of our favourites was ‘How to make Fruit Skewers’ which we wrote, made and then ate! Delicious!

In Maths we have been making rulers and measuring using centimetres and metres – lots of hands on fun. We have also been learning some new strategies for adding and subtracting. Everyone is becoming very clever at adding double and triple digit numbers together using the jump and split strategies.

In Science we are ‘All Mixed Up’ and have been experimenting with what happens when different substances are mixed together. On Wednesday we were chefs and we mixed ingredients for eating together. Next week we might be scientists or wizards and mix some other different things together. It is always fun to predict what might happen and then test to see if we are correct.

Thank you for all your assistance with completing the homework tasks. This makes a big difference to the discussions and input your children have in the classroom.

Jane Palfreyman

2/3D

Welcome to Term 3 everyone. The students are off to a fantastic start.

We started the term looking at the writing process which contains six steps. The children have responded really well to this and some who have struggled to write now find it a little easier. The second step of the process where we just write and don’t worry about the details of our spelling, punctuation, etc., has unleashed the inner author in some and they are very proud of their work.

In HSIE this term we are learning about Families, Past and Present. This will be a fascinating topic as they will see how families have changed over the course of time and what has contributed to those changes. We have looked at some interesting artefacts this week that prompted some very interesting discussion.

If you have an item at home that is a few decades old and you would be willing for your child to share it with the class, we would all be very grateful.

In science we will be looking at changes that happen when items are mixed up. When we mix rice bubbles, cocoa and icing sugar, not everything mixes well together. However when we mix corn flour, water and food colouring, we get a completely new product. Allowing your child to experiment with mixing ingredients at home and observing the changes that happen would be an excellent way to support their learning.

I would like to once again ask for a box of tissues. We have one box left and still a lot of winter to go. Thank you for letting me spend the week days with your child. It is thoroughly enjoyable.

Darlene Erieau

3/4L

This term is moving fast. Our class is working very well with lots of exciting learning to cover this term. We are investigating State and National Parks in HSIE. An excursion is planned for week 6 and we’re hoping every single student can come. We will be going to Point Lookout National Park. Students will go on several short bushwalks, investigate animals and plants at the park and marvel at the scenic views on offer.

All students are working hard to improve their handwriting and some Year 4 students are very close to gaining their Pen Licence.

Ten of our class members competed at the Zone Athletics carnival yesterday. Yes we are a sporty class! I was proud of all the students from Sandon who competed.

Linda Frizell
3/4P
Thank you to all the parents who regularly send in tissues for the class. It is a big help. As it is now half way through the year many of the children’s supplies, such as glue, pencils, rulers etc. are running low. It would be greatly appreciated if these could be replenished.
This term our HSIE unit is on National Parks. We are learning why we have national parks and the importance of them for not only protecting our wildlife and flora but also for protecting our Indigenous past and European history. We have planned an excursion to the New England National Park. A note will come home about this shortly.
Our English unit is also closely linked to the National Parks unit. We have been looking at visual texts about national parks as well as investigating the NSW National Parks website. We will also be creating an eBook from our excursion using iPads and creating a pamphlet that persuades people to visit a national park.
The class has really enjoyed the Premier’s Sporting Challenge. I am keeping their log books at school so that I can update their achievements onto the computer. It is pleasing to see how many of the children are active outside of school hours.

Paul Earl

4/5/6H
4/5/6H is very fortunate this term as we have a practicum teacher Miss Madeline Kemmis who is undertaking her internship in our classroom. Miss Kemmis has already taught many lessons including mathematics and reading. She has helped us on numerous occasions and I personally appreciate the extra assistance that Miss Kemmis is able to give all the students in 4/5/6H. Miss Kemmis is starting to teach our new unit called ‘Global Connections’. 4/5/6H students can’t wait to learn lots of new and interesting things. Welcome to Sandon Miss Kemmis and thank you for choosing teaching as a profession.
We have many exciting excursions planned this term including a ‘Creative Arts Day’ at Thalgarrah. We also have a Gold excursion to Uralla where we will have the opportunity to see firsthand some of the interesting things we learnt during our study of ‘Gold’ from Term 2. Please make sure your children have returned their permission notes and paid for these excursions so that they don’t miss out on some valuable learning experiences.
In technology, students in 4/5/6H have written news scripts on the wonderful snow we had in Armidale during the last couple of weeks. All students have worked in groups and used i-movie to present their news reports. I am very impressed with the level of commitment and the great quality of work the students have produced. We can’t wait for all our parents to be able to see our finished news pieces.
Thank you to all the parents who have encouraged their children to complete homework. I’m looking forward to seeing all the interpretations of the snow projects. It’s great to see some of the projects already completed and coming into the classroom.
I’d like to also personally thank Samantha Field and Emily Palfreyman for all the extra work they have completed at home in order to finish their first E-Gats project. I’m very impressed with your first assignments and can’t wait to see what other exciting pieces of work you will both produce.

Helen Bull

5/6R
What a wonderful couple of weeks. The students in 5/6R were very enthusiastic about the visiting Questacon. It has been a wonderful start to term 3. I was particularly proud of the students from 5/6R who worked together to create a fantastic e-book for NAIDOC week, featuring some of the things that they had learnt in class. The illustrations used for the book included acrylic and water paintings, black and white sketches, traditional style dot painting and more. We are intending to publish the book so that it is accessible through the internet. We shall keep you posted!
We were very fortunate to have Niamh’s mum visit our classroom at the end of last term. Our ‘hands on’ science day began with a variety of different experiments such as investigating optical illusions, working out how to poke a skewer through a balloon without popping it, learning how to move a straw without touching or blowing on it, discovering how M&M’s dissolve in water, and exploring how milk, food colouring and liquid soap interact.

After recess, Niamh’s mum Christina taught the class about water acidity and how it impacts upon the world’s oceans. 5/6R participated in creating interesting ways to measure the acidity of different liquids using boiled cabbage water. It was a fabulous day and we learnt so much. Thank you, Christina. 5/6R loved the experiments and learning with you.

This term we will start reading ‘Boy Overboard’ written by Morris Gleitzman as part of our novel study. This will tie in with our HSIE theme of ‘Global Connections’. In science, we will be investigating why earthquakes happen, how they are measured and what the consequences are. We are also looking forward to our ‘Gold’ excursion to Uralla and our ‘Creative Arts’ day to be held at Thalgarrah.

Just a reminder that students require blue and red pens, pencils, glue, whiteboard markers and a ruler to be ready for their learning each day. Also, if you could please send in a box of tissues with your child; I am very sure the children would appreciate it during this colder weather.

5/6R would also like to congratulate Bridget Latham on receiving first place in level 4 rhythmic gymnastics at the recent PSSA competition. Well Done Bridget, we are very proud of you!

Renee Thomas

Green

We have hit the ground running in Green class for the start of Term 3. It is with great pleasure that we welcome two new students to our class. Mia and Mark have settled into Green class with ease and have started to create some wonderful friendships with their peers in our class. During this term our literacy unit is based on the theme ‘Colours’. The students really enjoyed reading the dreamtime stories ‘How the birds got their colours’ and ‘The Rainbow Serpent’ during NAIDOC week celebrations. They also created some amazing artworks based on the stories which are now on display in the hall. Our PDH unit for the term is ‘Friendship’. We had a class discussion based on the sentence starter “A good friend is …” Some of the responses produced by the students included the words caring, kind, gentle and nice. We will continue to learn how to be good friends through role plays and peer modelling as we progress throughout the unit.

Lea Mulrooney

Purple

It has certainly been a chilly start to the term. Unfortunately we have had some staff and students away sick. The students have coped extremely well with the changes and they are to be commended for their accommodating attitude in showing new staff where things are in the room and what our routines are. Please clearly label any jumpers or coats so that they can be returned to you. Rebound Therapy is up and running and the students are thoroughly enjoying this program. As I mentioned in the term newsletter, our HSIE unit is ‘The Need for Shelter’. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone could take a photo of their house and email it to the school for it to be displayed.

Purple class is very proud of Taju. Taju represented Sandon at the Zone Athletics carnival on Thursday. Michael and Sharnaya are wonderful representatives in the school choir. It is very exciting seeing them so engaged and enjoying this opportunity.

Lindy, Julie and Kate
Please find attached to this newsletter a copy of the new Clothing Pool order form and price list. There has been a small increase in the prices of some items and other items have been deleted. These new order forms are also available from the Clothing Pool on Wednesday afternoons or from the Office.

A BOX OF TISSUES PLEASE
As most children no longer use handkerchiefs, we like to ensure an ongoing supply of tissues for children in each classroom. The use and demand of tissues can be quite high (particularly in the winter months). We would ask that each child bring in a box of tissues which will be stored in their respective classrooms ready for use as required. Thank you for your assistance in this way.

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 are detected, children must remain at home and be treated until there are no longer any lice 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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Uniform Price List and Order Form

Return your order with a **50% deposit** to the front office. The remainder is to be paid on pickup of your order. Notice will be given in the newsletter when orders are ready for pickup. Those that are paid fully in advance can be delivered to your child on request. For any uniform enquiries please contact Robyn Johnson 67721167 or the office.

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