



Ben Lomond School News

“Above All”

Term 4 , Week 6
Friday, 18th November 2011

School News

Dear Parents,



Compost. Thank you to Richard Makin for his generous donation of the compost to help the vegetable patch grow.



Fundraising. Thank you to the Ben Lomond CWA for their donation to go towards purchasing another controller for the Wii. The students are most appreciative.

Guyra Council has made a generous donation to go towards our end of year presentation night. The staff are very thankful for this donation.

Satisfaction Survey. It is a requirement that schools conduct a satisfaction survey each year and include the results in the Annual School Report. Our survey will be conducted on line and this is the link to the survey. The last question requires the inclusion of the school code. Ben Lomond’s school code is **1196**. If you do not have internet or computer access at home you are welcome to call in and use a computer at school.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BGVVRY>

Student Leadership Luncheon. Yesterday Kate, Max, Izaak and myself joined Richard Torbay and Peter Pickett for lunch at Rafters in Guyra. Mr Torbay spoke about Leadership and told the students the best part of his job was being able to help people. Congratulations to the students for representing themselves and the school so well. Mr Torbay has agreed to make this an annual occasion.

Spinal Muscular Atrophy Fundraiser. I received this request from Jack McKemey a Year 5 student at Black Mountain. Our school would like to participate and help Jack.

*Dear parents,
I would like to do a fundraiser through the school following the recent death of my 2 year old cousin named Charlotte who died of a dreadful disease called Spinal Muscular Atrophy or SMA for short.
The date is Wednesday 30th of November.
Children can dress in purple and orange together or either colour.
It is a gold coin donation and each child will receive a book mark.
All the money will help the SMA research centre try to buy machines to help other children with this dreadful disease.
Please help me and family to raise money for this cause.
Thanks
Jack McKemey Year 5*

Teaching and Learning. The students have been learning about food production as part of their Products and Services unit of work. This week they were required to select a food product that could be mass produced at school. The criteria to select the food item included ensuring food products are the same size, taste and are able to be produced in the school kitchen with hygienic, safe practices.

This linked in with the work on money and finance they have been doing with Mrs Vimpany.

Staff News. Linley Ryan has ceased working at the school on Thursday’s as she awaits the birth of her baby. We thank her for her work with the students in Personal Development, Health, Physical Education and Sport. All of us wish her and her family all the best as they await the arrival of the new family member. In Mrs Ryan’s absence I will run these lessons for the students over the next two weeks.

Denise Smoother
Relieving Principal

Ben Lomond School would like to thank the Glencoe Post office, the Llangothlin Post Office and our local mail carriers for their help in distributing our news.

Special Points of Interest

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

TREE PLANTING

PRESENTATION NIGHT

GREEN VALLEY FARM

SWIMMING

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School Assemblies
25th November and
2nd December

Presentation Night
1st December

Green Valley Farm
5th December

25th November
Tree Planting

29th November
Fundraising day

Weeks 9 and 10
Swimming Guyra

Houses and Cottages urgently required to rent. Please call the school if you can help out.

Wednesday is Library Day. Children are encouraged to borrow and return books every week. Please remind children to bring their Library bags.





Ben Lomond Public School

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Don't forget your



School Banking

Ben Lomond School is a No Hat, No Play Policy school. Please ensure your child has a wide brimmed hat for play at school.



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Transition—Well done Kristal for her merit award this week

Kinder—Well done to Tom, Sean and Marty for their merit awards this week.

Year 1—Well done Savanah for merit awards in week 5 and 6

Year 2—Well done to Joey and Jack for Merit awards this week and Samara for Merit awards in both week 5 and 6

Year 3—Congratulations to Jacob who received his gold award last week

Year 5—Well done to Kate for her merit award this week

Year 6— Congratulations to Izaak who received his Silver Award last week and Ben who received a merit award this week.

Honouring Northern Tablelands Hidden Treasures

Wednesday 2nd November 2011

The 2011 Hidden Treasures Honour Roll acknowledging the important role of volunteers in rural and regional communities has been announced with 11 women from the Northern Tablelands included among the 69 women named.

Member for Northern Tablelands Richard Torbay congratulated the Northern Tablelands Hidden Treasures paying tribute to the unpaid work they undertake to make a huge difference in many lives.

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of rural and regional communities and their unpaid contributions measure in the thousands of hours, that level of contribution is astounding," Mr Torbay said. "It is pleasing the Hidden Treasures Honour Roll provides an opportunity to pay tribute to women in our community who volunteer their time.

"I congratulate and thank each of the 11 Northern Tablelands Hidden Treasures."

The 2011 Hidden Treasure from the Northern Tablelands is:

Mrs Dorothy Every

Congratulations Dorothy. From all the staff at BLPS

Annual Glen Innes and District Sports Council Awards.

17th November 2011

The Joyce and Lionel Short Memorial Awards were presented to local men and women who have put in years of service to sport in Glen Innes.

Congratulations to **Mrs Linley Ryan** for receiving the title of runner up at this years award night.

Congratulations Linley, From all the staff at BLPS

DET News

Toy recycling

With Christmas fast approaching, have you considered donating your youngest child's unwanted toys to charity? Many families feel the pinch over this time and donations to all charities are much appreciated. A new resource for quality used goods is Second Chance Toys (www.secondchancetoys.com.au), an Australia-wide community initiative to rescue and recycle gently used plastic toys by donating them to children in need. Check out the website for more information, or donate at your local op shop, charity or drop off bin.

Getting organised

On the School A to Z website, listen to Shannon Lush's advice about how to organise your household in a way that will leave you with more time to enjoy your family.

Go to: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/web/dec-schools-a-z/homework-and-study/homework-tips/organising-the-home-for-a-smooth-school-run