



Ben Lomond School News

"Above All"

Term 4 , Week 4
Friday, 4th November 2011

School News

Dear Parents,

Fundraising. The senior students organised a fundraising day, on Wednesday, as part of their *Products and Services* unit to purchase items for wet weather activities. Students and staff paid a gold coin for each activity eg, wear play clothes, have crazy hair and to purchase morning tea. Thank you to Narelle for her assistance with morning tea. It was great to see parents and friends join us for the morning.

Presentation Night. The school presentation night will be held in our school hall, and as part of the proceedings a plaque will be unveiled acknowledging that the hall was built under the Building the Education Revolution Federal program. A message from Senator Chris Evans, Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations will be read out, as a parliamentary representative is unable to attend in person.

Assessment and reporting. Formal assessments will take place over the coming weeks so that reports will contain up to date accurate information. Reports will be sent home on Friday 9 December.

Technology. We have had all computers upgraded to Windows 7 operating system and purchased 4 iPads for use within the classroom. We have signed up to use *Mathletics*, an online individual learning program for students in Maths. Students have their own log ins and can use the program from home, as well, if they have computer and internet access. Further information about the program is available from their website www.mathletics.com.au.

CWA Christmas Tree. Thank you to Dorothy Every for helping the students and Mrs Vimpany prepare our contribution to this event. The students are making magazine trees to make a Christmas Tree.

Denise Smoother
Relieving Principal

Special Points of Interest

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

TREE PLANTING

PRESENTATION NIGHT

GREEN VALLEY FARM

SWIMMING

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School Assemblies
11th and 18th of
November

Leadership
Luncheon
16th November
Green Valley Farm
1st December

Presentation Night
1st December

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.





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Here is a photo of John and I.

John Heffernan is a famous author. He writes lots of books. One of my favourite books of his is "Where there's Smoke".

He's a very kind man with a good sense of humour. He lives in Walcha and has many friends.

By Max.



MERIT CERTIFICATES

Transition—Well Done to Jayden for his consistent effort in class.

Kinder—Well done Marty for his independent writing and Tom for his improved effort in reading.

Year 1—Well done Mervyn for his improved effort in reading

Year 2—Well done Samara for her independent writing,

Year 3—Well done Kody for the great effort put into his work and Jacob for his consistent effort in multi-lit.

Year 5—Well done Kate for her consistent effort in multi-lit

Don't forget your



School Banking

BRIGHT IDEAS FOR HELPING CHILDREN GET ORGANISED

Routines take the worry out of remembering. Homework routines, morning routines, even after school unpacking routines help children to be organised. For instance, an after school routine may include unpacking a schoolbag, handing school notices to a parent and eating a snack.

- Have regular homework time. Establish a regular homework time and help your child to stick to it. If no formal work has been set, then use this time for reading.
- Have morning 'round up'. Remind children of the day's events each morning so they can plan accordingly.
- There are times when so much is going on in young people's lives that they require structure and routine to help them get organised. Gentle reminders to pack lunches, take notices to school and even to dress appropriately can assist children.
- Make use of a checklist when it all seems too much. Place a list of routine morning activities by a child's bed (or on the refrigerator) and insist that it is checked before he/she goes to school.
- Clear away the clutter. A regular clean up of desks and work areas can help children gain control of their environment.
- Less is better. Encourage young children to bring home only the books that he/she needs to work on each night. Some children become overwhelmed when they have a bagful of books and they have difficulty knowing where to start.
- Use a diary to plan ahead. Encourage your child to place homework, social and school events in a diary.

DET News

World Diabetes Day

November 14 is World Diabetes Day.

The day aims to raise awareness of the disease and ways to prevent lifestyle-induced (Type 2) diabetes, which is increasing in our society.

Adopting a healthy diet, high in protein and low in sugar and simple carbohydrates, and incorporating regular exercise, is a good start.

For more information on preventing and living with diabetes, including help in different languages, go to the Australian

Diabetes Council website:

www.diabetesnsw.com.au/

Local schools, local decisions

You have until Friday 18 November to contribute to the online forum of the NSW government's 'local schools local decisions' planning process.

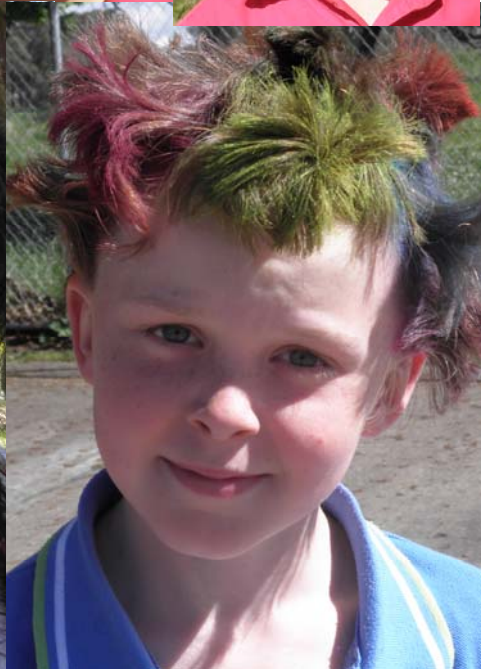
The NSW Government wants to hear from people about giving schools greater control over decision-making in order to improve teaching and learning, and achieve the best outcomes for students.

Everyone with an interest in public education is invited to contribute ideas on five areas of reform:

- making decisions
- managing resources
- staff in our schools
- working locally
- reducing red tape.

To have your say go to the online forum at: <http://haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/localschools>

crazy hair day





NSW Police Force

Working together to prevent rural crime

Do not leave trucks full of grain standing in paddocks overnight.

Weigh loaded trucks before they leave the property and follow first load to the silo.

CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS

Store fertilisers, pesticides and herbicides in their original containers in dedicated locked areas separate to animal health chemicals, stockfeed and fuel.

Contact WorkCover NSW for advice on authorisations and security requirements for all hazardous materials including Security Sensitive Ammonium Nitrate and explosives.

Maintain a full inventory of on-farm chemicals including the product name, container description, formulation type, batch numbers, manufacturers' name, expiry dates. Keep invoices/receipts.

LIVESTOCK

Identify all livestock upon receipt or soon after birth using permanent registered forms of identification such as earmarks, brands, ear tags and/or tattoos.

From July 1, 2005, all cattle must be identified with a National Livestock Identification Scheme (NLIS) electronic device before leaving any property.

Regularly check livestock and report suspected losses to police as soon as possible.

Maintain accurate records of livestock numbers, purchases and sales. Deaths and rations should be accounted for.

Livestock travelling by vehicle must be accompanied by a Transported Stock Statement (TSS) and/or National Vendor Declaration (NVD).

STOCKYARDS

Padlock gates and loading ramps to prevent unauthorised use.

Build stockyards away from the road and in sight of the homestead.

SHEARING SHEDS

Lock handpieces, combs & cutters, stencils, brands, wool bales and other experting equipment away.

Secure stored wool in a locked area.

Use a reputable shearing contractor.

BOUNDARY FENCES AND GATES

Regularly check the condition of boundary fences and gates. Repair any damage as soon as possible. Contact the police if the fences appear to have been deliberately interfered with.

Mount gates securely to strong posts. Lock with heavy duty chains and padlocks.

Post "No trespassing" signs around the perimeter of the property.

STORAGE FACILITIES

Construct storage facilities within sight of the house.

Use strong materials and heavy duty roller shutters or metal gates that can be locked shut.

FARM MACHINERY, TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

Store machinery, tools and other farm equipment in a secure, locked shed.

Engrave or permanently mark all equipment in at least two places including any removable parts with information that is unique to you.

Use a welder to engrave large items so that they can be recognised even if offenders attempt to grind the mark off.

Never leave keys in the ignition.

If equipment must be left out in the open disable it by removing the distributor cap, battery or rotor.

Position equipment where it can be seen from the homestead and is out of sight from the main road.

Lock cab doors or install hasps and padlocks on the doors.

Secure equipment to strongly anchored objects (trees) with heavy chains and case hardened locks.

FUEL TANKS

Fuel tanks should be locked and visible from the homestead.

Dip fuel tanks daily to monitor fuel usage. Install a flow meter to supervise fuel use.

GRAIN, HAY AND SEED

Protect grain, hay and seed in locked storage areas visible from the homestead.

Lock augers and other loading equipment when

FINALLY

Trim vegetation that creates concealment opportunities and blocks the line of sight from the house.

Install double cylinder deadlocks or deadbolts on all perimeter doors.

Don't hide keys outside.

Install security interior and exterior lighting.

Have spot or floodlights mounted around the building and connected to time switches or movement detectors.

Engrave or permanently mark all property information that is unique to you such as your driver's licence or Rural Lands Protection Board PIC numbers.

Make a detailed inventory of all personal valuables and household & farm equipment.

Record serial and model numbers, inscriptions, replacement value and other identifying features.

Photograph or video valuable stock, machinery, jewellery, antiques and other collectables.

Ensure guns and ammunition are registered and locked in an approved gun cabinet securely bolted to the floor.

Avoid leaving the property unattended at the same time each week.

Cancel deliveries while away.

Notify Police, trusted friends and neighbours as to where you may be contacted during your absence.

RURAL CRIME PREVENTION

POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE

131 444

For non emergencies

RURAL CRIME INVESTIGATORS

Contact a Rural Crime Investigator through your local police station

POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE

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In an emergency

CRIME STOPPERS

1800 333 000

Report any crime anonymously