



# Ben Lomond School News

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Term 3, Week 9  
Friday 15th September 2011

## School News

Dear Parents,

**Pre-service Teacher.** Emma Burey, a second year Bachelor of Education student at the University of New England has been with us for the last four weeks. Emma has undertaken the planning and teaching of a variety of lessons to both small groups and the whole class. Emma has had a very successful prac and we wish her well for her future studies and career.

**Read with a Friend.** Thank you to those parents and friends who came along last week to read to the students. The event had to be held inside, due to the weather, and it was lovely to see the engagement of both the students and the readers.

**PSSA Gymnastics.** Jacob Black will be attending a gymnastics event in Armidale next week. This is the first time our region has held such an event, and we wish Jacob all the best.

**Cascades Environmental Education Centre Camp.** Next term the students are able to participate in a camp at Cascades, near Dorrigo along with students from Ebor, Black Mountain, Chandler and Bald Blair. The camp will run from Tuesday 25 October until Friday 28 October. The cost will be one hundred dollars per student, which will cover food, accommodation and bus fare. Permission notes and medical information notes will be sent home closer to the date. If you have any concerns re your child attending please contact the school.

**School Photos.** These will be held on Friday 21 October. Further information will be forwarded early next term.

**Assembly.** There will be no Assembly next Friday 23 September as both Tanya and I will be out of the school.

**Mufti day.** The students can wear play clothes on Friday 23 September; they will however need sport shoes or joggers, so they can participate in the activities planned for the day.

### Special Points of Interest

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION  
YR 6 STUDENTS

CASCADE EXCURSION  
25TH OCTOBER

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Last Day Term 3

Mufti Day  
23rd Sept

#### First Day Term 4

Monday  
10th October

#### Cascade Excursion

25th - 28th of  
October

#### School photos

21st October

If you are interested in playing junior cricket please call Tania on 6779 2444. Nominations are being called so as teams can be organised before the end of September.

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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**Discarded Books.** There are a large number of books that are no longer current or are surplus to the schools' needs. They are currently on display in the school hall. If you would like some of these books I am asking for a contribution that can be left with staff in the office. Over the coming weeks there will be further items that will be available as we continue to clean out the shed and storerooms. Any items left after week 5 will be boxed up so they can be sent to schools overseas.

**Teaching and Learning.** The students have had the opportunity to learn about a variety of other countries. Mrs O'Hara presented her holiday photos to Noumea and Vanuatu and the students learnt about the hundred different varieties of bananas and the different types of vegetation and animals that live on these islands.

Mrs and Mr Bush gave the students a presentation on their visit to Korea and China. The students were able to sample lollies, food and drink that the Korean people eat. The display of items on show was very interesting; however the fast train was the most interesting for a number of the students. Thank you, Mr and Mrs Bush for the presentation and the gifts.

**Coles Garden, Junior Landcare Grant.** Our school was not successful in obtaining this grant.

**Goodbye and Goodluck** to Maddy and Hallie who will be leaving the district at the end of this term. We have enjoyed having you at Ben Lomond and hope you stay in touch.



**Arrangements for next term.** At this stage John Melrose will continue on leave and I will be returning next term. Should these arrangements change parents will be notified.

As this is the last newsletter for the term, I would like to thank the staff and students for all their efforts over this term. I have really enjoyed working and learning both with and from you. Enjoy the holidays and stay safe.

Denise Smother  
Relieving Principal

Happy Birthday to  
Halle, Izaak and Jack  
who have all  
celebrated their  
birthdays



**Houses and  
Cottages  
urgently required  
to rent. Please  
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**Ben Lomond Public School**

To have a go, do our best at all times and encourage others.

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## P & C News

Next meetings

November 1st

and

December 1st.

**Don't forget your  
School Banking**



## DET News

### Building self esteem

It's never too early to help build self-esteem and resilience in a child. Self-esteem builds a solid foundation for people to deal with life and the many challenges it can pose. The Department of Family and Community Services has a good publication on this subject, as well as more for grandparents who are caring for young children, step families, single parents and coping with grief.

Go to: [www.community.nsw.gov.au/parents\\_carers\\_and\\_families/parenting/  
general\\_tips\\_for\\_parents\\_and\\_carers.html](http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/parents_carers_and_families/parenting/general_tips_for_parents_and_carers.html)

### Spring holidays

The last day of Term 3 is Friday 23 September. With warmer weather hopefully upon us, here are some ideas for enjoying the holidays with your family:

[www.nsw.gov.au/school-holidays](http://www.nsw.gov.au/school-holidays)

<http://goplay.nsw.gov.au/>

[www.kidspot.com.au](http://www.kidspot.com.au)

<http://ourkidz.com.au/content/view/196/156/lang.en/>

[www.visitnsw.com](http://www.visitnsw.com)

**GET in2 ACTION.  
GET in2 CRICKET.**



- At Guyra central school at the Prisk street gate
- Price \$50.00 for the first child and \$45.00 for the second child.

All welcome to come and enjoy and have fun .

We will be following a program from cricket Australia .

We would appreciate any help from parents .



**Register On Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> October  
2011**

**Contact for more information**

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