



# Ben Lomond School News

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Term 3, Week 7  
Friday 2nd September 2011

## School News

Dear Parents,

**Book Week**, Last Wednesday both students and staff came dressed as their favourite characters and enjoyed a number of activities related to the theme **One World Many Stories**. Thank you to Mrs Vimpani for an enjoyable day.

**Book Fair**. Thank you to those parents, grandparents and visitors who supported the Book Fair by purchasing books or other items. The school received a number of free books for the library as a result of the purchases made.

**Library**. Mrs Black has spent considerable time working to improve the function and materials within the Library. Thank you Mrs Black we can already see improvements. Both Mrs Black and Mrs Vimpany had the guidance of Ken Docksey, a retired teacher /librarian to assist them.

**Coles Sport Vouchers**. Thank you to those families that have been sending in the vouchers.

**Vegetable Garden**. Last week the students harvested the broccoli they had grown. Mrs Siddell used some of the broccoli to make a quiche and on Friday both students and staff enjoyed a picnic under a shady tree in the paddock where we ate the quiche and raw broccoli with dip. We had a visit to the Bunnings Warehouse in Armidale this week, to have a tour of the sustainable practices Bunnings uses and to plant some seedlings. The students were impressed to find out that Bunnings captures vast amounts of rainwater, which is stored in underground tanks and reuses it throughout the warehouse.

Bunnings donated the seedlings to the students (herbs and vegetables) along with a worm farm and some drink bottles for the students.

Thankyou Bunnings.



### Special Points of Interest

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION  
YR 6 STUDENTS

CASCADE EXCURSION  
TERM 4

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Community Assembly  
9th and 16th Sept.

Reading Challenge  
9th Sept

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

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**SunSmart.** Ben Lomond Public School has implemented the NSW Cancer Council's SunSmart Primary School Program that supports schools to increase skin cancer awareness, and to develop and implement an effective sun protection plan in the school community. Further information is attached to this newsletter. As part of the program that school has received thirty tubes of 30+ sunscreen for the students and staff to use over the coming months.

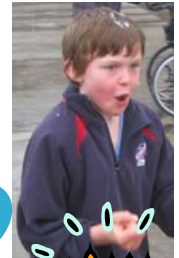
**Teaching and Learning.** As part of our Connected Outcomes Group (COGS) unit *Exploring our Place* the students have been looking at the facilities within the classroom and playground. They have been designing how they think the classroom should look at collecting ideas on ways to improve the play areas within the school. The students visited both an indoor play area (at Bunnings) and an outdoor play area (at Guyra) to look at what equipment is provided and how does it ensure the safety of the users. The students will use this information to present to the class their ideas on ways to improve and or re design the current play areas within the school. A flying fox got a lot of requests! It was such fun playing on the one in Guyra. Over the last couple of weeks Mrs Ryan has been teaching the students about positive interactions with each other, including lessons on how to be a friend, what bullying looks like and ways to be a better friend. This has linked well with the rules the students have developed for the classroom and playground. The rooms are **respect others, play safe, include others and look after equipment.** The students also came up with ideas on what happens if you don't follow the rules. They can also give lots of examples of what each of the rules mean.

The school would like to welcome Emma Bury our student teacher to the school. Emma joined us last week and will stay with us until the 16th of September.

Thankyou to Richard Makin who has donated a load of compost to our school veggie garden.

Denise Smoother  
Relieving Principal

Happy Birthday to Max who celebrated his birthday last week



### Canteen Prices

Bacon and Cheese Pies  
\$3.50

Plain Pie \$3.50  
Sausage Roll \$1.50  
Hot Dog \$2.50  
Pizza \$2.50  
(ham n pineapple or  
cheese n bacon pizza)

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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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**Don't forget your  
School Banking**



## P & C News

P & C Meetings

November 3rd

and

December the 1st.

All meetings at 6.30pm

A huge **thankyou** to **Glen** and **Roger** who have both spent countless hours working on our stone masonry for the time capsule.

The project is now complete and stands proudly at the front on the entrance to the admin. building

## DET News

### **Free app for homework and study**

Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practice their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? The free School A to Z app is an essential tool for every parent of school-aged children.

Containing a range of fun applications including English, Maths, a spelling bee, times tables, technology A-Z and assignment starters, it's great for parents *and* students. Download it for free at:

[www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications)

### **Curriculum changes delayed in NSW**

The implementation of national curriculum changes in English, maths, science and history for K-10 students will be delayed for NSW schools.

The NSW education minister, Adrian Piccoli said more time was needed to ensure high standards were maintained.

NSW schools can begin the planning phase for the new national curriculum by 2013, with the curriculum moving to the classroom teaching phase from 2014.

The children came as detectives, pirates, princesses, pop sensations, captains, witches, motorbike extremists and we even had a Frodo



## Book Week 2011 Photos



## Bunnings and Guyra Park Excursion

What a busy time we have all had!!!!

