



# Ben Lomond School

"Above All"

## Principal's Report

**P&C AGM.** Thank you to those parents and friends who were able to attend the Annual General Meeting of the P&C. Paul Gellie was elected President and Grant Ryan was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Meetings of the P&C are open to both parents of students and community members. Meetings are set down for the Thursday afternoons of Weeks 5 and 10 each term commencing at 5pm.

**Tennis Court.** At our last P&C meeting it was agreed that anyone wanting to use the tennis court outside of school hours must be a current financial member of the P&C for insurance purposes. All memberships became renewable on 28 March 2013. Fees were set as follows:

Families with students at Ben Lomond Public will be \$2 per family until the AGM in 2014

All others will be \$2 per person (including children) until the AGM in 2014.

Fees can be paid at the school office and membership details will be recorded, again this is for insurance purposes.

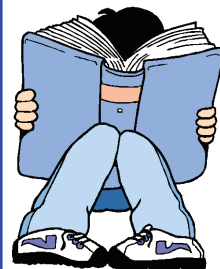
**Teaching and Learning.** This term our Connected Outcomes Group (COGs) unit is *Making Choices and Working Together*.

In HSIE the students have explored rights, responsibilities, and decision making processes as related to families, workers local councils and state and federal governments.

In Science our work has focused on Communication and how people keep in touch. We have already looked at a variety of historical ways to communicate as well as how communication has changed. The students designed their own symbol system and then wrote their names using the symbols they developed.

In English our focus has been visual texts. I have been trialling a unit of work from the New English Syllabus, to be introduced next year, called *Pictures Tell the Story*. The unit develops the students understanding of how stories can be communicated using images – both still images and moving images. Through an in-depth study of a wordless picture book and an animated short film we have explored how visual narratives are constructed. This week and next the students are experimenting with digital tools and processes to compose their own multimodal texts.

**Possum Box.** Last week the students put together a possum box kit we obtained from Thalgarrah Field Studies Centre. The purpose is to entice the possum to live in the box, rather than looking to return to the ceiling of the classroom. The students were very excited to screw together the box, paint and then have it placed into the pine tree near the hall.



### Dates for your Calendar

#### School Assembly

All welcome  
Friday  
12th April  
2.30pm

#### Finlayson Cup

5th April

#### GC Athletics Carnival

Friday 3rd May

#### Cross Country

Friday 17th May

#### Highland Fling

Friday 2nd August

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

**NO HAT - NO PLAY.** All students are to bring to school with them daily a **BROAD BRIMMED** hat. Caps are **NOT** to be worn at school. Hats are available from the school for \$15.00

**Black Mountain visits.** Thank you to those parents and Mrs Black for assistance with transporting students to Black Mountain. The students have been involved in sport, art, craft and the Harmony Day celebrations. All students have reported back that they are enjoying these visits and are making new friends. We will continue with visits next term, dates and permission notes will be forwarded once I have finalised arrangements.

**Live Life Well @School.** We will again participate in the Premiers Sporting Challenge. It will run for the ten weeks of Term 2.

**Transition to School Program.** The transition to school program this year will operate on some Fridays in Terms 3 and 4 only. Students involved in the program will have the opportunity to attend Assembly's and some sporting events. If you require further information or wish to enrol your child in the program please contact the school.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL).** One of the first tasks to begin implementation of PBL is to define our values. In choosing our values it is suggested we have no more than three or four so that they are easily remembered. At the end of last term staff came up with a list of words that could define Ben Lomond Public School. The students have also had an opportunity to have their input into which values we could choose. I am now asking for feedback from parents and the community. We need to narrow the list to only three or four or then define what those values look like in our school.

Please take the opportunity to let the school know which values, from the list below, you would like to see define Ben Lomond Public School. This feedback will then be used by staff and students to determine the values we will be using across shared learning spaces, the classroom and the community for our school.

Possible list of values:

Respect	Strength
Responsibility	Bravery
Acceptance	Leadership
Trust	Resilience
Excellence	Persistence

**Assembly:** 12 April commencing at 2.30pm. The week ten assembly will be moved to week 11 as Finlayson Sports will be held at Chandler Public School at Wollomombi on 5 April.



Tommy, Amelia, Jack, Joey, Marty and Tom



Congratulations to Joey, Tommy and Amelia who received Merits at our last assembly

**End of term.** Thank you to staff and students for all their efforts over the term. Enjoy the holidays and I look forward to working with you next term. Students return to school on Wednesday May 1 as staff have been given an extra staff development day to focus on the New Australian Curriculum.

Denise Smoother  
Principal

## Ben Lomond Public School

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

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# Get ready to Earn & Learn

From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every \$10 spent



## Warm Up Day

On **Thursdays** students are able to bring along something warm for their lunches. Staff will collect lunches at morning tea time and ensure that it is nice and warm for lunch,



## DET News

Have you got **April school holidays organised** yet? It's not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids' Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.

Find out more: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/>

What's on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW.

Find out more: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryid=2&viewType=yearView>

### Parent-teacher interviews

Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/parent-teacher-interviews>



P&C Federation  
e-bulletin

## P & C federation News

Welcome to the 2013 school year. As we return to the school year I encourage all school community members to be safe around the school site and particularly look out for those energetic young

*Next P&C Meeting  
4th April @ 5.00pm*

people in the 40 kilometre speed zones. The year ahead looks to be dominated by political issues with the announcement of the Federal Election being held on Saturday 14 September 2013. All members are encouraged to start a conversation with their Federal Member of Parliament and other possible candidates; a great talking point is the Gonski Report which would address real need for our children in public education. As well, remember if your P&C association is going to host a fundraiser on Election Day you must contact the Returning Officer and seek permission,





# My Woolworths Earn & Learn Points

## Support your local school

Stick Woolworths Earn & Learn Points in the squares below, then drop your completed Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet into the Collection Box at your school or your local store. They will be redeemed for educational resources.

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Entry to this promotion is open to registered Primary and Secondary schools and eligible Early Learning Centres (ELC) in Australia. Promotional period is from 1st April - 30th June 2015. Speak to your school or ELC to ensure they are registered, or visit [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn) and check online. One Woolworths Earn & Learn Point is given for every \$10 spend. Redeemable for educational resources. Woolworths Earn & Learn Points will not be accepted by Promoter unless attached to a Points Sheet. Woolworths Earn & Learn Points must be received by the Promoter by the 28th July 2015 for crediting. For full set of terms and conditions please visit [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn).

