



Ben Lomond School

"Above All"

Principal's Report

Cross Country. On Friday 17 May we again hosted the small schools cross country. The day was very successful despite the chill in the air. Congratulations to all the students who participated on the day and who assisted with preparation before the event and cleaning up after. Congratulations to Joey and Amelia who were both age champions on the day. Joey, Amelia and Marty will be attending the District Cross Country titles to be held in Armidale this Thursday. We wish them all the best.

The preparations by Nicole Rooke and Kathy Black before the event assisted with the day running so smoothly. Thank you also to members of the P&C who assisted with catering on the day. Thank you to Paul Gellie who came and slashed the track so we could hold the event and to Carl for the use of his paddock.

Dates for your Calendar

June 6th
P&C Meeting
5pm

June 7th
Athletics
Carnival
GCS

June 10th
Queens B'day
Long Weekend

June 28
Parent, teacher
Interviews

June 28
School Assembly

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

Principal's Report (cont)

NRMA Competition. Ben Lomond Public School has been selected as one of ten schools across the state to participate in the NRMA Sustainability in Transport Competition, which will be supporting the Youth Eco Summit October 23- 24 at Sydney Olympic Park. We will be required to research and create a project that allows students to gain a deeper understanding of the issues that surround sustainable transport. The students will need to build an artefact illustrating their research, create a poster communicating the key elements of the artefact, create a blog, diary or journal and give a three minute presentation to an audience in Sydney made up of judges, students and teachers from other schools. NRMA will provide funds to assist create the artefact and to assist with transporting the students to Sydney.

The students have already participated in the first of several videoconferences to assist them develop the project, and are very keen to deliver a project that relates to sustainable options for our local community and transporting stock.

Teaching and Learning. This term our Connected Outcomes Group (COGs) unit is *Making Choices and Working Together*. The focus for Science and Technology this term is Space. The students have been investigating the planets within our solar system, whether aliens really exist, and if other planets besides Earth can support life. The students will present their research topic to the rest of the class later in the term.

As part of the HSIE content within this unit the students have been learning about the different customs, celebrations and beliefs of Aboriginal people and they will also look at Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism.

In English this term each student is focusing on writing their own book, the book can either be a work of fiction or nonfiction.

Athletics Carnival. Next Friday Year 2 – 4 students will participate in Guyra Central Schools Athletics Carnival. The Kinder students had the opportunity to participate in athletics events at Finlayson Sports Day held at Chandler Public School last term.

P&C Meeting. This meeting has been moved to next Thursday 6 June at the school to commence at 5pm.

Reports. Semester 1 reports will be sent home in the last week of term, with the opportunity for parents and students to have a meeting to discuss aspects of their learning.

Denise Smoother
Principal



Healthy Highlanders will be at the Ben Lomond School Hall Wednesday afternoons for a Heartmoves Exercise Class from 3.30 – 4.30pm. The Class will be conducted by Registered Nurse and Heartmoves Leader – Sue Adams.



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

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Farewell to Savanah who left to continue her schooling in Guyra



Happy Birthday



Adam and Ryan who celebrated their birthdays last week

Welcome to our
new student Ryan
who has joined us
this term.



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

Helping your child with homework

Video: **Teachers talk** about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>

Making music together

Music education produces many benefits, including strengthening children's abilities in reading, maths, and verbal intelligence. New research suggests it may also teach something less tangible, but arguably just as important - the ability to empathise.

Find out more: <http://www.psmag.com/culture/making-music-together-increases-kids-empathy-41627/#.T5j1f7R1SQM.facebook>



P&C Federation Survey -

Additional Support needs in our School communities

P&C Federation is conducting a survey to better understand the Additional Learning Support needed in our schools. Jump online and participate so that we can gain a greater understanding of student needs. Take a few moments to fill out the survey;

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

*Next P&C
Meeting
@ 5.00pm
June 6th*



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