



# Ben Lomond School

"Above All"

## Principal's Report

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

As part of the HSIE content within this unit each student has researched a particular religion and produced a display. The students have used a variety of presentation formats to present their information.

In English this term each student has written their own book. Most have chosen a sport as their topic. We have books about Mountain Bike Riding, Bull Riding, Gymnastics, Rugby League, Swimming, Pokémon and Motocross.

Mrs Tanya Siddell has worked with the students across Semester 1 teaching Music on alternate Tuesday afternoons. Tanya will not be continuing next Semester as she awaits the birth of her second child. I would like to thank her for her work and wish her well for the impending birth.

**NRMA Sustainability in Transport Competition.** We have begun our investigations into what type of artefact and presentation we might prepare for this competition. The artefact cannot measure more than 1 metre square and must cost under \$200 to produce. We would like to link our presentation and artefact to Ben Lomond under the slogan *from farm gate to the plate*. Already we have explored some design features of large transport vehicles and some alternative fuels.

**Practicum Students.** Next term we will have two practicum students from the University of New England. Gabrielle Mathews will be joining us from August 5 to August 16 and Taylor Wilson will be joining us from August 19 to September 13. We look forward to sharing teaching and learning experiences with them.

**Crunch and Sip.** After conducting some research with other schools and the students, we have trialed having Crunch and Sip at 9am when the students first come into school. The move to this time has been well received so we will continue to have the students eating their fruit and vegetables whilst listening to news or messages first thing each morning.

**Premiers Sporting Challenge.** Congratulations to all the students for achieving a minimum of Silver each week of the challenge. As there have only been nine weeks in this term the Challenge will conclude at the end of Week 1 next term. All students who complete 10 weeks of physical activity will receive a NSW Premiers Sport Challenge Award certificate in Term 4.

**PBL.** Our values will be *Respect, Responsibility, Leadership and Resilience*. The next task is to define what each of these values look like and then implement a strategy to ensure students are explicitly taught and retaught our values.

**P&C Meeting.** This meeting will be held on Thursday 15 August at the school to commence at 5pm.

**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 Tuesday July 16.

Denise Smoother  
Principal

### Dates for your Calendar

School Resumes  
Tuesday 16 July

P&C Meeting  
Thurs 15 August

Highland Fling  
Friday 2nd August

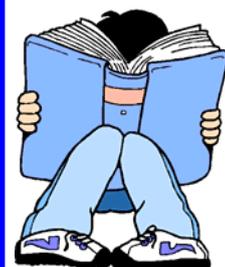
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WEDNESDAY IS  
BANKING DAY



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**

## Ben Lomond Public School

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

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# Happy Birthday



# Congratulations!



### Mathletics Achievement Award

Tom Gellie  
Joey Ryan  
Ruben Jolly

### School Banking Award

Joey Ryan  
Marty Ryan  
Amelia Wake

### Merit Certificate

Ryan Jackson

### Bronze Award

Jack Gellie  
Adam Jolly  
Marty Ryan

### Silver Award

Joey Ryan  
Amelia Wake  
Tommy Ryan  
Ruben Jolly



## 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,



P&C Federation  
e-bulletin

### The objects of these associations are to:

promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, pupils and teaching staff into close co-operation;  
assist in providing equipment required by the school;  
report to the Minister the material requirements of the school  
assist the teaching staff in establishment of school policy and management in all facets of school activity

*Next P&C Meeting @ 5.00pm August 15th*

## DET News

### What's in a game?

Among teen and preteen gamers, the names of violent video games travel fast. And before you know anything about these games your child wants to play them. How do you make an informed decision about what to buy?

Find out more: <http://www.common sense media.org/blog/10-most-violent-video-games-and-10-alternatives>

### Sorting fact from fiction

You can't always trust what you read when researching information for homework, assignments or projects. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.

Find out more: <http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/sorting-fact-from-fiction>