



# Ben Lomond Public School

## Words from Mrs Smoother



**Kindergarten.** The four students in Kinder have settled well into the routines of school and the classroom. They are very enthusiastic about their learning and keen to show the other students what they are learning.

**Swimming Carnival.** The small schools swimming carnival, which we hosted on February 14 was a great success. Congratulations to Amelia who was junior girl champion. It was great to see so many of our students involved in either racing or participating in the novelty items. Thank you to the parents who assisted on the day and to Linley Ryan and Nicole Rooke for their organisation.



**Teaching and Learning.** This term our Connected Outcomes Group (COGs) unit is *Exploring Growth and Change*. The outcomes for each stage are:

ES1: observing the way we and other living things can change in different ways over time.

S1: understanding that living things grow and change over time, in cycles and in stages. Human communities also grow and change over time.

S2: understanding the impact of change from historical perspectives and on the life cycles of living things. Our bodies are complex systems that rely on many factors to grow and to function.

S3: exploring the physical, social and emotional changes associated with growth. Our history records changes in communities and environments. Living things and environments interconnect and change within ecosystems. Creative processes involve change and refinement.

The students in Years 3 – 6 are currently studying the BFG by Roald Dahl. They have read the book, listened to an audio recording and will watch a film version of the book. The students have learnt a lot about creative writing and have tried writing in the style of Roald Dahl to describe a variety of objects.

The Kinder and Year 1 students are engaged in a Fairy Tale unit for English. They have already performed their own retelling of Goldilocks and the three bears to the other students. They will have an opportunity to retell the story of the Three Little Pigs, using sticks puppets, to students at Chandler and Ebor Public School via videoconference.

The Kinder students have learnt about the letters, A, M, S, T, I, F, D and R, and with the help of the students in Years 1 – 6 are making their own Alphabet books using photos and Ipad applications.

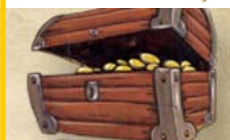
## Dates for your Calendar

**Finlayson Sports Carnival.** Friday  
21 March

**Assembly: 28 February and 4 March** commencing at 2.30pm

**Primary Principals Association Meeting.** Friday  
28 March

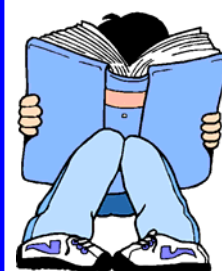
CommonwealthBank



**DON'T FORGET!**

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



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## *Words from Mrs Smoother (cont.)*

**Live Life Well @School.** This term we are focussing on the fundamental movement skills of hop and side gallop in PE. The topics for Personal Development and Health covered this term are: Bullying, Interpersonal Relationships and Values.

The school garden project is temporarily not in action. We have decided to relocate the vegetable garden to the front of the school to within the area currently occupied by the former school residence. Once the residence is removed and the new septic installed within this area we will then relocate the current raised beds and establish a new garden.

**School Contributions.** Thank you to those parents who have paid their school contributions. These funds assist the school to provide extra resources.

**Finlayson Sports Carnival.** This event will be held on Friday 21 March at Chandler Public School. Further information and permission notes will be sent home closer to the date.

**Primary Principals Association Meeting.** Our school will again host the Armidale Primary Principals Association meeting on Friday 28 March. Thank you to those members of the P&C and the staff who have agreed to assist with catering.

**Assembly: 28 February and 4 March** commencing at 2.30pm

Principal

## Ben Lomond Public School

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

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# Happy Birthday



P&C Federation  
e-bulletin

**STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE RENEWAL 2014-2015** Its renewal time again for Student Injury Insurance. We all know accidents can happen, why not have the reassurance that there is some protection for your students if something was to happen. All affiliated members are eligible to purchase Student Injury Insurance with P&C Federation. It is a requirement that membership must be active before taking up any Insurance cover. for all renewal documents and more information regarding our Student Injury Product visit our [website](#).

**BACK TO SCHOOL = LUNCHBOX TRAUMA...** ...or not, get involved in our Leftovers to Lunchbox campaign. With the aim of assisting families with the never ending question of 'what do i give the kids for lunch?' as well as making use of those very handy leftovers from dinner last night. Follow our [Facebook page](#) over the next few weeks and pick up some great ideas and tips for saving food waste, get involved now and you could win a cool OOTS! Lunchbox.

*Next P&C Meeting @ 5.00pm  
Thursday 27th Feb*

<http://www.pandc.org.au/>

## DET News

### Homework help

Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments?

The free School A to Z app has been created by the Department of Education and Communities to help parents and their school-aged children, wherever and whenever they have homework and study questions.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z>

### When lunch comes home again – uneaten

Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds.

But it's a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/when-lunch-comes-homeagain>

### Help with English

Does your child need help with spelling or writing? Here are some resources that may help.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english>



# Narrative Writing

The Show.

25/2/14

at the show I  
went on the slide.  
It was step  
It made me sick

Ruben

There's an alien in my bedroom

I wake up to a gooey, gross, green  
slime trail to my bedroom cupboard.  
I gaze over to my friend "she is  
sound asleep".

I start to shiver... I then wake  
my friend. She wakes up and I  
tell her what had happen. We look  
around and we hear a door creaking.  
We then see a spark in the sky.

We follow a green alien. He grabs  
dads gun. I said to my friend  
"stay here and wash the snicker"  
she says "I will". I grab all my  
clothes and make a <sup>new paragraph</sup> rope I mangle  
with the help of my friend Tie  
him to my cupboard. He gets  
in his space ship and goes to "space"  
"I hope he dose not come back".

Joey

There's an alien in my bed room

I Wake up suddenly to a very heavy  
eerie and gossily atmosphere. I glance  
up just in time to catch my closet door  
inching to the left.

I duck under my dooner.... then there's  
a gentle press on my dooner. I quickly  
look up and catch a glance at two eerie  
red eyes.

Then the long black figure suddenly  
disappears into thin air. Suddenly my  
bed is shaken violently and I am pushed  
out of my bed onto the floor by a kind  
mysterious force. When I hit the floor  
there's a loud thud and later hear  
as again.

When he is finished my bed is practi-  
cally destroyed. I get up, shaking with  
fear, the figure flashes across the room.  
I sense the figure lurking up behind me.

... Suddenly the figure starts shaking me  
like the bed in my head. I'm thinking  
I hope I don't end up like my bed!

Then I have an elegant idea. I jerk my  
elbow back as hard as I can. My elbow  
hits the figure and it disappears again.

About 5 minutes later I'm standing  
up next to my bed side table and  
suddenly the figure shows itself. It com-  
mes out of the shadows and puts its  
left hand to its chest where I can see  
a gun stuck with a plaster tying the  
ng in it.

Now that I can see it properly I'm  
pretty sure that the figure is  
an alien. As I'm looking at the alien I  
draws. I grab my taser and shoot!  
I hit my intended target and the alien  
slopes down big pill of mucky green  
goo.

Amelia

# My Giant rabbit

One day I was watching TV in my room. On TV I heard that there was a show. I asked mum if I could go to the show with my rabbit Black Jack. Mum said "yes."

I got ready for the show. Mum dropped me and Black Jack at the show. I entered the rabbit show. I've put Black Jack down then and another rabbit came to see Black Jack.

The other rabbit gave Black Jack a magic rabbit food.

When Black Jack ate the magic food he got a bit bigger. Then it was time for Black Jack to get up on stage.

When I said "ah Black Jack" he got humongous. He took the whole show down and

Black Jack has to stay there then I came home from the show. I was upset that Black Jack has to stay at the show.

But in the morning I had breakfast then I looked outside and Black Jack came home with all his friends. He was small again

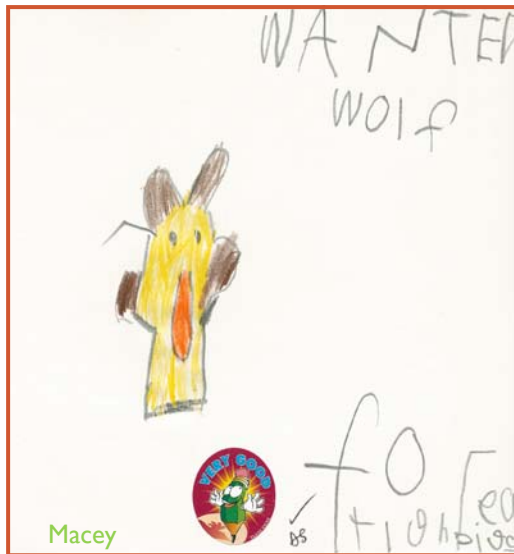


During the night  
I heard a funny  
noise it sounded like  
a were wolf. I was  
not too scared than  
I ran as fast as  
I could I woke  
Jey and Tommy up.

I ran out side and I  
thought I was just  
hearing things but I  
was not hearing thing  
I saw three were  
wolves. I ran back in  
side I was scared  
I ran in to mums dads  
room and I to told them  
and shot them. <sup>got has got</sup> than than dad ran out side and

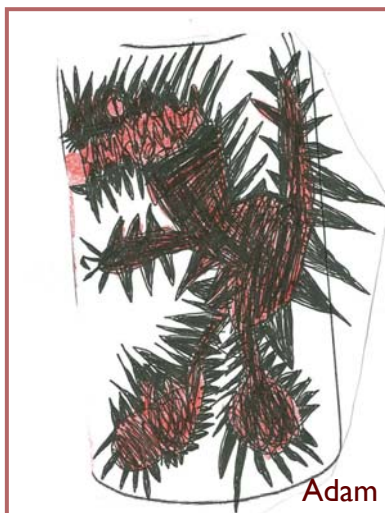
Great work.  
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Marty



Monster  
The Monster  
Screamed loudly  
dunkunning away

Mervyn



Tommy

