

Mrs Smother's Update



Teaching and Learning. In English the students have been studying Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge, a picture book by Mem Fox that looks at memory loss in the elderly. The students developed their own definitions of memory and friendship and the

students in Years 3 – 6 completed book reviews on two other Mem Fox books.

Many of the students have been engaged in writing narratives, on topics chosen by them. We are focussing on using techniques writers' use, such as getting all the thoughts down first, revising and then reviewing with an Editor to make improvements.

Transition to school. The transition to school program will commence next term. It will run for five weeks on a Friday. The dates are: 25 July, 8 August, 22 August, 5 September and 19 September. The program is designed for students who will be enrolled in Kinder in 2015. Please contact the school for an enrolment form.

School Maintenance. Over the last several weeks work has continued to construct the car park and to install a new septic system. These projects should be completed during the holidays. We have had new blinds installed into the classroom and the large trees around the school have been lopped.

Reports. Student Reports were sent home last Friday, with a schedule to book a time to meet this week to discuss student progress.

Late Arrivals & Early Pickups. Could all parents please ensure that when they pick up their children or when students arrive late that they go directly to the office and sign their children in or out? Please do not come directly to the classroom.

Absentee Notices. Please ensure that when your child / children are absent from school that you advise the school as soon as possible. Email or a hand written note are the preferred method of communication.

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 15 July 2014.

School Calendar

Week 1

Monday, 14 July 2014	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday, 15 July 2014	Students return to School

Week 2

Friday, 25 July 2014	Transition
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Week 3

Friday, 1 August 2014	Highland Fling Black Mountain Public School
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Week 4

Education Week

Monday, 4 August 2014	Education Week Awards Bald Blair Public School
Thursday, 7 August 2014	Australian Mathematics Competition
Friday, 8 August 2014	PSSA Athletics Carnival Armidale
Friday, 8 August 2014	Transition
Saturday, 9 August 2014	Marty's 9 th Birthday

Week 5

Monday, 11 August 2014	Mervyn's 10 th Birthday
Tuesday, 12 August 2014	Joey's 11 th Birthday
Thursday, 14 August 2014	P&C Meeting (5pm)
Friday, 15 August 2014	School Assembly (2.30pm)

School of St. Jude

St Jude's School visit. Mr Felix, a teacher from the school of St Jude in Tanzania came to visit us several weeks ago. The students were fascinated to learn how the school of St Jude was started by Gemma Sisia and the hardships many students in Tanzania face if they want to get a good education. Mr Felix also spoke about his role at the school. Thank you to Mrs Makim for the opportunity to have Mr Felix visit.



Mr Felix & students from Ben Lomond PS

adidas School Fun-Run

Congratulations to Cody McLeod for being the 2014 Highest Fundraiser – Well done Cody! Thank you to Joey Ryan, Marty Ryan, Tommy Ryan, Amelia Wake, Macey Wake and Elsie Wake for your participation. Collectively the students raised \$169.10 and earning the school \$94.70 for resources.



Cody participating in the adidas School Fun-Run

P&C Fundraising

The annual Small Schools Cross Country was an incredibly successful fundraising event for the Ben Lomond Public School P&C. Thank you to everyone that made the day the tremendous success that it was, especially those of you that so generously donated items. Profits for the day were just over \$400.00.

Wanted to Buy!!
Scrap metal, batteries, solar panel
batteries, copper, brass, lead,
aluminium.
Buying 9.00am – 9.30am
Saturday, 5th July 2014
On the side of the road outside the Rec Ground.

Staffing

Staffing for Term 3 will be as follows;

Monday	Denise Smoother & Nic Rooke
Tuesday	Denise Smoother, Nic Rooke & Kath Black
Wednesday	Denise Smoother & Kath Black
Thursday	Denise Smoother & Kath Black
Friday	Denise Smoother, Kelly Vimpany & Carole O'Hara.

Kelly Vimpany, Carole O'Hara, Gemma Mulligan, Tanya Siddell, Maree Clayton and Bernadette Jackson will fill any staffing needs as required.

The staff at Ben Lomond Public School are dedicated and committed to the students. Students come first. All staff are unwavering in their commitment the schools values of "Respect, Responsibility, Leadership & Resilience". Children learn by example so please help us to educate respectful, responsible, resilient leaders.

★★★★ School Awards ★★★★★

Silver Award	Cody McLeod
Silver Award	Macey Wake
Silver Award	Elsie Wake
Silver Award	Tommy Ryan
Silver Award	Ruben Jolly
Silver Award	Marty Ryan
Silver Award	Amelia Wake
Silver Award	Samara Nicholls
Silver Award	Joey Ryan
Merit Certificate	Elsie Wake (<i>Commitment to mathematics learning</i>).
Merit Certificate	Marty Ryan (<i>Great collaborative work</i>).
Merit Certificate	Amelia Wake (<i>great collaborative work</i>).
Merit Certificate	Kyla Nicholls (<i>Fantastic Work</i>)
Mathletics Award	Macey Wake
Mathletics Award	Ruben Jolly
Mathletics Award	Elsie Wake

Keep brains ticking over these holidays

If your child is working on a personal project or a school assignment these school holidays (or you want to make use of the break for a little revision), don't forget www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au has lots of information and fact sheets to help with homework.

For students polishing their spelling skills, the free Spelling Bee mobile app also allows them to record a list of their own words and then test themselves. You might even want to challenge them with a list you create. Here's where you'll find the free app to download: <http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G>

Flu season is here!

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

1. Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
2. Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
3. Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
4. Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.