

Mrs Smoother's Update



Education Week. An afternoon tea and presentation for the Highlands Community of Schools was held at Guyra Church of England Hall on Monday 28 July to celebrate Education Week. Congratulations to Robyn Campbell and Gemma Mulligan, who were awarded certificates of recognition for their outstanding contribution to Ben Lomond Public School.

Congratulations to Joey Ryan who received a 'Certificate of Excellence' in the area of student Leadership.



Mrs Smoother & Joey Ryan

Leadership Luncheon. Last week Joey, Amelia and Samara attended the Highlands Community of Schools Leadership Luncheon. The luncheon is an opportunity for primary school leaders to meet with our local state member of parliament, Adam Marshall. Adam gave the students advice on how to be a leader and how the opportunities that were available to him during his school days built the foundation for what he is doing now.



Adam Marshall, Samara, Amelia, Mrs Smoother & Joey

Highland Fling. Last Friday the students attended *The Highland Fling* at Black Mountain Public School. Black Mountain Public School organise *The Highland Fling* each year as a way to celebrate Education Week and they invite schools within the Highlands Learning Network to attend. The students are able to participate in a range of art, music, sport and craft activities as well as looking at static displays. Thank you to Mrs Baker, her staff and the students for an enjoyable day.

Teaching and Learning. This term the students are studying Antarctica as part of Human Society and its Environment (HSIE). On Wednesday 30 April the students were able to participate in a video conference with the Australian expeditioners at Casey station in Antarctica. Amelia was able to ask if the ice had ever cracked

School Calendar

Week 5

Thursday, 14th August 2014 – School Banking
Thursday, 14th August 2014 – P&C Meeting
Friday, 15th August 2014 – Library
Friday, 15th August 2014 – School Assembly

Week 6

Monday, 18th August 2014 – Prac Student Commences
Tuesday, 19th August 2014 – Science Fair
Thursday, 21st August 2014 – School Banking
Friday, 22nd August 2014 – Library
Friday, 22nd August 2014 - Transition

Week 7

Thursday, 28th August 2014 – School Banking
Friday, 29th August 2014 – Library

Week 8

Thursday, 4th September 2014 – School Banking
Friday, 5th September 2014 – Library
Friday, 5th September 2014 - Transition

Week 9

Thursday, 11th September 2014 – School Banking
Friday, 12th September 2014 – Library

Week 10

Thursday, 18th September 2014 – School Banking
Thursday, 18th September 2014 – P&C Meeting (TBC)
Friday, 19th September 2014 – Library
Friday, 19th September 2014 – Transition
Friday, 19th September 2014 – School Assembly

End of Year Presentation Afternoon - 12/12/2014

around the station. The answer was: not around Station Casey but the staff had witnessed part of the ice breaking off and falling into the ocean, and the noise was like thunder.

In English the students in Years 3 – 6 are studying Charlotte’s Web and the students in Kinder and Year 1 have a unit of work based on friends. The students have particularly enjoyed *Frog and Toad are Friends* by Arnold Lobel, *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein and *Friends – True Stories of Extraordinary Animal Friendships* by Catherine Thimmesh. In Visual Art the students are creating web collages.

Transition to school. Welcome to Annie and Eli who have commenced in our transition program.

Premiers Sporting Challenge. Congratulations to all our students for helping Ben Lomond achieve a Gold Award again this year. All students who completed the 10 weeks of physical activity will receive their NSW Premiers Sport Challenge Award certificate in Term 4.

Science Week, 16 - 24 August 2014. This year to celebrate Science Week we will again be holding a Science Fair. The students will be required to investigate a topic and display their findings. In the past students have produced some interesting displays about volcanoes, zebra stripes, sinking and floating, flying, what is carried by the wind, the ingredients in *Coke a Cola*, why the ocean is blue, whether oil and water mix, how plastic stretches, what happens to *Skittles* left in milk and dinosaurs. The presentation of projects will be held on **Tuesday 19 August**.

School Tennis Court. Ben Lomond Public School has a “Community User Agreement” with the Ben Lomond Public School Parents & Citizens Association for the use of the tennis court facility at Ben Lomond Public School. The purpose of this agreement is to allow members of the P&C and community to utilise the court. The tennis court is a school asset and for Public Liability reasons all people wishing to utilise the court **MUST** be financial members of the Ben Lomond Public School P&C.

P&C Membership is only \$2.00/person per annum. If you have any issues please contact the **school** to discuss further.



Congratulations Robyn – You are just the best!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kody – 2 Sept

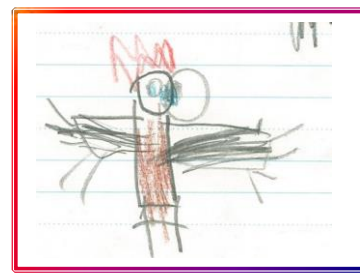
Mervyn – 11 Aug

Joey – 12 Aug

MARTY – 9 AUG



This is me.
I have red hair.
I have blue eyes.
I have white shoes.



By Ruben

A bad thing goes wrong.

Marty and I were out in the swamp at night time. Marty heard a sound from the swamp, it sounded like a wolf, but when he looked it was a frog.

Marty & I started walking through the swamp. we came to a cave. We saw red eyes staring at us. They were not blinking. We were feeling very scared.

Something came at me and Marty. I gave my gun to Marty. Marty shot a wolf in the head. He picked it up and through it in the swamp. The swamp had piranhas.

By Mervyn

★★★★ **School Awards** ★★★★★

Silver Award
Merit Certificate

Adam Jolly
Ruben Jolly
(Excellent effort in writing & Sight words)

Merit Certificate

Amelia Wake
(For her enthusiasm & effort In our Antarctica unit)

Thank you Nick....

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful job you have done at Ben Lomond Public School. It had been an absolute pleasure to work with you and the school grounds are looking fantastic!!!

