

Mrs Smoother's Update



ANZAC Day. All students attended the Ben Lomond Community ANZAC Day ceremony held in the Ben Lomond Hall, and represented themselves and the school with honour. Adam and Savannah laid the wreath on behalf of the school. Later that week the students travelled to Tamworth to attend the Spirit of ANZAC

exhibition that has been put together using material from the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. The students were very impressed with the displays and were able to further their knowledge about the experiences of Australian men and women in war.

Cross Country. We hosted a very successful Highlands Small Schools Cross Country on Friday 13th of May. Congratulations to Adam and Eli, who both placed third on the day. The overall trophy on the day for highest achieving school was shared by ourselves and Ebor Public School. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend and helped out on the day, and to those who were unable to attend but provided delicious items for morning tea.

A special thankyou to Mrs Rooke for her organisation that ensured the day ran so smoothly, and to Mrs Black for preparing the course.



Teaching and Learning. In English our theme is Journeys. The unit aims to guide students through the various physical and imaginative voyages endured by diverse characters, with a focus not on the destination but the journey. The students have been highly engaged in the travels of the villagers of Rin in the Emily Rodda book *Rowen of Rin*. Over the coming weeks we will study the Dr Suess book, *Oh, the places you'll go*, Graeme Bases' *The Legend of the Golden Snail*, Alison Lesters's *Are we there Yet?*, *Luke's Way of Looking* by Nadia Wheatley and Matt Ottley and the *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo.



School Calendar

T2 Week 5

Wednesday, 25th May 2016 – Leaders Lunch with Adam Marshall
Thursday, 26th May 2016 – School Banking
Friday, 27th May 2016 – Library

T2 Week 6

Thursday, 2nd June 2016 – School Banking
Friday, 3rd June 2016 – Library

T2 Week 7

Monday, 6th June 2016 – Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Thursday, 9th June 2016 – School Banking
Friday, 10th June 2016 – Library

T2 Week 8

Thursday, 16th June 2016 – School Banking
Friday, 17th June 2016 – Library

T2 Week 9

Thursday, 23rd June 2016 – School Banking
Friday, 24th June 2016 – Library

T2 Week 10

Thursday, 30th June 2016 – School Banking
Friday, 1st July 2016 – Library
Friday, 1st July 2016 – School Assembly
Friday, 1st July 2016 – Last Day Term 2

T3 Week 1

Monday, 18th July – Staff Development Day
Tuesday, 19th July 2016 – Students Return To School
Thursday, 21st July 2016 – School Banking
Friday, 22nd July 2016 – Library

**School Assembly – Friday
1st July at 2.30pm**

In Science and Technology the units of work are *What's the matter and Spot the difference*, where the students investigate changes, predicting the changes that can happen to everyday materials and matter, understanding that matter is all around and it can be as small as the particles that make up the tiniest cell in our skin or as large as the whole galaxy.

In PDHPE the students are engaged in Rural Safety that focuses on safety around the home and the farm.

In Music the students are working with Mrs Siddell on learning pieces using recorder, drum and keyboard in preparation for their performance as part of the Education Week afternoon tea and awards we will be hosting on Monday 1st of August.

Work Experience student. On Monday 6th of June we will welcome Georgia Whitley, a Year 10 student at Duval High School in Armidale. Georgia will be here for a week on work experience

The Snow Gums Learning Alliance. Last week staff from across the Alliance presented at the NSW Department of Education Rural and Remote Conference in Bathurst and the Australian Council for Education Research Conference in Melbourne. The presentation was about the formation of the Learning Alliance, what the Alliance has achieved, and how other groups of schools might go about replicating such an alliance.

Leaders Luncheon. Tomorrow Savannah, Adam and I will join with other Primary leaders from across the Highlands to meet and have lunch with our local state Member of Parliament, Adam Marshall and the Director of Public School Northern Tablelands, Mrs Sue Brown at *Rafters* in Guyra. This occasion is always a highlight for the students as they listen to Adam talk about his leadership journey and how the students should accept opportunities to take on leadership.

Denise Smoother

Veggie Fritters



Ingredients

- 1 Medium Zucchini
- 310g Can Sweet Corn
- 1 Small Carrot
- 1 Small Onion
- ¼ Cup Self-raising Flour
- ½ Teaspoon Cumin
- 3 Eggs separated
- A Pinch cinnamon
- Tzatziki to Serve



Method

1. Preheat oven to 150°C
2. Grate Zucchini, carrot & onion into a large bowl with the drained corn, Add flour & cinnamon.
3. Stir Through egg yolks and season with pepper.
4. Whisk the egg whites until firm peaks form and gently folding through the egg yolk mixture.
5. Spray a large frying pan with oil and heat medium heat.
6. Place two tablespoons of the mixture into the pan and cook for two minutes on each side or until golden brown.
7. Remove the fritters from the pan and keep warm in the oven. Repeat the process with the remaining mixture.
8. Serve with tzatziki and salad.

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SMALL SCHOOLS



CROSS COUNTRY 2016



**Congratulations Cody –
18th in the 8/9 year old
boys at the PSSA Cross
Country**