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Calendar

Term 1, Week 11

Tuesday, 4th April	Finlayson Sports
Friday, 7th April	Assembly
Friday, 7th April	Last Day Term 4

Term 2, Week 1

Wednesday 26th April	Students Return to School
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Term 2, Week 2

Tuesday, 2nd May	Sporting Schools - Armidale Gym
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Term 2, Week 3

Tuesday, 9th May	NAPLAN
Wednesday, 10th May	NAPLAN
Thursday, 11th May	NAPLAN
Friday, 12th May	Cross Country - Bald Blair Public School

Term 2, Week 4

Tuesday, 16th May	Sporting Schools - Armidale Gym
Wednesday, 17th May	PSSA Cross Country

Term 2, Week 5

Tuesday, 23rd May	Sporting Schools - Armidale Gym
Friday, 26th May	Assembly

Term 2, Week 6

Tuesday, 30th May	Sporting School - Armidale Gym
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2017 Transition

If you have a son or daughter commencing school in 2018 come and have a friendly chat to us.

Ben Lomond Public is offering an extensive transition to school program during 2017 commencing Term 2.

To find out more details please contact us on 6733 2001
We would love to hear from you.

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Principals Report

Principals Report Week 11 Term 1 2017

Teaching and Learning.

SMART – Student Managed Activities and Research Tasks. Next term this activity will further focus the self-directed learning the students undertake. The self – directed activities usually happen in the afternoon and across the term students have been involved in coding projects, learning to play chess, extending their knowledge of reading or Maths and construction. By including self and peer assessment as part of SMART the students will be required to think what the success criteria will be and how this will be achieved.

This is the second year we, as part of the Snow Gums Learning Alliance, have been using Visible Learning based on John Hattie's research. His research findings were that using success criteria and providing feedback about the task performance are effective strategies for promoting deep learning. Another researcher B. Zimmermann defined self-regulation as a process by which learners transform their mental abilities into academic skills that are orientated to attaining goals.

At the beginning of the term students set their own learning goals for the year and have opportunities to reflect, monitor and modify goals as appropriate.

Grounds Update. We have finally been given the go ahead to have a shade structure erected in the back playground adjacent to the weather shed. The earth that will be required to be moved to provide a stable base will be placed into the old sand pit that will become the kitchen garden. The students will then be involved in **Ready, Set, Grow**, planning where the beds are placed and what is planted. Parents are welcome to come and join in the fun once we have set the date. The boy's toilets will be further upgraded during the holidays.

ANZAC Day. Students will be involved in remembrance activities at school as well as attending the local service at the Ben Lomond Hall, where they will lay a wreath. Please meet at the Ben Lomond Hall in uniform on Tuesday 25th April.

Publicity. Thank you to Carlotta Chiesa for following up avenues to promote the school and forwarding my articles to local media outlets. If you missed the article see attached link: <http://www.gleninnesexaminer.com.au/story/4532954/monsters-afoot-at-ben-lomond/>

School Motto. Late last year the school engaged a graphic artist to update school stationary and the school crest. The wording, Supra Omes on the crest was translated to English so the wider community can understand the meaning of our motto. There was no intention to change the motto to a new motto. So I can receive further feedback Survey Monkey is conducting a survey on our behalf to gauge support for the translation into English. If you would like to have your thoughts counted please use this link. The survey will be opened for 6 weeks.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S8FBGVD>

Sporting Schools Grant. The school has received funding from Sporting Schools to assist with conducting sports programs with qualified coaches. The funding will enable the students to participate in gymnastics with qualified coaches at the Armidale Gymnastics Centre next term. The funding also covers the cost of travel.

Pre-service teacher placement. Next term we will have Hadrian Wright with us for four weeks from the 24th April as he completes his University of New England pre-service teacher placement.