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Calendar

Term 2, Week 10

Friday, 30th June	School Assembly
Friday, 30th June	Last Day Term 2

Term 3, Week 1

Monday, 17th July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday, 18th July	Student Return to School
Tuesday, 18th July	Scripture Outback Patrol

Term 3, Week 2

Term 3, Week 3

Friday, 11th April	P&C Meeting
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Term 3, Week 4

Tuesday, 8th August	PSSA Athletics Carnival
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Term 3, Week 5

Friday, 18th August	School Assembly
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Term 3, Week 6

Late Arrival / Departure to School

If any child leaves before the scheduled ending time for school (3pm) or arrives late (after 9am) it is necessary to collect a late note or release pass from the office. This is then given to the class teacher.

If your child is late to school:

- All students who are late to school **MUST** report to the office **before going to class** (if the bell has gone and students are in class, this constitutes *late*).
- The office staff will enter the late arrival **time and parent explanation** into the electronic roll marking system. Students will be provided with a "slip" that must be handed to the class teacher.
- If students arrive late to school without a parent / caregiver, and unexplained absence note will be generated and sent home for parents to complete and send back to the office.



WINTER :
WHEN THE BATTLE
TO GET KIDS TO WEAR
JUMPERS BEGINS...

Principals Report

Principals Report Week 10 Term 2 2017

Welcome. We welcomed Melissa, in Year 4, and her family to Ben Lomond Public School last week.

Teaching and Learning. For their English unit of work Talking Animals, the students were required to create a digital presentation on the topic. Some of the students created animations, whilst others used puppets to recreate a story. All the presentations were examples of the student's understandings of what is required to make a presentation interesting for the viewer.

Our Science unit, All mixed up will finish with the students creating their own lava lamps, which are an example of what can happen when different ingredients are mixed together.

Professional Learning. I recently attended the EduTech Conference that focused on Education and Technology. There were several important take home messages;

- Teaching Growth mindsets (that focuses on intelligence can be developed) is important as students learn that failure and mistakes are a normal part of the learning process.
- Normalise the struggle to learn. Everyone can identify.
- Focus on the learning process, so students are learning, improving, understanding.
- Engagement versus enjoyment, are students doing easy work that they already know?
- Neuroscience is helping us understand how the brain works, that it is constantly growing, changing and learning.
- Serotonin increases when you succeed but it increases more when you fail.
- Stress physically reduces the brains ability to think and learn.
- Play is the work, it is the foundation from which we learn.
- Gamification is a fundamental part of learning

- We need to create self-aware learners, who take mastery of their own learning.
- The digital disruption has already happened, so many jobs are already digitised and in the coming twenty years 5.1 million jobs are at risk of disappearing or changing significantly.
- Children don't come to school to get a job, they come to school to explore and solve problems.

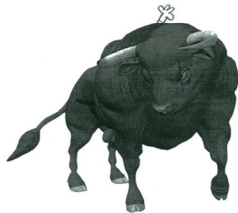
So, what do these messages mean for us? Future focused learning uses technology to learn and express, but it is the process that matters. Project based learning that is relevant, in context or applicable to the students will give the students opportunities to discuss, debate, critically reflect, define, dream, discover and solve. These students will spend the majority of their working lives in the second half of the 21st century and these are the skills they will need.

End of Term. Thank you to the staff, students and parents for their hard work and support this term.

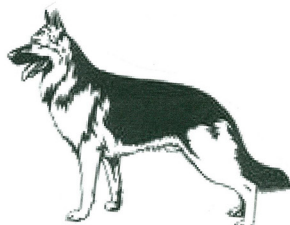
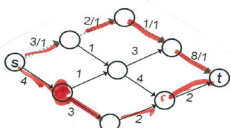
Have a safe and restful break. Students return Tuesday 18 July.



Baby baboon bathed badgers beloved
blue bikinis because bull bashed
balloons.



An Albatross
ate acorns
as Alsatians
added
algorithms.



Happy, hairy horses hunted
hippos hitch-hiking home.



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