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Ben Lomond Public School Newsletter



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Principals Report

It has been a fast-paced start to our year and things have been rapidly changing at Ben Lomond Public School as I know they have been in the wider community.

A big thank you for your efforts in supporting our school and students in these challenging times and for prioritising their safety and learning.

There have been a number of recent announcements regarding the use of RATs and COVID-19 safe measures at school. In summary, from Monday 28 February we are moving to symptomatic testing. Distributed tests are to be used at your discretion such as if your child is displaying COVID-19 symptoms. **We are also allowed to have visitors on site!!!** Please watch your emails and notes home for invitations to some upcoming events and we look forward to welcoming you back onto site.

Very Important People

This year we have welcomed six new students to Ben Lomond Public School. Angus (Year 6), Charlie (Year 5), Scarlett (Year 3), Raphael (Year 2), Dougal (Year 1) and Angus (Kindergarten). It has been an exciting time to see these students start their learning journeys with us.

We will soon begin our transition to kindergarten program. This program will run most weeks until the end of the year, and so far we have two students who will engage with this program.

Staffing this year has remained much the same, with Ms Barnes continuing her role as classroom teacher and the Digital Classroom Officer (which means she teaches other staff how to integrate technology into the curriculum to maximise student achievement), Mrs Lockyer is returning in her role as tutor, this was a newly created position that allows small group and one-one intervention in areas where students might need additional support. Mrs Lockyer works in the classroom on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

We have also seen appointment of Mrs Walsh to the permanent position of Assistant Principal Curriculum & Innovation (AP C&I). Mrs Walsh's position is shared across 4 schools and her allocation at BLPS is 1 day a week. Her role is to support strong instructional leadership models in all schools, coordinating professional learning for teachers, monitoring student outcomes, and supporting families to be key partners in student learning. While Mrs Walsh is finishing her maternity leave, Mrs Rose will be relieving in this position.

Mrs Stewart is our School Administrative Manager, Mr Eddy is continuing to fill the role of our General Assistant and Mrs Vidler and Ms Johnstone our School Learning Support Officers. These people are fundamental to the smooth running of our school, and I thank them for all they have already done this year.

As a result of our music lessons with the New England Conservatorium of Music now being on a Friday afternoon, we have to change our assembly day. Assembly will now be on Monday at 2.20pm. Our first assembly will be Monday 14 March and the second for this term March 28. I look forward to seeing those there who can attend.

Our P&C AGM will take place on Wednesday 2 March at 2.30pm at Ben Lomond Public School.

















Congratulations to Ben Lomond Public School for receiving Highly Commended for our Art works.





dates for your diary

March

Monday

Tennis Brandon Burey every Monday term 1 Assembly 14 and 28 March 2.20pm Harmony day 21 March

Wednesday

Sport Nigel King
P & C AGM 2 March 2.30pm
Transition to Kinder 16 March
Cross country 30 March
Friday

NECOM music lessons 3-6 PAWS Up program 4,11,18,25 March

COVID VACCINATIONS FOR STUDENTS

We have been advised by the Guyra Medical Centre that they have supplies of COVID vaccinations for children 5-11 years and 16 years and over for booster shots. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity to have your child/ren vaccinated, please call the surgery on 02 6738 4070 to make an appointment

Judy's last day of driving the bus for Ben Lomond was Monday the 28 February. We will be sad to see her go and we wish her all the best for her retirement. Thank you Judy

