

Term 3 Week 9 2023



# Ben Lomond Public School Newsletter

Respect, Responsibility, Leadership, Resilience



Lucas and Jack playing to a very interested audience

## Book week 2023





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## Relieving Principals report

In this newsletter, I would like to update you on the recent happenings at our school and share some exciting developments. Last week was SASS appreciation week. I would like to take the time to acknowledge the wonderful support staff at Ben Lomond Public School. Mrs Stewart, Ms Cassidy and Miss Cullen all bring wonderful skills to our little school and should be celebrated. Schools are made up of more than the contributions that teachers make, we could not do this job without our support staff. THANK YOU!

We're excited to share our recent celebration of Book Week, which brought the joy of reading to our students in a unique way. This year's Book Week was extraordinary as we embarked on a virtual excursion to DART Learning, where we had the privilege of hosting author Dr. Vanessa Pirotta, the talented mind behind "The Voyage of the Whale and Calf." One of the most anticipated aspects of Book Week is the chance for students to bring their favourite book characters to life. Our students did not disappoint! We were treated to an array of creative and colourful costumes, from classic characters like Harry Potter to more contemporary favourites like the BFG. The enthusiasm and creativity displayed by our students were truly remarkable.

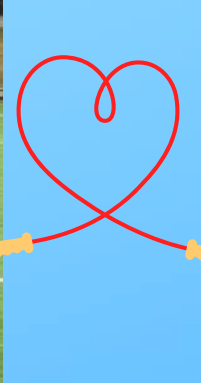
Ben Lomond Public School is transitioning to School Bytes, It is a comprehensive school management platform providing schools with the tools they need to operate smoothly & efficiently. It was created using first-hand experience from within the education sector, School Bytes focuses on the needs and requirements of Australian schools. During this transition period, we kindly ask for your patience and understanding as we adapt to this new system. We understand that change can be challenging, but we are confident that this move will ultimately benefit our students, parents, and staff by providing more accessible and user-friendly tools for managing school-related tasks.

As we approach the final two weeks of this term, we have an array of exciting events lined up for you. First, on Thursday 14 September, we will observe R U OK? Day, dedicating the day to mental health awareness and well-being with whole-school activities. Next, our NECOM band will embark on an exciting excursion to Glen Innes Public School on Friday 15 September, creating a combined band with Glen Innes Public and Black Mountain Public students for a harmonious musical experience. On Thursday 21 September, join us for a special school assembly where we'll celebrate our students' achievements and talents. Finally, don't miss the opportunity to witness our students' impressive 'Jump Rope for Heart' skills. We invite all parents, guardians, and community members to support and participate in this event, as your involvement is integral in fostering a vibrant and connected school community. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to sharing these memorable moments with you!

Regards  
Elizabeth Opie  
Relieving Principal



Jump Rope for Heart practice



Welcome Star to our Transition program.



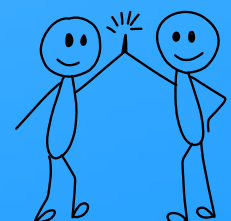
# STEM is FUN.



Marshmallow catapult. How far can the marshmallow fly?



Paddle pop stick powered boats.



# Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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## Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

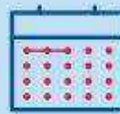
they miss days per year

**5** mins per day

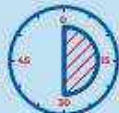


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**3** days

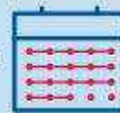


**30** mins per day



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**18** days



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

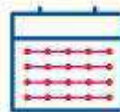
and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight



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**4** weeks



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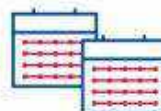
Over **1** year missed

**1** day per week



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**8** weeks



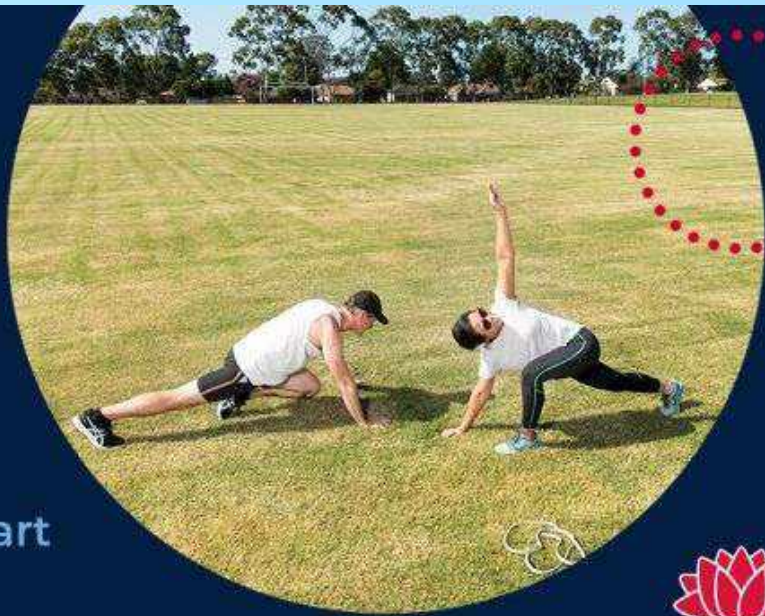
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Over **2.5** years missed

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# Share our space

Schools are at the heart  
of the community.



Share Our Space is a commitment by the NSW Government to make schools the centre of our community. It gives the people of NSW access to the outdoor ovals, playgrounds, sports courts and gardens of participating schools during the school holidays. It's a great way for communities to access open spaces and play equipment.

# Share Our Space

## This play area is open over the holiday break

Share Our Space is a commitment by the NSW Government to make schools the centre of our community. Our grounds are open from **8 am to 5 pm** during the school holidays, including weekends and public holidays.

Remember to:

**Play safe. Respect others. Care for our space.**

- ⊘ Access to school grounds outside of hours is prohibited
- ⊘ No skateboards or rollerblades/skates
- ⊘ No vehicles on site
- ⊘ Children should be supervised by adults at all times
- ⊘ No smoking or alcohol
- ⊘ No fires or BBQs
- ⊘ No littering or depositing of any material
- ⊘ No glass
- ⊘ No damage to school facilities
- ⊘ No animals

School outdoor facilities are unsupervised.  
Please call 1300 880 021 to report a violation of rules or for help.  
For emergencies call 000.

[edu.nsw.link/ShareOurSpace](https://edu.nsw.link/ShareOurSpace)



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



## SEPTEMBER

Friday 8 - Back Track.

Tuesday 12 - Netball.

Thursday 14 - Transition 9am - 1.30pm.

Friday 15 - Glen Innes Big Band day.

Tuesday 19 - Netball and playgroup.

Thursday 21 - Transition, Assembly 2 pm followed by Jump Rope for Heart Jump off.

Friday 22 - Back Track. Last day of Term.



**HAPPY**  
*Holidays*



## OCTOBER

Monday 9 - First day back Term 4, Staff and Students.

Thursday 12 - Transition 9am - 1.30pm.

Thursday 19 - Transition 9am - 1.30pm.

## NOVEMBER

Thursday 2 - Transition 9am - 3.00pm.

Tuesday 7 - Healthy Harold.

Thursday 9 - Last day of Transition 9am - 3.00pm.

Monday 13 - Book Excursion at UNE Armidale .

