# Term 3 Week 6 2023



# Ben Lomond Public School

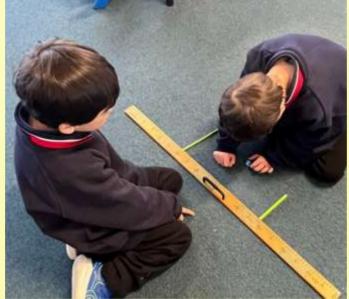
# Newsletter













Open classroom, Friday August 11

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### Relieving Principals report

Can you believe we are halfway through the term? I know that I cannot, the term is just flying by. Over the term we have celebrated, Education week, National Science week and the 4/5 students had a great time at the Great Aussie Bush Camp. Congratulations on the student's behaviour at all these events and excursions. You can be proud of how they showed respect, responsibility, leadership, and resilience.

This term has been a term of sickness, thank you to the parents that are keeping their children at home. Keeping the children at home helps prevent the spread of germs and helps your kids rest and recuperate. I know that this is a tough with all the germs at the moment, but please know that you are not alone and many schools in the area are having the same flus and germs spread throughout them. If there is any support that the school can provide, remember to reach out to us and we will accommodate if we can.

In week 3 was Educations week, however, we celebrated it in week 4. This decision was made because the students from years 4 and 5 were at camp and we didn't want them to miss out. The NSW Department of Education celebrated 175 years this year. On Wednesday, we went on two separate excursions to honour Public Education and on Friday we held open classrooms, where parents were welcome to see their child/ren in action and look through their work.

Playgroup has started here at Ben Lomond Public School. Gubi Gabun Children's Mobile Service provides the playgroup. The wonderful ladies of Gubi Gabun Children's Mobile Service bring their van and set up the hall for great early education learning opportunities. The next playgroup will be Tuesday 22 August at 10am to 11am in the school hall and occurs every two weeks.

Thank you to those parents that have taken the time to attend or arrange parent/teacher interviews I personally enjoy sitting with parents and making plans of 'where to next' in your child's education. If you have not made a time with Miss Barnes or myself yet, it isn't too late. Give the school a call and we will try our best to make something work. Parents, carers, teachers and support staff are a team to ensure that every student is engaged and challenged to continue to learn every day.

Elizabeth Opie Relieving Principal

# Black Mountain Public School, Snow Gums Learning Alliance of Small Schools Highland Fling and Education Week Celebrations Wednesday, 9 August, 2023













On the August 9, we travelled to Armidale to compete in an Inclusive Bowls day. Congratulation to Christian (Red Range Public School), Sherry, Lucas and Eli. What a massive effort with a second place in the North West.

Primary			Secondary	
Inverell Public School	694	1st	Inverell High School	857
Ben Lomond PS/Red Range PS	661	2nd	Gunnedah High School	800
Glen Innes Public School	642	3rd	Wee Waa High School	754



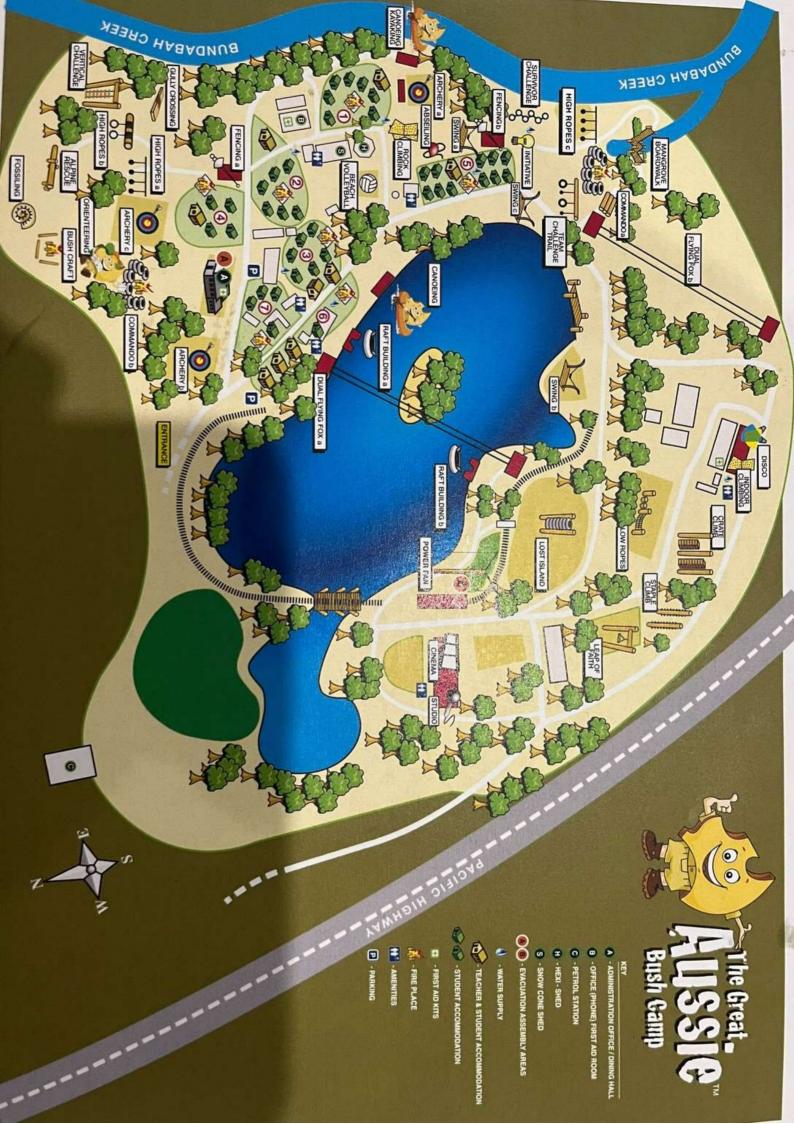
















# Great Aussie Bush Camp Week 3































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# We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to an upgraded School Bytes finance system on 29 August 2023!

In preparation for the transition to a simplified finance system for both you and the school, we will be required to implement a short payment lockout period where we will not be able to receive any payments.

### What this means for you

- No payments can be made online from 9am, Tuesday 22 August 2023.
- Last day to make cash, cheque or EFTPOS payments will at 1pm on Wednesday 23 August 2023.
- We will advise you when payments can resume closer to the above date
- Any existing payment links that have been sent to you previously in emails can still be used
- after the transition and will automatically redirect to the new system
- After the transition, a School Bytes portal will be available for you to register and begin using (Link: https://portal.schoolbytes.education)
- All pre<del>vious payments made will be migrat</del>ed to the new School Bytes finance system and portal
- Moving forward, when making a payment online, you will be redirected to a Service NSW page to complete an online payment. This is the new payment platform for online as directed by the NSW Department of Education.
- Payments made online will display as OSCHOOLSONLINE 0000 PARRAMATTA AUS on your bank statements moving forward.

#### What is the School Bytes portal

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque, money order and EFTPOS.





**Tuesday 15 - Netball** 

**Week 5 - Parent Teacher meetings** 

Friday 18 - Band

**Tuesday 22 - Netball, Playgroup and a virtual** 

excursion with a published Author

**Thursday 24 - Transition and Book week dressup** 

Friday 25 - Band

**Tuesday 29 - Netball** 

**Thursday 31 - Transition** 

## **SEPTEMBER**

**Tuesday 5 - Netball and Playgroup** 

**Thursday 7 - transition** 

Friday 8 - Band & Paws up

**Tuesday 12 - Netball** 

**Thursday 14 - transition** 

Friday 15 - Glen Innes Big Band day

**Tuesday 19 - Netball and playgroup** 

**Thursday 21 - transition** 

Friday 22 - Last day of Term

# **OCTOBER**

Monday 9 - First day back Term 4





