**Seeded Christmas Cards**

Christmas cards for sale as a fundraiser for Suzuki violin and cello in Armidale. Included in each card is a special Christmas card made from seed-embedded paper. The paper can be planted to grow Australian Swan River daisies. $6 for a pack of four different Christmas cards. (for sale until Friday 21st November)

Purchase from at the office or email or call: Mayumi Takayama, 6771 2943 mayumioz@hotmail.com.

Thank you for your support.

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**Ben Venue P & C Fundraising Raffle 2014**

Raffle tickets for the Ben Venue Fete major raffle went home with families on Tuesday November 4. Please support our major fundraiser and sell your ticket booklet and return it to school. Once you have sold your booklet and returned it, you can request another booklet from the front office if you would like to sell more. The fantastic prizes are listed below.

$2.00 a ticket - Prize List.

1. Accommodation for 3 nights at Ki- ea Apartments Port Macquarie for 2 adults and 2 children in a 2 bedroom spa apartment with sparkling wine and cheese on arrival and 2 kids welcome packs.
2. A Samsung Galaxy tablet 4 (10 inch screen)
3. A ‘Marine/Taupe Disco’ Poly Fibre Floor Rug from Hunt’s Carpets and Blinds (155cm x 225)
4. A $100.00 dinner voucher at the Red Grapevine and a family movie pass (4 tickets) to Belgrave
5. $100 gift voucher from Sportspower
6. $90 Hair pack from Solo Hair Design

**THE RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN AT THE BEN VENUE FETE ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22**

**PLEASE RETURN ALL TICKETS (SOLD OR UNSOLD) BY NOVEMBER 19**

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**TERM 4 2014 CALENDAR**

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**Welcome to Week 6 Term 4**

10 November 2014

Congratulations to Georgia Donoghue and Zenden Grieves who will collect High Distinction Certificates in Coffs Harbour today at the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition Awards. Georgia was placed second overall in the Northern Region Year 5 section of the Competition and Zenden was placed fourth in the Northern Tablelands and received a District Award. Seven students in Year 5 will receive High Distinctions and two students will receive Distinction Awards. In Year 6 Lily Scales was awarded a High Distinction and eight students will receive Distinction Awards. These awards will be handed out at the Assembly on Thursday. Congratulations to all of these students.

Thank you to parents who have sent in a letter regarding changes for next year. There are students presenting for enrolment every day and accurate recording of numbers is essential. Teacher allocations and classes are being considered now and late notification causes a late reshuffle. Early notification is very much appreciated.

Congratulations to 6M who raised $795.50 for Motor Neuron Disease from their recent ‘Ice Bucket Challenge’ the money not only supports research, but also supports those living with the disease. Well done!

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**Judy Graham**

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**Far Out Science - Science in the Bush at UNE**
AND MRS CARSON WERE VERY PROUD OF ALL THE STUDENTS AND NOTING CHANGES SINCE BIRTH. MRS PORTER NOW WATCHING SLOWLY TURN INTO FROGS AS PART OF OUR BUSY TERM. THE STUDENTS HAVE ENJOYED A DAY AT 1M.

**FETE FLYERS**

- All students will be given a sheet of four fete flyers this week to colour-in at school and with the permission of their parents, drop into letter boxes in their neighbourhood. Safety is important to us and it would be appreciated if you could ensure students are supervised when distributing these flyers.

**SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS APPLICATIONS**

Just a reminder the application website closes on MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER.

If you have indicated you will be applying for a place at either Duval High or Armidale High in the extension class in 2016, please ensure you have completed your online application by this date.

**NEW ENGLAND SPORTS AWARD**

Earlier this year our BVPS Girls Hockey Team and the Boys Rugby Union Team were both named 2AD Team of the Month. As a result both teams are in the running to be named the 2014 Junior Team of the Year.

- The successful teams will be announced at the New England Sports Awards night which will be held on the 27 November 2014 at the Armidale City Bowling Club at 6:30pm.

- Tickets are $5 each or $15 per family and are available for purchase from 2AD FM100.3. You can reserve a ticket to pick up at the door by contacting Alexandra Kentish on 6770 3869.

- Karen Watson.

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

- 1M are being very persistent working through a very busy term. The students have enjoyed a day at Thalgarrah where they caught tadpoles which we are now watching slowly turn into frogs as part of our unit ‘Growing and Changing’. We are also trying to grow seeds and have been looking at photos of the students and noting changes since birth. Mrs Porter and Mrs Carson were very proud of all the students for showing confidence to speak in front of the students and visitors when it was our turn to run the K-2 assembly. This term we are going to the Gymnastics Centre to work on skills in agility, movement and coordination. As the weather is getting warmer we are monitoring the UV index to stay sun safe. Please make sure students have their hat each day and apply sunscreen before coming to school. Megan Carson and Michelle Porter

- 4C students have been working well in order to complete a range of activities. They have been involved in learning a number of bush dances and have enjoyed doing so. Students have completed artworks on abstract faces and these incredible pieces of work are displayed in our classroom.

- All students have completed a number of assessment tasks and have commenced a unit of work entitled, ‘Local Environments’ which incorporates various aspects of our immediate and local area. Already students have started to create an environment using computer technology and are enjoying using their imaginations in the process.

- 4C have been actively involved in setting out and running orienteering courses around our school. They are very competent in this area and are looking forward to experiencing a more difficult course next year at the Northern Tablelands Orienteering School Championship.

- Students have also completed coloured pamphlets that were designed to raise community awareness of natural disasters. The results were astounding!

- We now look forward to a busy end of term before we commence our Christmas activities. Richard Crockett

**6M** It is hard to believe that we are already in Week 6 of Term 4 and another group of Year 6 students are nearly ready to leave us. All of them have had Orientation Days at their chosen high school and are excited at the prospect of moving on. I will all be sad to see them go, but I wish them all the very best for the future.

- The Year 6 students did an amazing job with the musical and some are having some difficulty settling back in the slog of assessments and the end of year work. However, they are all doing well and getting back into the routine of work.

- Students in 6M need to ensure they have brought a small present to school to send to their Korean friend, our box of presents from Korea has already arrived. I need to post our box this week so it will get there in time. Mary O’Connell

Orienteering Friday November 7

Last Friday a large contingent of Ben Venue students from Years 5 and 6 went to the Pine Forest to compete in the Northern Tablelands Orienteering Schools Championship. This event is held each year and Ben Venue students always feel satisfied they have competed on such a huge course. Most students ran the ‘score’ course but a few teams accepted the challenge and attempted the difficult ‘Orange Line Course’. This produced some intriguing moments. However, all finished the course and were pleased with their efforts.

This year electronic devices were used to record participant results and some of the times recorded were astounding. When results are available I will make them available to students and the Ben Venue community.

- I would like to compliment all students who attended the event. They participated well and demonstrated a true Ben Venue spirit of competitiveness. Richard Crockett

Triathlon

The Armidale Triathlon School Championship will be held on Sunday November 16 at TAS and surrounding areas. Students wishing to nominate for this event are encouraged to see me and register as soon as possible. Richard Crockett