News From The Music Room

What fabulous students we have at our school! Mrs Townsend and I were so proud of our students from Junior Choir who came and sang at the Kmart Wishing Tree Launch on Saturday. They looked divine, dressed in full school uniform with Christmas decorations in their hair, exemplary manners and they sang beautifully. Well done students!

The weekend before saw 44 students from Senior Choir sing in the ‘New England Sings’ concert, an outstanding concert for our students to be part of. Once again the students from Ben Venue had excellent manners and were beautifully turned out. They were a credit to themselves and to our school.

Some of our fabulous Year 5 students have been busy helping the Year 1 hoop dancers at lunchtime for their first performance at the Fete this coming Saturday. They will be performing at 11.15am following on from our wonderful School Orchestra who will be performing at 10.00am. Next will be our super Year 6 Marimba Group performing a medley of their favourite tunes to entertain the crowds. Mrs Paull is busy organising all our buskers from our school who are very excited about performing at our fete. Thanks parents for all your wonderful support of getting your children to all their performances. It is very much appreciated by us all!

See you at the fete! Yours in music, Sally Spillane

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BEN VEN NEWS
Ben Venue Public School… where great things are always happening!

Welcome to Week 7 Term 4

It’s Daylight Festival/Fete time again.

Thank you for all the donations coming in for the wonderful stalls that will be running on Saturday. If you have anything crafty/beady or suitable to sell to children you might like to send it to my stall. Donations for the Hamper Baskets and can be sent to the Front Office along with cakes etc (no earlier than Friday). This is Ben Venue’s major fundraiser for 2014. In 2014 the P&C gave $19,100 to assist programs and students at the school – a fantastic injection of funds for initiatives. Time to help raise funds for 2015!

As usual there are lots of events and opportunities for students this week.

- The process to elect prefects, captains and vice captains has begun. On Tuesday Year 5 will vote to determine the prefect nominations for 2015.
- Cricket – Ben Venue play Seaham in Newcastle - best of luck boys!
- Kindergarten students are off to the Fire Training Centre on Wednesday.
- On Wednesday and Thursday some of our budding artists are off to the Art Camp at Thalgarrah Field Studies Centre.
- A Cricket Gala Day will be held on Friday. Amanda Swain has organised participants from Years 3 and 4.
- Year 6 students are off to the Dorrigo Rainforest on Friday.

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Congratulations to 4W for their winning entry in the 'Waste into Art' Competition.

The picture is titled 'Turbine Hill' and is made using polystyrene tray prints. The idea for creating Turbine Hill came from the story 'Windy Farm' by Dough MacLeod and Craig Smith. Well done 4W!

Congratulations to Niki Ardalic (pictured left) whose artwork was chosen by the Director of Schools NSW Northern Tablelands (Mr Frank Potter) to be his 2014 ecard to schools in NSW.

Cake Stall

All cakes and biscuits for the fete cake stall need to be brought to the office no earlier than Friday. Please send them in on a disposable plate, wrapped in cling wrap and with a list of all ingredients. Thank you for your support!

Orchestra News

We have a busy few weeks coming up in the Ben Venue Orchestra. The following outlines our performances to conclude the year.

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Thank you to all orchestra members for their ongoing enthusiasm this year. It has been a pleasure to work with these talented musicians.

If your child would like to learn an instrument in 2015 or has been learning an instrument for 6 months and would like to join the Orchestra, please contact me for further information.

Bronwyn Paull, Orchestra Coordinator

Around The Classrooms

2G have been working hard in English. Students are studying a fabulous book called 'Stellaluna' and have enjoyed discussing 'bat' facts, writing descriptions and looking at how the author uses language to create an image in our minds.

As part of our COGs unit this term, students have harnessed their creativity and produced some fabulous research projects about different celebrations around the world. These will be presented in news week.

As the days are becoming warmer it is important for students to remain hydrated at school. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school which is kept in the classroom and can be refilled throughout the day. Jeanenne Gale

KD Last week Kindergarten classes had a wonderful time performing in front of the 2015 Kindergarten students at our Special Assembly. Everyone looked perfect in their school uniform students did a great job entertaining the audience.

Students are looking forward to our excursion to the Fire Training Centre this week where we’ll learn all about fire safety and have a look at the fire engines. This excursion supports our work in class where we are looking at people in the community who help us. KD are learning about nurses, doctors, ambulance officers and firefighters. The students are participating in discussions about the services these professionals provide and are writing about the things they have learnt. Kellie Diavell

Ambulance officers look at your pulse. Ambulance officers look at your blood pressure. Ambulance officers work in a team. They wear yellow coats when it is dark. By Oliver Spicer KD

Ambulance officers have a uniform and ambulance officers work in a team. They wear bright golden jumpers when it is dark. They also help people. They help babies when they are sick. By David Kpayah KD

Doctors have stethoscopes around their necks and they don’t work alone. If you have a broken hip a doctor comes and tells you which physiotherapist you need to go to. Doctors have a partner in the office. She is called a receptionist. Doctors look at your throat. Doctors x ray people’s bones if they are broken. Some people are too sick to come to the doctor’s so the doctor has to go to see them. By Joseph Thorsen KD

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6R have all turned into ecologists this term. Students have been busy studying the workings of rainforests, such as the layers within a rainforest; where rainforests are located; the different types of rainforests; why these ecosystems are so important; as well as the potential and immediate threats to these special environments.

As a part of the unit of work, ‘Living Land’, students have been looking at the concept of ‘sustainability’. Mostly, how can we provide shelter, in a way that has minimal impact on the environment, while being functional to the needs of an individual.

6R has spent time thinking, planning and designing how to achieve this in the most cost effective way. We spent time creating a model house that was subjected to a number of tests (other than our patience). These tests included efficiency of space and practicality, whether the model could harvest water, wind resistance, its eco-footprint, as well as the stability of the structure.

All in all, the results were amazing, despite discovering a few potential flaws, which could easily be rectified with more time. Rebecca O’Hara

Reclaim the Night—Art Competition

Congratulations to Elliot Mair 6R 2nd place, Georgia MacMahon 6R 3rd Place and Bailey Pattison 6M Highly Commended in the ‘Reclaim the Night’ Celebrations - Art Competition which was held on Friday night November 14 in the Mall. Ben Venue also won the overall Art Prize.

Congratulations to Hayley Lennon on her selection into the NSW U13 Indoor Hockey Team. She will be playing in the ACT in January 2015.

Best of luck Hayley!

Ambulance officers come urgently when 000 calls come in. Ambulance officers wear a uniform. There are different types of uniforms. Ambulance officers have special medical bags. By Violet Creegan

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Thank you Jennine Wilson

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Weekly Special
Beef Nachos and a drink $ 6.50
Please ring through your order on 6772 5571

Crazy Hair Stall
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