Welcome to Week 9 Term 2.

This week the Parent Club are once again holding special lunch days as a fundraiser. Special lunch days like these are allowed under the current canteen guidelines and treat days are able to be held twice a term. Thank you to parents who volunteer their time to allow us to have these days and to the students who support this initiative. All money raised goes back into the school. Special thanks to Michelle Peak who has put a great deal of time into the coordination of this fundraiser. If you are able to come on either of the days to assist further volunteers are most welcome, please contact Michelle Peak. The lunch day for 3-6 is Tuesday 24 June and K-2 will have their treat day on Thursday 26 June.

Last week Ben Venue students Lara Moloney, Sophie Gale and Hayley Lennon attended the NSW PSSA Hockey Carnival in Sydney. The girls had a wonderful week and brought back with them some life long memories. Kate Frizell also attended the carnival as the North West coach and reported the girls involved were excellent ambassadors for our school. A special congratulations to Hayley Lennon who has been selected in the NSW PSSA Girls Hockey Team. Hayley will travel to Hobart in August to play in the National Carnival. What a fantastic achievement!

At the School Development Day at the beginning of Term 3, Ben Venue teachers will take part in a range of activities designed to help them develop a thorough understanding of the new NSW Mathematics K-10 syllabus document. Staff will work together in year groups to develop units and teaching ideas for use in the classroom. Students will return to school on Tuesday 15 July.

Student reports to parents will go home this week. The report provides parents with information on a student’s learning in each of the Key Learning Areas based on common assessments administered by class teachers. If you require two copies of your child’s report and would prefer the second copy to be mailed, please provide us with a current mailing address. Thank you to parents who have already completed forms and returned them to school, we are committed to ensuring all parents have access to this information.

Karen Watson
Relieving Deputy Principal
**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

6R has had a very busy term. Many have participated in the Eisteddfod with Senior Choir (placed third), the Marimba Group (placed second) and Orchestra (placed fourth).

Others have participated in sport PSSA Knockout Competitions for Rugby, Netball, Cricket, Tennis, Soccer and Hockey. Many of these teams still retain a place in their competitions and look forward to their next rounds.

The Multicultural Public Speaking has also been a highlight this term, with Freddie Heslin receiving a Highly Commended and Tara Bourke receiving a Commended.

In the Debating Team Georgia MacMahon gained the highest score of all the speakers in the debates against the other BVPS Debating Team and Newling Public School.

Felix Dwyer-Westhorpe has had an artwork selected in the Operation Art Exhibition, we are just waiting to hear if his artwork titled ‘The Grapevine’ will be chosen to hang in a hospital to help sick kids recover in hospitals around the State.

All of Year 6 would agree that the Great Aussie Bush Camp was AMAZING! The team building and ‘adrenalin’ activities far exceeded our expectations (both teachers and students).

6R has also participated in an investigative day at Thalgarrah where students looked into ‘Soil’ and how it underpins everything we do. Thank you Mrs Kennelly for helping the students of 6R realise that soil isn’t just ‘dirt’. Rebecca O’Hara

1B Students in 1B have worked hard in what has been a very busy Term 2. We have been enjoying our English unit based around the book ‘Are we there yet?’ by Alison Lester. As we have joined the characters on their trip around Australia, students have learnt some interesting information about the Australian landscape and animals. Some activities have included planning an information report on sharks, making a poster to persuade people to protect quokkas and in Art lessons making a pelican, from the Coorong. 1B have also enjoyed learning and singing the songs ‘Are we there yet?’ and ‘Nocturnal’. We have some great singers and dancers in our class!

Last week we started to explore the use of iPads in our classroom. The students have been very excited to use this technology and will continue to have them scheduled into our weekly program.

Thank you to all the parents who have continued to help their child with reading and weekly homework. Your on-going support with these tasks and ensuring that your child is organised for each day is greatly appreciated! Melanie Bulmer

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**ADVANCED IN ART:**

for kids aged 8 and up

Tuesdays or Wednesdays, 4 - 5:15 pm

Cost for the term: $150

Term 3, 2014 (10 weeks) commences July 15 or 16

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Classes are held in the Packsaddle Studio at NERAM, with all materials provided. Maximum class size: 12.

Enquiries: Del Bernet 6772 7544 or dbernett@tpg.com.au

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**Relay for Life - Trivia Night**

**Where:** Armidale Bowling Club

**When:** Saturday 2 August

**Cost:** $12 per person

**Contact:** Samantha 0401 654 340

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**Netball News**

On Tuesday June 19 our BVPS PSSA Netball Team played the fourth round of the PSSA Knockout Competition. The BVPS team worked together beautifully and displayed their best netball skills in both attack and defence.

The game was fast-paced and a pleasure to watch.

The final score was Ross Hill Public School 19, BVPS 13.

A huge thank you to Amanda Swain and Chloe Reeves for umpiring the game, you did a fantastic job!

It has been wonderful to see this team improve and grow this year. We are very proud of their achievements. Well done! Bronwyn Jones Coach

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**‘Night of Music’**

What an outstanding ‘Night of Music’ we had. To all our students who performed on the night, you were all "stars" the students were an absolute pleasure to watch, well rehearsed and so confident in their performances, they entertained us all!

To all the fabulous teachers who braved the freezing conditions out the back of the hall, supervising students in the library and music room, collecting donations, selling raffle tickets at the door, doing the lighting and sound, compering the night, taking photos, assisting inside the hall, to the office who made the programs and Myron, Jamie and Bob who set up the hall, big THANK YOU to you all!

Special thanks to Bronwyn Jones for all her wonderful work with our School Orchestra and the fabulous Bettina Townsend who accompanied our choirs so beautifully we couldn’t do it without you!

Finally to our wonderful parents and friends who came and were a fabulous audience. We raised $1206.45 at our ‘Night of Music’. Thank you so much for your wonderful support. Yours in music, Sally Spilane

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