Welcome to Week 5 Term 3

Health Alert

The influenza/viral illnesses have meant that some classes have been down to 10 and 12 students. It is very difficult to cover classes when students, teachers and casual teachers are sick. I look forward to everyone feeling better and the weather warming up so we can move on with the many exciting things that are happening.

Sporting News

Congratulations to the Ben Venue Rugby Union Boys who are now into the final four in the State. So many of the boys were sick in Sydney – I am very surprised that they could play at all. The final will be played in Sydney on August 27. Thank you to the Armidale Ex-services Club who have donated $500 towards the boys’ accommodation in Sydney.

Congratulations to Hayley Lennon who was part of the Gold Medal winning NSW Rugby Union Boys team who last week won the Australian PSSA Hockey Championships. Hayley is an integral member of the Ben Venue Hockey team, the North West Hockey Team and from there was selected to play for NSW. Great work Hayley!

Teachers have reported some great performances at last Friday’s Zone Athletics and I will ensure that names go into next week’s newsletter.

Judy Graham

Ben Venue Starmaker

Round One of Starmaker will be completed this week during music lesson time due to some fabulous acts still to be seen!! WOW, it has been an absolute privilege watching the many acts talented students have created.

The Finals will be held next week in Week 6.

Years 3-4 Final Monday August 18 at 2:00pm in the Hall

Years 5-6 Final Tuesday August 19 at 11:40am in the Hall

All parents and friends are welcome!!!!
AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

1D have been investigating our family identities as well as looking at famous artists’ self portraits. In Mathematics students have been working in groups studying different strategies for subtraction problems. Last week students used the tens and ones units in a special ‘Commonwealth Games Subtraction Race’. Our New Zealand and Canadian teams blitzed it!

Students gained confidence as they practised for the assembly item last week and everyone from 1D was very excited to perform for our parents and friends.

1D have introduced some special baby dolls into our classroom recently as there are a few mums having babies over the next few months. Students are learning how to hold, feed and change the babies.

Jules Ditchfield

KD Kindergarten students had a fantastic week focusing on fairies a fortnight ago. We followed procedures to make sparkling fairy wands and to make delicious fairy bread. Each classroom has created a magical fairy tree and the students have written about where fairies live. Here’s a sample from the Kindergarten Dolphins:

Fairies live in ancient trees. They have cobwebs hanging near the door. Fairies are beautiful. On their beds there are roses. I love beautiful fairies. By Charlotte.

Fairies live in little mushrooms. The mushrooms are in a forest. By Tobias.

Fairies live in rainbow flowers. Cobwebs sparkle on the rainbow flowers. Their couches are made of feathers. Their beds are made out of cobwebs. By Eevi.

Our writing is becoming very descriptive and many students have become confident in their ability to write several sentences using capital letters and full stops correctly. Soon we’ll be visiting all of the Kindergarten classes to learn about the Arctic animal they have been studying. We are going to be very knowledgeable about the animals of the Arctic.

In Mathematics we are revising our number writing, solving many addition problems and will also be playing some bundling games.

Thank you to those parents who are spending time with their children each night reading Home Readers and revising sight words. This is a valuable activity. Similarly we appreciate the assistance and guidance being given to the children in the preparation of their news items each week.

Kellie Divall.

4H students have been busy over the last 6 weeks working on a digital presentation of an Aboriginal legend they have written. The students studied legends and found that they were used by Aboriginal people to explain things in their world or to teach a lesson or explain values. The students are using PowerPoint to compile a short Quick Time movie using voice recordings and art works they have drawn and photographed to go with and help tell their stories. We are planning to have these ready for our NAIDOC Week celebrations and are hoping to be able to share them with younger students. It has been an interesting and challenging project and all students have learnt a great deal about narrative writing, illustrating a story and how to combine many aspects of digital technologies to create multi-modal texts. We hope our younger

P & C Wednesday
7:30pm
In the Staffroom
All Welcome!

BOOK WEEK 18-22 August

Book Fair 21 August 8:30am - 4:00pm in the Library
Book Week Parade 21 August 12:00pm - 1:00pm in the Hall

Students are invited to dress-up as their favourite book character. Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to come along and enjoy the parade.

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday 12 August
- Students Casual Dress Day
- Students are asked to dress in Aboriginal prints or in the colours of the Aboriginal Flag

Thursday 13 August
- Parents and carers are invited to join our staff for morning tea in the Hall