Parent Club
Parent Club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the staffroom at 9:30am (August 19).
We hope to see some new faces. Michelle Peak

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Welcome to Week 6 Term 3

The Opera House visit on August 4, 5 and 6 was just amazing. Students sang beautifully and the Marimba Group ‘absolutely nailed’ their performance (to quote Sally Spillane). The cheers for the Marimba Group were very enthusiastic as this group has a very different sound in a sea of orchestral and vocal ensembles. Other activities scheduled for the down time in the excursion were enjoyed by all – particularly the Bird Show and the Seal Show at Taronga Zoo.

Thank you to:
- Sally Spillane who is tireless in her promotion of musical talent at Ben Venue.
- Bettina Townsend who gives unwavering support for music initiatives at Ben Venue.
- Matt Crotty whose assistance was invaluable.
- Students were very ill when I arrived on Monday and the care and attention afforded to them was simply wonderful. I know many other family members have been ill since the students returned. They were so strong in the face of health adversity – what a group!

NAIDOC WEEK Activities

Thank you to the Aboriginal Committee who organised a number of great ways to celebrate NAIDOC WEEK at Ben Venue. Our special guest, Dean Widders gave a very inspiring message for students about the importance of school and behaviour in the lead up to future career choices including football. People are still talking about the ‘down to earth’ talk and the way the students took his message on board. He spoke to all students with the same message and I’m sure it had a special impact.

It’s STARMAKER WEEK, Spelling Bee Final and the BOOK WEEK PARADE !!!!

Health Alert

Students and teachers are still unwell and it seems we will be coping with health issues for a few more weeks. Best Wishes to Gwynn Beynon, Liam Northam, Benji Marshall, Ronan Crotty and Ben Murphy who are off to Kiama for the PSSA Rugby this week.

BOOK WEEK 28-22 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.
From the Deputy’s Desk ……

New England Schools Remember

Last Wednesday a group of Year 6 students attended the New England Schools Remember Ceremony as representatives of BVPS. Year 6 student Bailey Pattison was selected to give the primary keynote address at this special event following a competition held for primary students. We have received an email from the organiser of the event who was very impressed with the speech and the way Baily spoke. Congratulations Bailey!

Author Visit

Last Friday we were very fortunate to have Duncan Ball visit Ben Venue and speak to Year 6 students. Duncan shared with us hints for gathering ideas and finding inspiration for writing. He read some great chapters from his books including one about a mobile toilet which was a great hit with students. Karen Watson

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

6M Bailey Pattison did us proud when he spoke at the New England School’s Remember Ceremony at Central Park in Armidale last week. Bailey was chosen to deliver the key note address for the Primary Schools of the district.

Students from thirteen schools around the district gathered together to commemorate the start of World War I.

The main message of the day was: ‘We need to try to solve global issues with words rather than weapons’.

Obviously the world powers are having a great deal of conflict with conflicts in many countries at present, it seems quite chaotic and uncontrolled.

It was a moving ceremony with some students moved to tears by the speeches and the message of the day. Students of 6M have been researching the events of World War I. We have seen how difficult life was for the soldiers who actually did all the fighting and how terrible the suffering and sacrifice was for all those involved. Mary O’Connell

1B enjoyed celebrating NAIDOC week last week, and creating some Aboriginal artworks. We were very proud of our classmates Indianna, Bronte and Brayden who participated in the Welcome Dance at the NAIDOC Week assembly. This term, our COGs unit explores ‘Our Families’. In this unit, we are now beginning to look at our family histories using oral histories and artefacts. Students will start to develop their understanding of oral histories as they present their news items on a significant family event this week. In Mathematics we have been learning how to read half past on an analogue clock. Students are encouraged to look at and attempt to read clocks at home, at particular times such as dinner time, bed time, or the time their favourite television show begins. Mrs Swain’s Physical Education lessons continue to be greatly enjoyed at the end of each week. We have had some students in 1B attend Mrs Swain’s fitness lessons in the hall at 8:30am on Monday and Friday and they have all enjoyed them and found them a challenge too. A fun way to get energised for the day ahead! This week we are looking forward to the Book Fair and Parade. I have heard lots of excited ideas of the characters I will be meeting in class on Thursday!

Thank you for your continued support with homework, reading and ensuring that your child is organised each day. Melanie Bulmer

Hockey News

Congratulations to our girls hockey team who are now the North West Regional Champions after defeating Oxley Vale 4-1 in Tamworth last week. Thank you to all the parents and relatives who came down for the day – it was wonderful to have such a supportive cheer squad. A special thank you also needs to go to Mark Low, who has so generously given his time again this year and provided invaluable coaching support.

The team will now travel to Grafton to play Westlawn Public School who are the North Coast Champions.

Good luck girls!

Sue Lye

Photo: Phoebe Wicks and Jamelia Kelly in action.

Indoor Hockey

The Indoor Hockey Competition will begin again in Term 4 so it’s time to think about getting a group of friends together and forming a team for this year’s season. The competition for primary school students takes place on Friday afternoons at the Armidale High School DEN and runs through the summer terms (Term 4 2014 and Term 1 2015). Teams of 7 or 8 can compete in 3 different divisions, depending on age and experience, and beginners are most welcome! More information will be available in the coming weeks. Sue Lye

Year 6 Parent Information Evening

Duval High School invites parents and students of Year 6 to attend our Year 7, 2015 Parent Information Evening.

Date: Tuesday 19 August 2014

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Staff Common Room, Duval High School

Meet key personnel at the school, tour our facilities and learn about the broad curriculum offered to all students. A light supper will be provided.

For more information please contact the school on 6772 1266.

For more information about our wonderful school log on to www.duval-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

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