Welcome to Week 9 Term 3

September 14, 2015

Last week our Girls Hockey Team travelled to Narellan to participate in the Finals of the PSSA State Knockout Competition. Their day began with a semi-final match against Harrington Park Public School, and what an unforgettable match it was! In a tightly contested game, the score was 0-0 at full time and this meant extra time in a ‘drop-off’ situation. The first period of extra time was 7 minutes with only 9 players and this was followed by 7 minutes more with only 7 players. With the scores still locked at 0-0, we went to 5 players per side for 3 more periods of 5 minutes. Our amazing girls worked and would not give in. Towards the end of the third 5 minute period they were able to sneak a goal past the Harrington Park keeper to win the match which put Ben Venue into the Grand Final.

After such an epic and exhausting semi-final, the girls approached the Grand Final against Bletchington Public School (from Orange) with a positive, determined attitude. This match was another nail biter with many opportunities to score for both sides. At full time the score was again locked at 0-0 and both teams were declared joint State Champions. A truly sensational result girls, and we are all just so proud of your amazing skill, talent, persistence and most importantly, their sense of fair play.

Thank you to the wonderful parents who travelled to Narellan to support the team and to those who have been such fabulous help throughout the year – taking players to games and training sessions, providing fruit, iced tea, and an enormous thank you again to Mark Low and Kate Frizell who gave up their valuable time to assist with coaching this year.

Team members: Evelyn Ward (GK), Emily Ray, Symantha Hewitt, Alex Donoghue, Amy Schuman, Ally Weston, Georgia Donoghue, Jess Abbo, Lara Moloney, Brielle Ball, Jamelia Kelly, Olivia Clarke, Olivia Davidson and Grace Petrov Sue Lye

Dear Judy,

Congratulations to Ben Venue’s girls hockey team, their teacher - Sue Lye and families. What great ambassadors for your school!

As you would know the girls played an extra 34 minutes of hockey in their semi final to eventually score a goal and qualify for the final. To then back up and come out and play the final against Bletchington PS was a really big ask - but all the girls did it with a smile on their face and a positive attitude. I believe Sue was a big feature in this, she was so positive with all the players and encouraged them to just do their best even though they were exhausted.

Congratulations to the team on being joint champions for the NSW PSSA 2015 Hockey Knockout Competition.

Kind Regards,
Jayne Rixon Dapto Public School
NSW PSSA Hockey Convenor

Moments like these make me proud to be the Principal! Have a great week and a safe and happy holiday!

Judy Graham
From the Deputy’s desk ....

On Tuesday at 12:00noon students from the Marimba Group, Circus, and the Year 2 Dance Group will be performing in the school hall. If you missed the ACOS event, please come along to view these performances; they are spectacular!

This week we also have the Grand Final of ‘Starmaker’ and I can’t wait! I have heard the enthusiasm from everyone around the school and it is certainly an event not to be missed!

Congratulations to all our students and staff who have been part of the many Grand Final teams over the past few weeks. It is always lovely to hear about weekend activities from the students and I particularly enjoy hearing about their sport. From all the students I have spoken to about their sporting season the message has been that they have thoroughly enjoyed playing with their team but are looking forward to having a break from winter sports and getting ready for the summer season.

We have had yet another busy term that has involved many activities including sports carnivals, PSSA knockouts, Creative Arts evenings, Book Parades, excursions, NAIDOC Week activities and of course the teaching and learning which is ongoing throughout the year. As the holidays approach I would like to thank all the staff and students who have contributed another successful term. I hope you all have a fabulous, relaxing holiday that recharges the batteries for our last busy term of the year.

Lou Moffatt

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**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

1D students had a fantastic trip to Thalgarrah to complement our HSIE and Science and Technology units. Despite the freezing weather, students managed to see lots of interesting things during our bush walk including a special animal that makes holes in trees where a branch falls off!

Students have been focusing on poetry in the second half of this term in Literacy, and have learnt how to create alliterative and colour poems, wrodles and cinquains.

Through our ‘Frogs Unit’ 1D have studied the lifecycles of a frog, written factual reports and produced terrific artworks. Students even discovered which frogs burrow with their bottoms!

Students are getting ready for the Athletics Carnival by practising starts and prints. All of 1D are looking to running as fast as they can in a straight line this Friday. We are hoping some of our mums and dads will run in the parents race so we can cheer them on! Jules Ditchfield

4F have been very busy this term. Students have been working hard in English learning about Aboriginal myths and legends from Australia and other countries. The students chose a subject and wrote their own Aboriginal legend; they also drew pictures to accompany their story. Students are now combining their stories and pictures in to a PowerPoint presentation.

Earlier this Term 4F went to Thalgarrah. Students found out new and interesting information about the life cycles of different plants and animals. Students went dip netting and caught many fascinating creatures.

In class, students researched and created the life cycle of an Australian plant or animal and made props to represent each of the stages. Matt and Tanya, from Thalgarrah, visited 4F and brought iPads. Using the props they had prepared, students created an animated movie using stop-motion animation and iMovie. This was a lot of fun!

Nicole Frost and Rebecca Bourke

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**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

Students who are attending swimming lessons can still order a Sausage Sizzle for Friday. Both groups will have their lunch before they go.

All orders must be in by tomorrow please!

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**STARMAKER GRAND FINAL 2015**

Wednesday September 16 from 11:40am—1:00pm

BVPS students and staff have been treated to some fantastic acts during the 2015 Semi-Finals of Starmaker. Students are to be congratulated on their fabulous work. The Grand Final will showcase a wonderful display of talent and skill of our amazing students.

Everyone is welcome to attend!!!

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**PAPER PLANE COMPETITION!**

As part of the ‘Family Fun Day’ at the Old Teachers’ College on SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER a paper plane flying competition will be held for children of primary school age, in two divisions, K to 2 and 3 to 6. Enrolling and folding of provided paper starts at 2:00pm with launching at 2:45 pm.

Entry fee: $2.00

A handsome prize will be awarded to the winner in each division. Participants can receive assistance in the folding from family and/or friends but must launch their own planes. TIME TO START PRACTISING NOW!

**Softball Armidale (T-ball, Mod-ball & social sevens) Registration Day**

Saturday September 5, 2015 at Sportspower between 9:00am—12noon

Cost: 5-11 years $60

Information: Naomi Bassett on 0408 022 779, Amy Klendienst on 0434 610 795 or email: armidalesoftball@hotmail.com

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**Notice to Parents**

There will be a special performance of the Ben Venue ACOS performances on Tuesday at 12:00noon

2H would like to give a huge thank you to Teesh Wright for her help making costumes for our ‘Hard Knock Life’ performance at ‘An Evening With ACOS’ last week. Teesh made 19 brown skirts for the girls and organised brilliant jackets for the boys. The time and effort Teesh put into making us look so fantastic is very much appreciated.

Thank you! Lana Howlett

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Photo left: Alliyah Asher attended the opening of ‘Operation Art Exhibition’ at Sydney Olympic Park. Her artwork was on display along with the artworks of Takoda Griffiths, Jacob Pearce and Adrian Jerrard.

Congratulations to these students!