Congratulations

- To Georgia Donoghue who was awarded first place overall in the Northern Region in the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition. Georgia will receive a $100 account and Zenden Grieves and Aiden Swick will receive $40 accounts - all to be donated by Newcastle Permanent. Awards will be presented in early November.

- To the Ben Venue cricketers who were beaten by ONE run last Thursday. I was very pleased to hear that the coach of the Tamworth team commented on the fair play and the way our boys played the game. Well done boys.

Year 6 students travelling to the Opera House are very excited. The students from Centenary Heights State High School (CHSHS) to Toowoomba were envious of this opportunity. The CHSHS Show Band entertained Ben Venue students and teachers with a show and an amazing musical performance last Friday. Musical Director Geoff Poole told me that the students’ visits to Ben Venue are always the highlight of their tour. The Year 6 Marimba Group played for them and then taught the students from CHSHS a couple of simple marimba tunes. The show was simply spectacular and I am sure the teachers and students look forward to next year.

Snippets

- All Kindergarten students are picnicking with Teddy Bears at Thalgarrah over the next few weeks.
- Year 6 students are planning to “Never Grow Up”.
- Kindergarten students 2016 are coming for an Orientation Visit tomorrow at 9.45am.

SCHOOL PHOTOS COMMENCE ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21.

Please make sure students attend school every day. All classes are conducting Year based assessments in the coming weeks and attendance at school assists with these important snapshots of student progress. These assessments are then moderated with other student work samples and anecdotal teacher evidence to ensure that reports are an accurate reflection of student achievement.

Have a great week.

Judy Graham
Principal

Welcome to Week 3 Term 4

October 19, 2015

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From the Deputy’s desk

Last Thursday the BVPS cricket team under the coaching of Ben Mclean travelled to Tamworth to compete in the regional final of the PSSA knockout competition against a strong Tamworth South PS. The boys played well but were defeated by one run. Thank you to Ben and parents who were able to help with transport.

On Friday staff and students were treated to the most amazing concert by the Geoff Poole Stage band from Tooowoomba. We saw guest appearances from Angry Bird and Spongebob Squarepants, who entertained the students and encouraged them to sing along to some of the familiar tunes! Thank you to Mrs Graham for organising this wonderful experience.

Lost Property

The number of unnamed items continues to astound staff. Bundles of jumpers are collected at the end of each day and a very large percentage of these are unnamed. Please check all items of clothing, hats, drink bottles and lunch boxes to ensure they are labelled.

Kindergarten Orientation

It was fabulous to see many new faces at our parent information session last Wednesday evening. We have our first transition morning tomorrow beginning at 9:45am. We still have a few places available for 2016 if you are aware of anyone who may be interested in attending BVPS next year.

High School Orientation Sessions

Students who are attending Duval High School or Armidale High school in 2015 will be involved in a full day of activities at their chosen school on November 5. More information will be provided to students and their parents in the coming week.

Ben Mclean

Last Thursday our boys cricket team travelled to Tamworth for the Regional Finals cricket match against Tamworth South. We were all excited in the hope we would defend our title as Regional Champions against a Tamworth team who were at home and were not to be underestimated. Winning the toss and sending our opposition into bat we were suddenly on the front foot with Leo Schmude taking a wicket with the first ball of the match. In the field, Ben Venue were also impressive taking all their catches and bowling out our opposition for only 94. A big mention to our 7 bowlers who all bowled extremely well with, Dylan Moore displaying his best bowling performance tying up one end and taking 1 wicket in the process. James Marshall was also very impressive cleaning up the tail and taking 3 wickets.

In response, Zenden Grieves and Jordan King steadied the innings before Jordan was unfortunately run out by an impressive bit of fielding by the Tamworth fielders. Unfortunately this led to Ben Venue losing wickets at a steady rate despite the gallant effort by our boys, particularly Bertie Lynch and Thomas Craig, at the end of the innings to give us every chance to win. However, Ben Venue finished 1 run short, being out for 93. Bad luck boys - we were unfortunate to fall just short and I was proud of every one of you. Thank you for a great season and all the best for the Year 6 boys moving up next year with their cricket careers, as well as the Year 5 boys who will be better for the experience as senior players next year. Also a big thank you to the parents throughout the year who helped with things like transport and scoring.

P&C Major Fundraising Meeting at 7.00pm, Wednesday, 21 October followed by regular P&C meeting 7.30 - 8.30pm

Reminder that the school orchestra resumes rehearsals this week on Thursday, 22 October.

Week 3 Special
Hot Dog and Drink
$4.00

K5 It’s hard to believe that our Kindergarten students have only 8 weeks left of their first year of school. What an enormous year it has been, but there is still a very busy, fun-filled term ahead. We are all looking forward to visiting the Thalgarrah Environmental Education Centre where we will have a Teddy Bears’ Picnic and learn about the things plants and animals need to survive. This excursion will supplement the work we are currently undertaking in Science and HSIE.

In PD/Health, lessons this term will focus on safety – water safety, sun safety, fire safety and road safety. There will be a visit to the Fire Training Centre later in the term so stay tuned for further information.

In English, Kindergarten classes are completing activities from a unit focusing on Aboriginal Dreaming stories. We have listened to the story of ‘Tiddalik’, the frog who caused a flood, and will be developing our own storytelling skills throughout the term. We will also be learning about Australian animals so that we can create some information texts.

Over the coming weeks we will be welcoming our 2016 Kindergarten students into our classrooms as part of the Kindergarten Orientation Program. It will be exciting to show them our new play area at the front of the school and also perform for them at assembly.

On another note, I am on the lookout for another couple of players to join a Kindergarten indoor hockey team. Games will be played each Friday this term and in Term 1 2016 at the Armidale High School DEN. This format is such a wonderful introduction to the sport of hockey so if your child is interested, please see me for further information.

Sue Lyse

1M Welcome back to Term 4 … can you believe it! This term the marvellous 1M are working hard on a Fairy Tales unit during our Literacy lessons. We have started with Jack and the Beanstalk and we will continue to look at other tales such as The Gingerbread Man, The Three Little Pigs and Aboriginal Dreaming stories such as Dunbi the Owl and How the Birds Got Their Colours. During our sessions students will be making predictions about different outcomes and endings to the stories using their imagination. For example, in Jack and the Beanstalk, suppose the seeds that Jack took from the man grew into enormous long carrots and when Jack pulled up the carrots he discovered a long, long tunnel. What creative new endings can you think of?

In Science this term 1M will be studying a unit called Up, Down and All Around. The unit provides opportunities for students to explore natural, made and managed features that undergo change. Through outdoor observations and photographic records, students investigate the daily, weekly and seasonal changes in their local environment.

This term we will begin to implement the new History syllabus with a unit called Past and Present Family Life. Students learn about the similarities and differences in family life by comparing the present with the past. The students will begin to explore the links and the changes that occur over time and they will be introduced to the use of historical sources such as photographs, books, museums and artefacts.

During PE students will be broadening their repertoire of dance moves as we learn some new dances as a year group during our fitness time.

1M are also gearing up for a combined assembly with 1C in Week 4. We would like to invite our parents to come and see us in action when performing our item. We have a number of students who are nearing a special award so keep your eyes out for our assembly award slips in school bags.

We look forward to another successful term!

Mebby McClennan and Michelle Porter

Ukelele lessons with Cathy Welsford start again this Thursday, 22 October.

We were excited to hear that Cathy and her group recently auditioned for ‘Australia’s Got Talent’.

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