Welcome to Week 3, Term 1 2015

10 February 2015

Yesterday I attended the funeral of David Kennelly, the former Principal of the Thalgarrah Field Studies Centre (now the Environment Centre). Ben Venue students for many years enjoyed visits with David at Thalgarrah and welcomed the expertise he brought with him when he visited Ben Venue. His assistance and in-depth environmental knowledge enriched programs, excursions and projects. Teachers and students remember him fondly.

Thank you to the teachers and parents who assisted with the Swimming Carnival yesterday. People have given very positive feedback about the organisation of the day. Thanks to Karen Watson who is now organising lists of students for the District Carnival and doing the ribbons for Thursday’s assembly. Sports Captains and Vice Captains will receive their badges at the Years 3-6 Assembly on Thursday.

Parent Information Evenings will be held next week. These evenings provide an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher in 2015. There will be a general school information sheet handed out and specific information about class routines and procedures. The evenings are general in nature and any specific questions or information relating to your child should be discussed at mutually arranged time.

Appointments are to be made by contacting the teacher through the Front Office.

### Sports Uniform

Students in Years 3-6 are required to have a sports uniform which is to be worn on Sports Days for each Year group. Most students have a sports shirt, but if they don’t they are still able to wear their white polo shirt, navy shorts (not bike pants, tights or short shorts).

The school has a set of sports shirts available for sport representation. These can be accessed for group representation in order that the students all have the Ben Venue uniform.

On PE days students may bring their joggers in a plastic bag in their back packs. Sports shirts are not worn on PE days.

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**TERM 1 2015 CALENDAR**
House Captains for 2015

Blaxland
Captains  Zac Davidson  Grace Petrov
Vice  Ehan Boshoff  Amy Schuman

Cunningham
Captains  Alex MacMahon  Phoebe Jones
Vice  Takoda Griffiths  Evelyn Ward

Sturt
Captain  Kyran Peltonen  Caitlin Lord
Vice  Ryan Hodson  Heather Gurner

Oxley
Captains  Dylan Knox  Laura Roberts
Vice  Rohan Lawrence  Isobelle Dick

Congratulations to you all!

2014 Presentation Day Photos
Available from the Office

$2.00 each

89 The Corner Store
Weekly Special
Potato Bake and a Popper or Flavoured Milk
$ 6.50
Please ring through your order on 6772 5571
Lunch orders are only available on Wed, Thurs and Friday

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NEWS FROM THE MUSIC ROOM
We received wonderful news when we came back to school. Our Year 6 Choir students have been successful in their audition and have been chosen to perform in ‘The Bennelong Concert’ on Thursday October 29. This is fabulous achievement for our students.

Junior and Senior Choir began last week. It was wonderful to see so many students at choir. Students need to have a choir folder for their music.

Our new Year 6 Marimba Group have made a fabulous start to their practice. They will be working hard this week preparing for their audition which will take place later in the week.

Yours in music, Sally Spillane.

REMINDER — ONLINE PAYMENTS
If you are making an online payment via the Ben Venue website there is a minimum payment of $10-00. You can pay for two or more students for example who may have excursions which are under $10-00 each at the same time, as long as the total payment is over $10-00.

P & C - AGM
7:00pm 4 March 2015 in the Staffroom
All Welcome!!!

Don’t forget School Banking has resumed.

Breast Screen NSW—Cancer Institute of NSW
The mobile breast cancer screening unit is due to commence screening in Armidale at the Visitor Information Centre car park from Wednesday 11 March 2015
Visit www.bsnsw.org.au
Or Call 13 20 50

NETBALL NEWS REMINDER
Netball registrations are now due. Please download the registration form from the Armidale and District Netball Association website http://armidalena.nsw.netball.com.au and return it, along with the money, to Mrs Swain before Friday February 13, 2015. Amanda Swain