Welcome to Week 5

It’s already Week 5 and there’s only ten weeks in this term – it is just flying!

To keep you up to date:

• The advertisement for the Deputy Principal Position at BVPS will be published this week.

• The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the P&C will be held on Wednesday March 4.

• A 20 minute School Focus and Planning presentation will be held for all interested parents at the AGM. Please phone me if you would like more information about this.

• The Parent Club will be holding their first Special Lunch Day on Thursday March 12.

• The Life Education Van will arrive on Wednesday March 4.

• The Mobile Dental Van will visit Ben Venue in early Term 2. Details will come home after the Dental Mascot Visit at two assemblies on March 18 and March 19.

• Students will enjoy a visit from two members of the Sydney Swans on Monday and Tuesday this week. They will be working with the younger students but any Swans fans in Years 5 and 6 might like to join me to meet and greet them and perhaps join in some activities on Tuesday.

Thank you

• to parents who attended the Information Evenings on Monday and Tuesday. Please return the Computer Code of Conduct note (signed) as soon as possible. A plastic sleeve of information is available for all parents. Please make this copy for your child.

• to Karen Watson and Ann-Maree Pattison who supervised our District swimmers last Thursday. The relay teams were once again a force to contend with – well done to all swimmers.

Have a great week!

Judy Graham
On Monday February 9, our annual Ben Venue Swimming Carnival was held at the Armidale Aquatic Centre. Participation was very large with numbers of students trying their best in a variety of events including the very popular novelties.

The winning house, in a very close contest was Oxley!

A huge thank you to all parents who helped on the day. We would not be able to run the carnival without you and your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Age Champions were:

- **Junior Boys**
  - Angus Ditchfield
- **Junior Girls**
  - Akina Blake
- **Runner up**
  - Elliot Clarke
- **Runners up**
  - Emily Hunt & Molly Deiderick
- **11yrs Boys**
  - Aiden Swick
- **11yrs Girls**
  - Elise de Crespigny
- **Runner up**
  - Haydn Schumacher
- **Runner up**
  - Isobelle Dick
- **Senior Boys**
  - Zac Davidson
- **Senior Girls**
  - Lara Moloney
- **Runner up**
  - Takoda Griffiths
- **Runner up**
  - Caitlin Lord

One record was broken and one equalled at the carnival. The Oxley Senior Girls relay team, consisting of Lara Moloney, Isabella Maschio, Elise de Crespigny and Isobelle Dick set a new relay record.

Congratulations girls!

In addition to this, Elise de Crespigny equalled the current 11yrs girls Breaststroke record in a time of 50:00 seconds, a fabulous effort!

One of the highlights of the day was the annual Parent/Teacher race. Congratulations to Jeremy Wilson who blitzed the field in this event!

Following the school carnival, 40 students were selected to represent Ben Venue at the Armidale District Carnival on Thursday 19 February. Students swam at the District Carnival with great success and we have three relay teams and a large number of individual swimmers who have been selected represent Ben Venue at the Regional Carnival on Tuesday March 3.

Karen Watson Swimming Coordinator

**Swimming News 2015**

Did You Know? The Bilby is a nocturnal marsupial that lives in the semi-arid and arid areas of Australia. Bilbies live in burrows which they dig up to 2 metres deep. Melanie Bulmer

SP has had a great start to the year and all class members have settled into the new routines in Year 4.

In English we are studying ‘Blueback’ by Tim Winton. ‘Blueback’ details the life of Abel Jackson; a diver and later a marine biologist from the age of 10 through to his adult life. The title of the book originates from a fish that Abel sees while diving in a bay near his house; a giant blue groper. We highly recommend this novel as it uses amazing literary devices including alliteration and similes.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the Snake Tails show on Friday. Seeing a tame blue tongue lizard close up and patting a python were some of the highlights.

We learnt a lot of new information about different species of reptiles.

In Mathematics students have been learning about the different types of angles including obtuse, acute, right, straight and reflex angles. Students have been particularly focused when learning how to measure angles with a protractor. Bronwyn Paul

In the Staffroom

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

There are lots and lots of 2014 Presentation Day Photos still available from the Office - $3.00 each

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