**Welcome to Week 7 Term 1.**

Zac Davidson was chosen as our first Ben Venue star.

Zac showed us that he has an amazing talent for making whips. At last Thursday’s assembly Zac taught us all about the parts of a whip and the things he has learned in the time he has been plaiting and making whips. Zac’s interview was inspiring – he is very humble about his ability and seeks to improve his skills at all times. Congratulations Zac! I hope your talent in this field leads you to exciting opportunities throughout your future.

It’s **CUPCAKE DAY** on **Friday March 13**. The cost of the trip to Sydney for the Young Leaders has risen quite a lot so this is a Fundraising effort on their part. The leadership excursion is a major event on the Student leadership calendar and all students are keen to be part of it.

If anyone would like to donate some cakes to sell - $1 each - they would be most appreciated. Parents and friends of the Young Leaders have been cooking up a storm! Please don’t make them huge or tiny – just normal cupcake size. Deliver to the Canteen on Friday morning please.

All students K-6 will be able to purchase **cupcakes this Friday**. Thank you to the wonderful parents who attended the AGM and the School Planning session last Wednesday evening. It was a very pleasing response and with a Focus Group of Executive, Parents and Teachers, the future of Ben Venue is in good hands. Thank you to Ruth Samuels (Principal School Leadership) for delivering an inspiring session.

**2015 Office bearers for the P&C**

P&C President : Andrew Harris

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Judy Graham
Armidale Zone Rugby League

Congratulations to Maurice Kelly and Malakai Griffiths on their selection in the 11 Years Armidale Zone Rugby League Team. Takoda Griffiths and Gabe Byrne were also selected in the Open Primary Armidale Zone Rugby League Team.

Good luck at the Regional Trials which will be held next Monday February 16 at UNE from 9:30-3:00pm

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ALL AGES (free mini slide for U5’s)
Armidale’s 2015 Autumn Festival

3T What a great start to the year! 3T students have hit the ground running. Students are busily learning about our local council and the important role they play in our community.

Students are also wrapped up in our Science unit on heat. They have been learning about the different heat sources. The students can now identify heat producers and items that are heated by another source.

Students have also been learning about the artist Romero Britto. He is a famous ‘Pop’ artist who was born in Brazil. Britto is most famous for his use of vibrant colours and bold patterns which reflect his view of hope and happiness in the world around him. Students have replicated some of Britto’s artworks, with some very pleasing results. I think they look fabulous! Pop by the classroom for a look.

Rhiannon Tratt

1/2S have had a wonderful start to the year! Students have settled into pleasing routines and are enjoying the Dr Seuss English Unit.

In Science and Technology, students are studying light and sound and how they impact our lives in the unit ‘Look, Listen!’.

It was wonderful to meet so many parents at the information evening. Just a reminder - please keep home readers for at least two nights and focus on fluency and comprehension.

Also, please remember to label all clothing and food containers. Susanne Dowling

KP What a lovely group of students we have in Kindergarten. The students are enjoying going to various rooms for library, computer and music lessons.

We gave started the ‘Tucabia P.E’ program with the help from many wonderful parents. Students have been participating in throwing, catching, kicking, rolling and balancing activities. They are all thoroughly enjoying these activities.

Parents, with the cold weather fast approaching please remember to label all your child’s jumpers and jackets. Thank you! Julliann Porter

4/5/6M In the 4/5/6 Extension Class, like-minded students work together to enhance their learning. The students are enthusiastic and keen to work, which makes every day an enjoyable one for me as their teacher.

We have been looking at water in the world and students have been given some extra activities to do in their own time. Below is Brock Parsons who has completed one of these activities and has made a tuned xylophone out of bottles with water in them. The water has to be at specific levels to make a tuned instrument. Brock has entertained us with some tunes.

We will be connecting with Korea for the first time this year on March 13. Students will introduce themselves to the Korean students and Korean students will introduce themselves to us. The students will be paired with a Korean student to email and have special contact to at the beginning of each connection. The Korean students may be visiting us in November of this year.

Mary O’Connell