Welcome to Week 4 Term 2

Monday May 11, 2015

It was a very mild weather morning for Year 6 to head off to the Great Aussie Bush Camp. I am sure they will have a great week away. There will be an ARRIVED SAFELY AT CAMP NOTICE in the window of the Front Office for parents who would like to check.

Last week I put an extra word in the newsletter for students/parents to find, in an effort to ensure that more people read the newsletter each week. Students who found the word were asked to put their name and the misplaced word, on a small piece of paper and place it in the gold box on my desk. I will draw out four names this Friday and organise a special lunch for the four students. There will be another misplaced word this week.

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be doing the NAPLAN tests on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and possibly Friday for catch up sessions missed. There will be some altered arrangements in place this week to cater for some students unable to attend the Year 6 camp, students in composite classes who are not in Year 3 or Year 5 and supervision arrangements in the playground. All students have been informed of the changes.

Ben Venue Netball and Cricket teams were successful in their matches last week. Well done.

The Ben Venue Multicultural Speaking Competition will be held in the Hall next Monday.

Afternoon Pick up Guidelines

• If there is any variation to the usual pick up arrangements please let the school know particularly unforeseen circumstances which could impact on student collection (letter to teacher/phone call prior to 2:30pm if possible).
• Students are to be collected by 3:35pm at the latest (classes are dismissed at 3:20pm).
• Any student who is not collected by 3:35pm from an agreed collection point should return to the Front Office. Please discuss this with students.
• If students miss their bus parents will be contacted – buses are on a timetable and are unable to come back for late students.

Any issues/concerns please phone me.

Have a great week!
Judy Graham
From the Deputy’s Desk …

GRIP Leadership Conference.

It was my absolute pleasure to attend this conference with 31 aspiring school leaders last week. The students certainly represented Ben Venue PS well and made the most of the opportunity that was provided to them. It was lovely spending some time getting to know many of the Year 5 students.

NAPLAN

Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit the NAPLAN tests on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th this week. The test will begin at 9:45am each morning. Please ensure your child is at school on time and has had a healthy substantial breakfast so they can maintain sustained attention and focus.

Students who are absent for all or parts of the test will be required to “catch-up” at various times throughout the week.

Absences

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to achieve their educational best, social and psychological potential and increase their career and life options.

The Education Act 1990 requires you to ensure your child attends school each day that instruction is provided unless they are prevented from doing so by illness or other acceptable reasons and for you to provide an explanation for any absence within seven days of the absence.

Consistent lateness to school is recorded and may be a reason for a Home School Liaison Officer referral.

If your child is away please ensure that you send a note to your child’s teacher explaining this absence or alternatively, phone the school and leave a message at the office. If your child is sick for more than two days a doctor’s certificate is required.

Dropping off and picking up students

Anyone who has dropped off or picked up students from Ben Venue will have noticed how busy these areas are each morning and afternoon. Please be aware of the parking restrictions in regard to these areas, as frequent visits from local traffic warden have resulted in heavy fines.

Parents are reminded that supervision is only provided at the front of the school for 20 minutes after release from class at the end of the day. All students should be collected from this area by 3:40pm.

Lou Moffatt

On Tuesday May 5 a number of Year 5 students attended the GRIP Leadership Conference. The students had a lovely time listening about how to become a good leader at our school. The day included lots of fun activities such as ‘The Loud Noise Boys’ who had students up juggling and dancing. We recommend this for the Year 5 students of next year. We would like to thank Mrs Watson for organising this special day.

Ryan Harris and Toby Nelson

2/3E has had a busy start to the term and it is lovely to teach such interested and enthusiastic students.

Our English unit is based on the wonderfully exciting and adventurous tales of ‘Tashi’. Students have already produced clever imaginative writing based on the stories.

In HSIE this term, Year 2 students will be investigating types of transport and how they are used while Year 3 students will be researching Australia’s history.

For Sport, we are participating in Dance, undercover for the cooler months! We are learning a variety of dances under Miss Trott’s direction and we are thoroughly enjoying it.

It was a pleasure to meet with many parents to discuss your child’s progress and I hope you found the interviews informative.

Thank you for supplying glue sticks. We use them every day and it is important that they are replaced when they run out.

Postcard from Year 6

Hi Ben Venue

You are probably wondering why the school is so quiet this week and where are we?

We are currently at the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens, just north of Newcastle.

Yr 6, including Miss O’Hara, Mrs Waters and Mr McLean, left the school at 6:30am this morning (Monday) on the bus and will be away until Friday.

Some of the activities that we are looking forward to are: Archery, Crate Climbing, Indoor Rock Climbing, Canoeing, Games Night, Raft Building, Pioneering, the Giant Swing, Lost Island, Beach Walking and Games, Spaghetti, Fencing, the High Ropes (Miss O’Hara is not looking forward to this), Disco Night, and many, many more activities.

We can’t wait to tell you all about our adventures when we return.

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On the 8th of May we had the opportunity to visit the Fire and Rescue NSW Open Day. It was a fantastic experience for the students and it was a lot of fun. We learnt a lot about fire safety and how firefighters work.

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