Guys and Dolls, a musical from the golden age of Broadway featuring the students of Duval High School dancing, singing, and acting as gangsters, night club dancers, and salvation army officers in a classic romantic comedy for the ages.

June 16, 7pm
June 17, 12.30pm and 7pm
June 19, 7pm

UNE Arts Theatre
Tickets $20, Student / Concession $15
Tickets available from Duval High School office

Welcome to Week Term 2

Congratulations to our wonderful senior choir. First place at the Eisteddfod – we are so proud of you! Bettina Townsend collected Sally Spillane to chauffeur her to Ben Venue for Choir and Marimba practice even though she was on sick leave! That’s the level of dedication – well done everyone!

The next day at the Eisteddfod is May 27 (Verse Speaking) this week and then June 9 the day after the long weekend.

I have a compulsory Network Learning Day for principals on Tuesday and will therefore be unavailable for interviews. Local Principals will hold their meeting (ACOS) on Thursday this week. I will return to school after lunch on Thursday.

Two new cubbies will arrive this week for the Kindergarten Activity Area at the front of the school. I will need to call a working bee soon to assist Joe to make the sandpit and build the mansions!

Don’t forget the BOOK FAIR on Thursday. Parents are welcome at any time during the day.

A uniform sheet will be sent home today.

Judy Graham
From the Deputy’s desk ....

Congratulations to the senior choir who won first place at the Armidale Eisteddfod last Wednesday. I had the pleasure of hearing them perform during rehearsal and they were outstanding. Thanks must go to Sally Spillane, Bettina Townsend and Michelle Porter for their dedication and enthusiasm in preparing the choir for this event.

The Eisteddfod continues this week with many classes participating in the Choral Speaking Competition. Please ensure that students are dressed in full school uniform.

Last Monday selected students participated in the BVPS Multicultural Speaking Competition. I was extremely impressed with the number of students who were willing to be involved and the quality of the speeches. During this event students were required to present a prepared speech as well as give an impromptu speech on an unknown topic. A very daunting experience! Mr Phil Jones, who adjudicated the event, commented on the outstanding effort of all the students. Congratulations to Karl Ferber, Ehan Boshoff, Nicole Tarrant and Zoe White who will represent BVPS at the finals which will be held at Ben Venue on Thursday June 11.

There are many other exciting events planned for students this term including the ‘You Can Do It’ Day on Friday June 12, Field Athletics on Wednesday June 17 and many other PSSA sporting games. Please check your child’s bag regularly for notes.

Have a great week!

Lou Moffatt

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

1D students are currently investigating the natural environments in the northern parts of Australia. Students have been planning and creating some amazing artwork and have also produced some descriptive pieces of writing to go with the artworks.

1D are halfway through the book ‘Are We There Yet?’ by Alison Lester and have learnt lots of new things about family trips. Students enjoyed the visit by Mrs McClelland and Mrs Clayton’s family campervans on the bottom oval. It was so interesting to look inside and make comparisons between the vans and the campervan in the book.

In Science and Technology students became architects for the afternoon and designed towers using marshmallows and raw spaghetti. This was a challenge to see how close our towers looked to our predictive drawings.

I would like to thank the beautiful 1D students for being so welcoming towards our prac student Steph Crawley over the last four weeks. Jules Ditchfield

3/4G I would like to take this opportunity to thank all students in 3/4G for their hard work so far this term. We have certainly been busy, learning and revising many skills as well as working through our assessments ready for reports at the end of Term 2. In between all the classroom activities we have also had class mates represent us at the District Cross Country and Eisteddfod! 3/4G certainly are a talented bunch!!

Our class is very excited to be performing at the Old Teacher’s College on Wednesday as part of the Choral Speaking section. Students will be joined by three other classes from Ben Venue 2/3E, 3T and 4/5/6M. It will be an exciting afternoon and I’m sure there will be a few butterflies but I am extremely proud of the student’s ‘Persistence and Confidence’.

For sport this term the students have been learning and rehearsing a range of dances. Wednesday afternoons are definitely looked forward to and sometimes we even have a special visitor (don’t we Mrs Moffatt!!). There will be no sport this week due to the Eisteddfod. Following this, during sport for the next three weeks students will be practising for our field athletics carnival at the end of the term. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

Don’t forget the school Book Fair this Thursday. Books are always a great gift idea!! Jeanenne Gale

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BEN VENUE HOCKEY NEWS

Congratulations to our fabulous girls hockey team who defeated Sir Henry Parkes PS 16-0 in their first match of the PSSA State Knockout Competition. The girls earned their exceptional result through teamwork, passing the ball around well and supporting each other. I was most impressed by the consideration and sportsmanship demonstrated towards the opposition by every team member. Well done girls! The team will now play the winner of Armidale City PS vs Walcha CS. Sue Lye

BOYS AND GIRLS NORTH WEST HOCKEY REPRESENTATIVES

BOYS: Rohan Lawrence, Zac Davidson, Dougal Payne, Callan Lawrence and Zenden Grieves

GIRLS: Lara Moloney, Jamelia Kelly, Emily Ray and Brielle Ball

We wish you good luck at your upcoming State Carnivals!