Welcome to Week 10 Term 2

Last Tuesday night I attended the Ben Venue ‘Night of Music’ for the first time. I was amazed by the talent on display and thoroughly enjoyed every minute of each performance. The confidence, enthusiasm and passion for music shown by the students was really quite special! What was even more amazing was the level of support for the evening shown by teachers who all worked tirelessly to ensure the night was a success. Thanks especially to Sally Spillane who coordinated the event. I can’t wait for the ‘Starmaker’ event which I am told is equally as impressive.

ATHLETICS

Last Friday students in Years 3-6 braved the chilly temperature to participate in the athletics field events. These were organised by Robyn Hegney, who did an outstanding job to ensure that the day ran smoothly and allowed over 300 students to participate in each of the four events. I spent the day at long jump and was most impressed by the number of students willing to participate and the good sportsmanship displayed by the students. The finals for these events will be held at PLC on Wednesday July 15 which is in the first week of Term 3.

2015 HARMONY DAY POSTER COMPETITION

The 2015 competition attracted more than 4000 entries from schools across New South Wales. Congratulations to Lucy Mair of 5B who received a ‘Highly Commended’ award for her work.

REPORTS

School reports will be distributed this week. Kindergarten - Year 2 reports will go home with students on Wednesday while reports for students in Years 3-6 will be distributed on Thursday.

Every effort has been made to provide additional reports to families who require these. Many will be posted and some will be sent home with the students as previously indicated. If you require an additional report and have not received one by the end of the school holidays please inform the school and provide a mailing address. We will be happy to provide these.

HOLIDAYS

School holidays begin this Friday, June 26. Teachers return on Monday July 13 for a School Development Day and students return on Tuesday July 14. This day will be the launch of ‘Jump Rope for Heart’, with an assembly and information session at 9:30am.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Lou Moffatt
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Bronwyn Paul
Girls Touch Football Coordinator

Zenden Grieves has been selected for his third PSSA team. He has been selected for cricket, soccer and hockey. Zenden has also been selected for the NSW PSSA cricket development squad. 26 students from NSW were selected and will spend a week ‘training together’ in Sydney.

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Orchestra News!
The Orchestra performed beautifully at the Armidale Eisteddfod and achieved first place in their section against tough competitors from TAS, Armidale City Public School and St Mary’s.
The adjudicator Phil Oxley gave us wonderful feedback describing our performance of ‘Happy’ as strong, with all players working together well as an ensemble. He observed some very good textural and dynamic contrasts in this piece. Of our performance of ‘Rock around the Clock’, he complimented the orchestra on a great sense of style, a strong ending and a very enjoyable performance.
The BVPS Orchestra performed at the ‘Night of Music’. Students were also involved in the ACOS rehearsal at ACPS on June 18.
I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the BVPS Orchestra over the last three years, thank you students and parents for your involvement and support of this program.
Bronwyn Paul
Orchestra Coordinator

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS
3T Last Thursday, Year 3 had a Science extravaganza! They spent time in each others classrooms learning all about solids and liquids. In Mrs Shaw’s room the students learned about how everyday items change in the freezer. Mrs Gale discussed the ‘states of matter’ with Bill Nye’s the Science Guy help. In Miss Trott’s room students predicted and observed the changes to honey, chocolate and cordial when heated. There were some very surprising results! Many students predicted honey would become hard when heated and were very shocked when it became even more runny. As a result of Mrs Shaw’s experiments some students went home and put honey in the freezer to play with when it became rubbery - another surprise! The most difficult part was keeping hungry fingers out of the gooey, oozy melted chocolate. It was an exciting day and Year 3 teachers are impressed by the range of budding scientists in their midst. Miss Trott
KS would like to thank all of the wonderful family members and friends who came to watch us perform at last week’s assembly. Being on stage for the first time was very exciting.
In class, KS students have continued to enjoy activities from our English unit ‘A Year on Our Farm’. Students have been learning about farm animals and their babies as well as the types of weather associated with different seasons.
In music lessons with Mrs Spillane students have been learning a song about seasons and had lots of fun playing different instruments. Playing the marimbas for the first time has also been very exciting!
KS students have begun taking readers home to practice reading aloud. These can be brought back to school and exchanged as often as required. Thank you parents and caregivers for taking the time to listen to your child read. Your support is greatly appreciated. Sue Lye

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