Welcome to Week 7 Term 2

Monday June 1, 2015

Dear Parents

Last Friday I opted to put the school into a modified lockdown to protect students and staff from media attention. There were two news organisations, circling the school for photos of students or staff and at one stage a camera was set up about a metre from the Front Office doors. This is against media protocols so I was able to ask the person to leave. This new section of the school was built in the late 1990s and students and staff have the right to be at school without unwarranted media attention. The students reviewed ‘Stanger Danger’ lessons in case they were approached at the end of the day.

Judy Graham

Congratulations to 3/4G and 2/3E who were awarded first place at the Eisteddfod last Wednesday. 3T and 4S/5/6M came second in their divisions. Ben Venue students - you were amazing and the adjudicator commented on the wonderful manners and behaviour of our students as they waited. Photos have been included in this newsletter.

Congratulations to our wonderful library team — over $7000 raised at the Book Fair.

Reports are being written over the coming weeks. Students have been engaged in assessments, their progress over time assessed and teachers have moderated to ensure consistency of teacher judgement.

The Ben Venue Netball Team was narrowly defeated by Armidale City Public School. Great game girls!

The Girls Soccer Team won 8-1 against Guyra on Friday. This team is obviously a force to be reckoned with - well done girls! Coaches Karen Watson and Albert Hofkamp were very pleased too.

The Boys Soccer Team also won a hard fought game against Martin’s Gully 1-0 last week. Congratulations to both teams!

Judy Graham
'You Can Do It - Getting Along Day'

We are having a You Can Do It - Getting Along Day on Friday June 12

Students can come dressed in Green for 'Getting Along'

Some ‘Getting Along’ Strategies that we can all work on together both at school and at home are:

- Listen when someone is talking
- Respect important home rules
- Help someone with their work
- When faced with a problem, talk rather than fight
- Being courteous and kind to peers, teachers and parents

More ‘Getting Along’ strategies will be in next week’s newsletter.

Thanks from the You Can Do It Committee!

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Weekly Special
Pizza plus a Popper or a Flavoured Milk
$ 5.00
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AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

2C students have been very busy over the past two weeks completing a variety of assessments. Reports are now being written and all students have demonstrated progress in all areas of their learning.

Our Science unit ‘Waterworks’ has encouraged students to think about how they use water and how it should be conserved. 2C have also been studying the ‘Water Cycle’ song in class.

Our HSIE unit ‘Transport’ has allowed students to learn about air, water and land transport.

Please ensure your child has pencils, glue sticks and scissors at school every day. Many students have run out of these supplies and need to have them replaced as soon as possible.

Richard Cotter

1D The Kindergarten Dolphins have been working very hard and are making great progress with their reading and writing. This week they will begin learning about some Australian animals and will be writing about them too. In coming weeks the students will be asked to present a speech to the class about their favourite Australian animal. The first animal we will be studying is the frill necked lizard.

Year 1 have finished writing and illustrating their books about ‘Winnie the Witch’ and have done a fantastic job. We will be sharing a few of them with you in Week 8 when it’s our turn to present an assembly item.

1C have been enjoying technology lessons both in the classroom and in the computer lab. Students have been using word documents to type up their recounts that have been written in class. Students are very excited about changing font style, size and colour to create amazing publications.

During visual arts lessons students have been developing their knowledge of the Australian landscape and have created wonderful paintings depicting these scenes.

Thank you to those students who have remembered to change their home readers each Monday and Wednesday. Parents, please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled so we can quickly return them to the rightful owner.

Fiona Clayton

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K-6 Voluntary School Contributions
May 31, 2015

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