Welcome to Week 2 Term 3 and slightly better weather

July 20, 2015

Absences due to very extreme weather conditions are recorded on a Special Circumstances Roll and not counted against the student’s allocated absences. Please indicate on the note you send to the school regarding the absence.

There are lots of Team Sporting events over the next few weeks.

- Boys Soccer on Tuesday 21/7 (vs Moree)
- Girls Soccer on Thursday 23/7 (vs Nemingha)
- District Athletics on Friday 24/7
- NW PSSA Gymnastics on Monday 27/7
- Girls and Boys Touch on Wednesday 29/7
- Boys Rugby on Thursday 30/7 at Gunnedah (vs Dubbo)

Today some students turned up without notes, money and appropriate clothing and footwear for the Athletics Carnival with various combinations of some or all of these things. Reading notes and returning them on time is essential to assist with the smooth running of events and activities.

Thalgarrah visits fill the calendar for the next three weeks. Some days had to be rescheduled due to the weather conditions. Please note the date your child is attending and return all notes/money and make sure students dress appropriately for outdoor activities.

The Annual Learn to Swim Program will be held in Weeks 9 and 10 of this term. Notes will be sent home soon.

Have a great week!

Judy Graham
The inclement weather last week saw widespread road closures that prevented many students from attending school. I was also affected with several local road closures around our property as well as the New England highway closed in both directions for several hours. Please send in a note to your child’s class teacher if they were unable to attend school on Friday due to road closures.

We have hit the ground running again this term with many extra curricular activities already occurring. Last week our boys soccer team won their match against Tamworth 2-1 and our girls hockey team comprehensively defeated Moree. The Rugby match against Dubbo on Friday was postponed due to the snow. This week we have boys hockey and girls soccer matches scheduled to be played as well as the district athletics carnival on Friday.

The BVPS athletics carnival was held today. Thank you Robyn and Jeanenne for your organisation of this event and a special thank you to the parents who were able to help. Once again I was impressed by student behaviour and their willingness to participate in all these events in cool conditions. Students who were successful in gaining selection into the BVPS team to attend the district carnival will be notified during the week. Please check students’ bags for notes as there is a very tight turn around for this.

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Hockey News

Congratulations to our girls hockey team who competed in the inaugural ‘National Primary Games’ in Tamworth over the last weekend of the school holidays. The 8-a-side competition was run by the Northern Inland Academy of Sport (NIAS), with the emphasis being on participation, teamwork and fun. Our girls were wonderful ambassadors for Ben Venue at all times. Their excellent teamwork led them to a place in the grand final with the Kiwis Hockey Club from Tamworth which they won 3-0. Well done girls on a fabulous achievement!

The girls are also District Champions in the PSSA State Knockout Competition following their 13-0 win over Walcha Central School last Thursday. The team will play in the Regional Final against a side from Tamworth. Sue Lye

North West Rugby League

Malakai Griffiths represented Ben Venue last term at the 11 Years Rugby League State Carnival held in June at Tamworth. Malakai’s brother Takoda and Gabe Byrne also represented Ben Venue at the Open Rugby League State Carnival which was also held in June at Cronulla.

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