2015 BOOK WEEK
Week 7 August 24 - 28
As part of Book Week celebrations a Book Fair and Book Week Parade will be held on Thursday August 27, 2015.
The Book Fair will be in the Library from 8:30am-4pm.
The Book Week parade will be in the Hall from 12pm-1pm.
Students are asked to dress up as their favourite character.
Family and friends are welcome to attend.

YEAR 2 SWIM SCHOOL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

If you are interested in your child participating in these sessions, please return the form as a matter of urgency as at this stage we do not have the numbers.

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Welcome to Week 4 Term 3 and the wonderful weather
August 3, 2015

Congratulations to Sally Spillane and the Year 6 Marimba Group who have been chosen as an individual item at the Bennelong Concert when Ben Venue students are singing in the Choral Concert. Fantastic News!
The quality control teachers will be visiting this week to view the entries for an ‘Evening with ACOS’ to be held on September 2. The tickets will go on sale at Readers Companion August 17

Sport
Congratulations to the Girls Touch Team who won their match against Guyra (report and photo to come) and to all the students who competed in the District Athletics. The Boys Touch went down 8-6 in a close game. The Boys Rugby Team was defeated in their game against Dubbo at Gunnedah last Friday and the Boys and Girls Hockey Team play this Wednesday against Tamworth.

Thalgarrah
Eight classes will go to Thalgarrah in the next two weeks. Please return notes and money in advance for all trips.

Uniform
School uniform should be worn every day. North West jackets may be worn on Sports days only in place of the school jacket. I have been taking a lot of families around the school in recent weeks and comments about school uniform are always positive. Please consider buying black joggers instead of hot pink or fluoro green especially if they are to double as school shoes!

High School Orientation sessions are commencing and lots of students are involved – please let the teacher know if your child is attending an orientation other than Duval High or Armidale High schools.

Judy Graham

Next week the Department of Education is asking principals to put in anticipated numbers for next year. Each year I make an “educated guess” about the number of students who will join our Kindergarten classes. I would very much appreciate an indication of enrolment as soon as possible.

We can email/post or deliver an enrolment form to you or you can download (from the Ben Venue website) or call and collect one from the Front Office.

In-zone students are guaranteed a position at Ben Venue as are the brothers and sisters of students already enrolled here. Depending on numbers the school can then accept out of zone enrolments. These enrolments are recorded in date order and a Non-Local Placement Form must be completed. All schools in Armidale are obliged to follow this process.

Ben Venue will be holding a Kindergarten Open Morning on Friday August 14 of this term. Parents and children are invited to visit the Kindergarten Classrooms and have some time playing in our new Kindergarten Activity Area. Biscuits and fruit will be provided for morning tea and tea/coffee for adults. Visiting students are asked to bring a hat and a drink bottle. The morning will be from 10.00am until 12 noon.

2015 Ben Venue Starmaker
Years 3 - 6
Beginning in Week 5
Round One to be held in the music room in your music lesson time.

Be well organised – Have your music/instruments/props with you for your performance.
Be confident – To do your performance in front of your class.
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Your chance to SHINE and be a STAR!!

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Last Thursday Ben Venue students were

Naidoc celebrations will occur during Week 6 and our formal assembly will be held on Tuesday August 18.
The Ukyulele lessons are progressing nicely each Friday for students in Years 5 and 6 and on Thursday for students in Years 3 and 4.

Orientation Days

In the next couple of weeks our Year 6 students will be participating in ‘taster days’ at various High Schools. O’Connor Catholic
College are holding their taster day tomorrow August 4 and Armidale High school have an experience afternoon on Wednesday, August 12. Duval High School will be holding another experience day in the coming weeks.

REMINDER Regular, prompt attendance at school is essential if students are to achieve their educational best and increase their life options. If students are regularly late they are missing out on prime learning time and may miss key concepts that are being taught.
Please phone or send in a note to explain any absences from school.

From the Deputy’s desk …..

Last Friday 62 students from Ben Venue attended the District Athletics. The weather was perfect and all our students performed to the best of their ability. Several students were selected to compete at the Regional Carnival in Tamworth on Friday 28 August. More information on student performances will be provided at a later date. I was impressed by the sense of fair play and behaviour of all our students. Thank you to Robyn and Jeannene who worked tirelessly all day

Our sporting teams’ results were mixed this week. The Girls Touch team continues their unbeaten run while the Boys Touch and Rugby teams were narrowly defeated. Thank you to Ben McLean and James Waters for their time and effort in coaching our boys and Rhiannon Trott for coaching the girls.

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Melanie Bulmer

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North West PSSA Gymnastics Gala Day – 27 July 2015

77 students from North West Region competed in the North West PSSA Gymnastics at the Armidale City Gymnastics Centre.

Congratulations to all the competitors from Ben Venue including:

Women’s Competitors: Nicole Tarrant, Akina Blake, Isabelle Pieterse, Alyssa Vannucci, Amy Schuman, Chelsea Kiehne, Skye Vaughan, Jade Morse, Ebony Haydon and Ashley Haydon.

Men’s Competitors: William Rowe-Dawson, Dylan Knox, Alex MacMahon, Stuart Parsons, Philipp Offner, Riley Dowd, Eden Love, Tyler Williamson, Callan Lawrence, Sam Peak, Liam Vannucci, Nathan Knox and Karl Ferber.

Rhythmic Competitors: Chloe Dowd, Ella Russell, Ami Frost, Neve Crotty, Abigail Knox and Sandra Alhassan.

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Congratulations to all the competitors. A date is being negotiated for 2016 and the North West PSSA looks forward to seeing even more competitors next year.

Rebecca O’Hara

AROUND THE CLASSROOM

3T have been studying artists and have begun to appreciate a range of artworks. Students have spent time replicating their favourite artworks. Recently students replicated Van Gogh’s ‘Wheatfield with Crows’ which was one of his final paintings. The meaning of the painting is highly controversial, however, 3T students were taken with its beauty. The class discussed perspective and size in relation to the winding road and crows highlighted in the painting.

On display in 3T are replicas of ‘Kandinsky Circles’. The original painting famously features squares with concentric circles and is instantly recognizable as ‘Modern Art’ which was far beyond his time! The replicas painted by 3T are vividly coloured and are an eye-catching display.

3T have created impressive artworks which represent the ships of the First Fleet. Students participated in a directed drawing activity resulting in very detailed and life-like artworks.

The class explored the use of technology to support the Creative Arts and have created some spectacular digital artworks. Students took photographs of plants and items in the playground and edited them using an app called ‘Snapseed’. Students were able to alter the focus, colour and perspective of images creating impressive pieces of work. These will also be on display in the classroom.

Students in 3T look forward to Thursday art lessons and are very proud of the work they produce. You may like to pop in for a visit while these works are on display.
Rhiannon Trott

6A are examining how personal identity is shaped during the English unit ‘Australia Grows into Nationhood’. The unit focuses on Nadia Wheatley’s ‘My Place’ text and the ABC 3 DVD series which highlights how Australia, as a nation and society, has developed and changed. Students have been exploring how identities, values and beliefs are influenced by significant people, media and events. Students can further identify expressions of Australian identities, including Aboriginal identities and cultural influences which are expressed through significant events and symbols within Australian culture.

This term in science 6A will be working on becoming earthquake explorers. Students will use an enquiry approach to develop understanding on the causes of earthquakes and how these events change the earth’s surface over time. Together we will investigate previous earthquakes and explore how earthquake magnitude data can draw conclusions and patterns to help scientists understand earthquakes better. A big thank you to students and their hard work in the first few weeks.

Ben McLean

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