Welcome to Week 6 Term 3

August 17, 2015

On Friday we held our ‘Kindergarten 2016 Open Morning’. This was well attended and allowed parents and prospective students to look around our classrooms and facilities. Kindergarten students and the visiting children participated in a variety of tabloid activities as well as some classroom group work. We look forward to seeing many of these children join us as students of Ben Venue next year.

Last week our boys and girls hockey teams travelled to Tamworth to compete in the PSSA Knockout Competition. From all accounts our students played sensationally and demonstrated a strong sense of fair play. The boys team went down by one goal after what can only be considered a marathon match going into 25 minutes of extra time. Our girls won and now move on to the next round.

The BVPS Girls Touch Team played and defeated Uralla last week and move on to the next round. On Friday our Boys Soccer Team won in their game in Gunnedah 5-2 and are now North West champions. Well done to all our sporting teams and their coaches. The sense of fair play and determination to play to the best of their ability are a credit to all members of these sporting teams.

We began NAIDOC Week celebrations at Ben Venue with a Flag Raising Ceremony this morning. Will Green was our guest speaker. He spoke about the sense of pride he felt when he heard Janda Collins and Patricia Dixon deliver the ‘Welcome to Country’ in his native tongue. More photos of the ceremony are in the newsletter. These celebrations continue all week with our special NAIDOC Assembly tomorrow, lunch on Thursday and black, red and yellow day on Friday.

Coming up…

NAIDOC week assembly tomorrow at 11:30am
Hanna Shield tomorrow
Spelling Bee on Wednesday
NAIDOC lunch special on Thursday
Duval High School—orientation for Year 6 students on Thursday
ACOS Orchestra rehearsal and concert on Thursday
Black, red and Yellow Mufti day on Friday

Have a great week!
Lou Moffatt
As part of Book Week celebrations a Book Fair and the 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.

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This term in the EALD class, Amarachi and Jetsun have been reading a wonderful picture book ‘Mirror’ by Jeannie Baker. In this book one family lives in a city in Australia and another lives in Morocco, North Africa. Amarachi and Jetsun have been looking at the lives of the two families and how they differ from each other and how things connect them. The students have discovered through reading the text some things are the same for all families no matter where they live.

Students have been composing noun groups to compliment the detailed illustrations in the text. These are a very useful tool to include in their descriptive writing. Katie Hunt

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Hockey News

Last Wednesday our boys and girls hockey teams travelled to Tamworth to compete in the Regional Finals of the PSSA State Knockout Competition. The boys played first and what an exciting game of hockey it was! The skills and teamwork our boys displayed were outstanding and at full time the scores were locked at 0-0. This forced the game into extra time with only 9 players per team. The ‘drop-offs’ continued until there were only 5 players per team on the field. Unfortunately, after 25 minutes of extra time, Tamworth was able to penetrate the circle and score. The Ben Venue team should be extremely proud of the way in which they played – with such strength, persistence and determination. Well done boys on such a remarkable effort!

The girls played next and were able to score two goals in the first half. Their defence in the second half was impenetrable and the team was able to maintain this lead to win the match 2-0. The girls are now the North West Regional Champions and State Quarter Finalists. They will now play the North Coast champions. Congratulations on a super effort girls! Sue Lye and Kate Frizell

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NEW PARENTS are always welcome to help out at the ‘Parent Club Special Canteen Days’.

If you would like to help contact Michelle Peak 0422 587 787

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YEAR 6 SPECIAL LUNCH THURSDAY AUGUST 20

Year 6 will now be able to have a lunch order on Thursday of this week before they attend the Duval High School Taster Day.

Year 6 Students will be able to have their lunch at recess before they go to Duval High School

Please return the BLUE lunch order bags by tomorrow (Tuesday August 18)

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Change the Date for Ticket Sales — ‘An Evening with ACOS’

Please note that tickets for this event will now be available for purchase from

Monday August 17 from Readers Companion in the Armidale Mall.

This concert is for one night only, tickets will sell out very quickly!!!!!