Welcome to Week 9 Term 3

September 8, 2015

It has been a very busy time and it never ceases to amaze me how the teachers at Ben Venue give unthinkingly of their time to make sure that students take part in many activities and experiences. Many of the rehearsals, training times and other commitments are done during lunch breaks or before school. An Evening with ACOS was an event held last Wednesday which epitomised this. Under the wonderful leadership of Sally Spillane, a large band of Ben Venue teachers helped put on make-up, assist backstage and supervise students while they were waiting to perform. It was a superb evening of entertainment from the Armidale Community of Schools. Thank you to Sally Spillane, Rebecca O’Hara and Lana Howlett who prepared students to sing, play wacky instruments, perform acts and dance.

- On Friday students enjoyed the performance of G’Day Asia. These shows are booked a year in advance and with the Cricket Clinic also on Friday, this year Aboriginal students attended the Day in the Dale with family members. 5W students were placed third in the ‘Armidale Fair Trading Centre NADIOC Week Art Competition’

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- The Girls Hockey Team will start the State Knockout Finals in Narellan on Tuesday – good luck girls!!!
- Soccer Boys are awaiting news of the team who will be their next opponents from the Hunter Region.
- The Starmaker semi-final for Years 5 and 6 has been postponed till Monday September 14. Years 3 and 4 will be on Wednesday September 9.
- The Spelling Bee Final will be held at Newling Public School this Wednesday. Good luck Karl Ferber, Tahaf Omar, (Stage 3) and Kyauna Grieves and Liam Vanucci (Stage 2).
- The Girls Touch Team put up a very creditable performance last Monday at Warialda. They were beaten 12 – 2.
- Well done girls.
- Swim School commences today for mainly Year 2 students.
- There will be School Socials in the last week of term for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students with times and organisation to be communicated in a separate note.

Have a great week!

Judy Graham
From the Deputy’s desk …

Ben Venue’s success continues with another win by the Boys Soccer team, who are now in the top 8 in the state and the Girls Hockey team who have been very busy in their preparation for the State Finals tomorrow. Good Luck Girls! Unfortunately the Girls Touch Football team were defeated last Monday by a very strong Wariadla side and now bow out of the competition. Well done girls and a big thank you to Rhiannon Trot for coaching the girls and the parents who transported the girls.

Congratulations to the members of the Marimba group, Circus group and Year 2 Dance group at ‘An Evening with ACOS’. All of these performances were spectacular!

Photos: The Marimba Groups (left) and the Year 2 Dance Group (right)

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KP Welcome back Mrs Porter! The Penguins and Mrs Bishop have worked very hard in your absence.

KP has been reading ‘The Journey Home’ by Alison Lester—a fantasy journey through many lands, meeting a host of characters. Students have recently been with mermaids and pirates and last week a gypsy with her crystal ball predicted she would visit and “feed” us goolsh and dumplings.

Students have been developing their knowledge of time, reading and making clocks. KP have also been graphing our ‘Home Reading’ involvement on the class window. Our highest number of home reading changes in one day has been 11 students (last Tuesday and Friday). Well done!

Sickness seems to have hit KP quite hard in the last few weeks. Thank you to all parents who have sent in absentee notes. It is important for our roll keeping.

I’ve had a lovely three weeks with the talented Penguins. Mrs Porter is a lucky lady! Linda Bishop

6R has been very busy this term. Along with the rest of Year 6, 6R have been learning about myths and legends in English; ‘Earthquake Explorers’ in Science; have looked into the ‘Identity’ of Australia and their own identity in Human Society and Its Environment; crunched numbers in Mathematics while working on extended multiplication and negative numbers with Cartesian planes! 6R would especially like to thank Miss Tancred (Intern from UNE), who has engaged the students in these lessons. All of 6R will miss you next Term!

Students and teachers have also undertaken a few adventures to Duval and Armidale High Schools. So far we have participated in lessons like: Computer Studies, History, Music, PE, and everyone’s favourite, Food Technology, and are looking forward to the next lessons.

Most importantly Year 6 has been busy preparing for the school play ‘Never Grow Up’. Year 6 will be performing in early November (we will let you know the dates closer to the event). Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered their time to assist with making costumes. Rebecca O’Hara

Last Friday Year 5 and Year 6 were fortunate to have two NSW Blues players Will and Ben join them in a couple of modified cricket games. The students were all involved and had a wonderful time. Amanda Swain

INDOOR HOCKEY

Just a reminder that team nominations for the Friday afternoon Indoor Hockey Competition need to be in by the end of term. For more information, please see Mrs Lyne.

‘An Evening with ACOS’

What a fabulous concert! The students from Ben Venue put on wonderful performances throughout the evening. They are to be congratulated for their fine work!!

A huge thank you to the many teachers from Ben Venue who assisted on the night in so many ways. The night ran smoothly thanks to them all.

A big thank you to Joe Russell, Brian Schaeffer, Robert Griffiths and Andrew Donoghue who transported marimbas, stage boxes, instruments etc to and from Lazenby Hall, your help was invaluable to us!

Finally a big thank you to our wonderful parents for getting all the students there and supporting the concert, it was fabulous!