Welcome to Week 1 Term 1

February 1, 2016

Welcome back to all students and families who were at Ben Venue in 2015 and a warm welcome to new students and families who have joined us in 2016. I trust that everyone had a relaxing break but am sure that you are pleased the school year has begun! I am certainly looking forward to a rewarding and exciting year ahead. I feel honourable to be leading the school for Term 1 and thank the executive team and staff for their support.

New staff members

I would like to welcome Prue Campbell to Ben Venue. Prue is joining the Stage 1 team and will be teaching a Year 2 class. Prue has had recent experience at Martins Gully PS and is very much looking forward to taking up a permanent position with us. Rhiannon Trott was successful at interview and gained a permanent position at Ben Venue. She will continue her outstanding work on Year 3 again this year. We welcome back Richard Crockett who returns from long service leave. He will be joining the Stage 2 team on a Year 4 class.

2016 classes

Classes for 2016 are still being finalised due to a late run on enrolments. We may need to evaluate our classes and make some changes if enrolments continue to rise. In our current situation we have 22 classes with additional teachers for Music, RFF, Library, support and extension programs.

Sally Spillane will continue her outstanding Music program, Jennine Wilson and Sue Shaw will continue to ensure our library is a vibrant learning space and Jules Ditchfield and Michelle Porter will be responsible for RFF. Tabatha Wain and Robyn Hegney and Lyn Bourke will complete our Learning and Support team.

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Congratulations

During the holidays Maddy Moran was selected in the Under 12’s National Indigenous Netball Team. This is an outstanding achievement and one that is extremely well deserved.

Once again I offer our congratulations to Sally Spillane our application to participate in the 2016 Festival of Choral Music Combined Choir has been successful. Selected students will be perform in The Bennelong Concert on Monday 31 October.

Voluntary School Contributions

Our voluntary school contributions remain the same as last year $45 per student or $90 per family. These funds provide the school with additional funds to purchase equipment such as musical instruments, ipads, ipads and apps to name a few. Please consider the prompt payment of these.

Have a fabulous week!
PSC Meeting
This Wednesday February 3, 2016
This is a great opportunity to get involved this the school.
The meeting is held in the Staffroom at 7:00pm
It is always wonderful to see new faces!!!

Presentation Day Photos are available from the Office
$2.00 per photo

WHOOPING COUGH ALERT


Whooping cough information for schools
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks.

The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night. Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

Flute Lessons
Local, experienced local teacher for individuals or small groups.
Sharon Davidge A.Mus.A
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Ben Venue Swimming Carnival – Thursday 11 February 2016

Our annual school swimming carnival will be held on Thursday February 11. Information notes about the carnival have been sent home with all primary students.

Year 2 students who turn 8 years of age this year and can swim 50m confidently may also attend the carnival. If you would like your Year 2 child to attend, permission notes are available from the front office.

We are seeking the assistance of parents to help in the running of the day. Please fill in the attached note and return it to Karen Watson ASAP if you are able to help.

I _______________________ will be available to assist at the School Swimming Carnival on Thursday February 11, 2016.

I would be happy to assist as a timekeeper/runner/general helper.
(Please circle)

My child is _________________________ in class __________.

Signed: ________________________