



Principal's Message

Week 6 Term 4

Hello and welcome to Week 6!

Thank you to those parents who have already indicated that they will be relocating at the end of the year. This allows me to offer places to students who have applied to attend Ben Venue and may not live in our catchment area. If you haven't already done so, please let me know in writing if your child will not be attending Ben Venue next year.

Additionally, if you have a specific request for 2019 please submit in writing by November 26 (requests after this time will not be considered). Although these requests cannot always be accommodated, they will be considered.

This week we have Year 6 students attending their annual excursion to Canberra. This is the first time this excursion has been offered and both teachers and students have been looking forward to this experience. I thank Mrs Watson, Mrs O'Connell, Mr Bulmer and Miss O'Hara for providing our students with such a great experience. I hope they all have a wonderful week.

Congratulations

Well done to the Ben Venue's Girls Hockey Team who were announced as winners at last week's New England Sports Awards. This team were State Champions in the PSSA Competition earlier in the year. The Ben Venue School Cricket Team was also nominated in the same category. What a wonderful achievement for our school to have two nominations! The School Cricket Team had a comprehensive win last week against Tamworth South Public School and now progress to Round 6 of the Competition.



Help Sophie get to WA!

As mentioned in last week's newsletter Sophie Parsons (Year 5) has been selected in the NSW State Team to play in Bunbury WA in Week 9 of this term. Sophie is selling raffle tickets to raise money for her trip. The tickets cost \$5 each and are available from the school office.



School Uniform

Ben Venue is currently revising its School Uniform Policy to be compliant with recent Departmental changes and shortly a voting form will go home with students. Please consider the options carefully before voting. In the interim please be advised that a cooler option for girls during summer is navy shorts and white school shirt. Black shorts are not part of the school uniform. Navy shorts must be of an appropriate length and skins or bike shorts must not be seen underneath. This applies to boys as well. Of late there has been an increasing number of students wearing colourful bike pants underneath short Canterbury shorts. This is not part of our school uniform and students may be asked to remove them.

Feedback

Thank you to the 37 people who provided us with feedback on our school performance. Unfortunately, there were not enough responses to make this data valid. However there were a number of suggestions for improvements especially in relation to communication that we will be considering in an attempt to further improve in this area. I have received feedback from members of the school community in relation to the ongoing costs associated with excursions, and other events at school. I understand that times are difficult and many families are making sacrifices to allow students to fully participate in the range of activities we offer. In order to help with planning, we will aim to provide parents with an outline of some of the activities that may occur in 2019 and an estimate of the costs involved. This will be provided early in Term 1.

Principal's Message continued.....

SMS

In the coming weeks, we will be trialling an SMS facility that distributes email and SMS messages to parents and carers on the day of their child's absence from school. These messages are both to ensure you are aware of your child's absence and are a reminder to please contact the school to explain the absence reason for our records. We will seek feedback on this service in the new year.

Dates for your Diary

As the year is quickly coming to an end providing you with key dates may help with your planning.

- Wednesday 5 December Creative Arts Showcase at 7:00pm
- Friday 7 December Prefects announced at assembly
- Wednesday 12 December K-2 Celebration of Learning
- Thursday 13 December 3-6 Presentation Day at 11:30am
- Monday 17 December Year 6 Farewell assembly at 11:30am
Years 3-6 Disco (times to be advised)
- Tuesday 18 December Year 6 Farewell Dinner
K-2 Disco (times to be advised)
- Wednesday 19 December School concludes

Lou Moffatt

1F

1F have enjoyed visiting the Armidale Gymnastic Centre. Students have been learning how to correctly land after jumping off a box, how to safely complete a forward roll and how to balance on a beam. Wally (Mr O) and his team have made the sessions so much fun that we do not want to leave!

Kate Frizell



3E

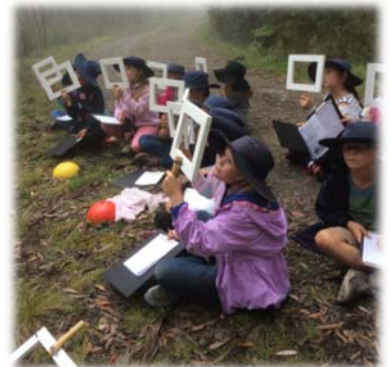
Year 3 had a wonderful time at the New England National Park last Friday. After a long bus ride, where we entertained ourselves with lots of singing, we arrived at the Eucalypt Forest area. We were met by Matt, Julie and Sue from Thalgarrah who had planned some fantastic geographical fieldwork activities. We rotated through five activities which included a vertebrate search, a field sketch of the forest, a search of habitat trees, a plant survey and an invertebrate search. A heavy mist rolled in which added a great atmosphere to our surroundings.

Some of us met Eli, a National Parks Field Officer, which was an added treat because he told us about his role in protecting and conserving the National Park.

After morning tea, Matt led the group through a habitat and food chain activity and then it was a brisk walk to the bus through the mist. We drove slowly through the Park to the rainforest area at Banksia Point. We walked into the forest and were astounded by its ancient beauty. We compared leaves from the trees there to leaves from the Eucalypt Forest. What a wonderful experience to explore a heritage listed rainforest! The misty conditions made the experience seem even more magical. Then it was lunch in the forest and time to travel back to Armidale.

Mr Cotter, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Edmunds were very pleased with the excellent behaviour and participation of all students. We would like to thank the Thalgarrah Staff who made the day a very educational and interesting experience.

Kerry Edmonds



5H

Wow! What a busy term 5H has had! As a part of our Science Unit 'What's the matter?', students have explored the properties of solids, liquids and gases. Working in collaborative learning teams, students were able to plan and investigate how the properties of materials change with temperature.

As a part of our Maths Unit on Mass, students participated in a STEM challenge where they had to make a boat that could hold weight. Students enjoyed working together to plan, design and make boats with their \$7 budget. After testing their boats for bearing a small amount of weight, students chose to add to their supplies and re-design their boat. The boats were then tested again to see which boat held the most weight. All students enjoyed the competitiveness of this challenge. They all wanted their boat to hold the most weight!

Last week, Year 5 participated in their half-term rewards afternoon. They had fun competing in a variety of activities including ping pong, racing chickpeas, tennis ball claps, bear crawls and many more.

On Tuesday, students in 5H, 5T and 5P we will be going on an excursion to Uralla to visit McCrossin's Mill, Thunderbolts Rock and try our luck at gold panning. This excursion complements our English Unit on 'Bushrangers' and our History Unit titled 'Gold'. Can all students please remember to bring a packed lunch, drink bottle, school hat, comfortable walking shoes and sun-screen.

Katie Hunt



For weeks 5 and 6 we are focusing on Confidence in the You Can Do It Program.

What is confidence?

- Speaking loudly and clearly when asking or answering a question.
- Having a go at something new.

Top three things to say to encourage confident behaviour

- "That wasn't easy to do but you did it".
- "You were not afraid to make a mistake. Good for you".

YCDI Program



Cricket Report

The Ben Venue Cricket Team travelled to Tamworth to play their Round 6 match in the PSSA Knockout Competition last Wednesday November 14 against Tamworth Public School.

On an overcast and humid morning at the Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School oval, Ben Venue lost the toss and were sent in to bat first. Elliot Clarke and Joe Schmude got Ben Venue off to a great start with an opening partnership of 31 before Clarke was bowled in the 7th over. This brought Stuart Parsons to the crease and he promptly pulled the first ball he faced in front of square for 4 runs to open his account. In the next over Parsons mistimed another onside shoot that ballooned in the air being cleverly caught just in front of square leg.

Cooper Collins was next in and, shortly after Schmude, was also cleverly caught at square leg for 20 runs. Collins and Ben Hignett then went about steadying the innings and took the score from 3 for 36 to 3 for 89 when Hignett retired for another action packed 40 runs. Collins was joined at the crease by Sophie Parsons and they took the Ben Venue score to 3 for 124 from the allocated 25 overs with Collins playing a true Captains knock scoring 33 not out and Parsons not out on 9.

When Tamworth batted some very tight line and length bowling, plus excellent fielding, kept the pressure on the batsmen. This continued for the entire innings as Tamworth crawled to 5 for 15 after 13 overs.

The Ben Venue bowlers continued to ask questions of the Tamworth batsmen and in the final over of the match they were all out for a total of just 34.

The best bowlers for Ben Venue were Ben Hignett, 4 for 8 off 5 overs. Sophie Parsons, 2 for 3 off 3 overs. Cooper Collins, 1 for 6 off 5 overs. Joe Schmude, 1 for 3 off 2 overs and Lachlan Taylor, 1 for 0 off 2 overs.

Ben Venue will now go on to play in the State Quarter Final match against Kingscliff Public School.

Richard Cotter



P&C News

Key Dates

- Wednesday 28 November**
 P&C Meeting followed by a Christmas Celebration at the Armidale City Bowling Club at 6:00pm
 - Wednesday 5 December**
 Creative Arts Evening BBQ starts at 5:30pm - 6:30pm with show time at 6:45pm
 - Thursday 13 December**
 Bakers Delight Christmas Stall in the Coles Complex from 10:00am - 2:00pm. We will be selling Bakers Delight Christmas Baking.
- There is a massive amount of lost clothing accumulating at school including expensive school jackets, jumpers, and hats. These items can be found in the clothing lost property located outside of the school library.
- There is also quite a few personal items that have been handed in to the front office. These include a semi circle diamond ring, a coin collection booklet, various hand balls and drink bottles. These items can be collected from the office on request.

TERM 4 2018 CALENDAR

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	19.11	20.11	21.11	22.11	23.11
Week 6		Yr 5 Excursion to Uralla		Stage 1 Gymnastics	
	Year 6 Canberra Excursion				
	26.11	27.11	28.11	29.11	30.11
Week 7		Ben Venue Cricket Team v Kingscliff Public School			K-6 Music Trio Performance Kindy Fire Training Centre

Congratulations to all our students listed below

YOU CAN DO IT— K-6 STAR STUDENTS

KG Kychelle Sandow-Bird	KC Jaylan Matthews	KB Thomas Snow	KP Max Floros
K/1L Flynn O'Connell	1F Lachlan Timms	1C Eli Vannucci	1/2H Orlando Hart
2B Michael Andrews	2M Lydia Sewell	3C Felicity O'Brien	3E Elizabeth Piper
3L Scarlett Mayled	4F Sophie McDonald	4S Edward Rowe-Dawson	4G Reagan Paltridge
5P Amika O'Brien	5H Erica Craig	5T Mia Drozdowski	

**FRIDAY ONLY**

Orders must be phoned through by parents

Chicken Schnitzel Burger OR

Plain Burger and drink \$7

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Friday 7th December 2018

Armidale City Bowling Club, Dumaresq Street



Tickets: \$8pp

Drinks and snacks available for purchase

Time: 6:00 to 7:30pm

Ages: 5-13 years

Adult Supervision—all with Working with Children Check

Theme: Christmas

Tickets may be pre-purchased from the Bowling Club, or on the night and must be presented at the door



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