



BALD BLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

TERM TWO

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WEEK 2

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School Vision

We are a vibrant and innovative learning community that is committed to delivering excellence within a rich and diverse learning environment. Our challenging learning programs are delivered by high performing staff in an inclusive, safe and supportive learning community. We promote excellence and equity by ensuring all students become successful learners, confident, and creative individuals and active and informed citizens.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

MAY

Tuesday-Thursday 9th -11th May NAPLAN

Friday May 12th Small School Cross Country

Wednesday 17th May Armidale PSSA Cross Country

Friday 2nd June Gymnastics Armidale

Friday 16th June Gymnastics Armidale

Friday 23rd June Gymnastics Armidale

Friday 30th June Gymnastics Armidale



Transition

On Wednesday our school community had the pleasure to welcome two bright and bubbly transition students. The new students are Katie Campion and Taharn Purvis. They both looked very grown up in their beautiful new Bald Blair winter

uniforms.

The students had an excellent day learning their class routines, exploring the school, completing early literacy and numeracy tasks, singing, dancing, completing Japanese and library activities and playing games.

Small School Cross Country

This year our school community will be hosting the Small School Cross Country event on Friday 12th May. Many thanks to Sara and Tom for preparing our course and according to Darcy Grills it is the best course that he has ever run.

Mrs Sally Chilcott-Geere, our catering expert, has organised an excellent lunch consisting of either spaghetti bolognaise, nachos or pumpkin soup for lunch and cakes, slice or fruit for morning tea. Thanks Sal! If all parents could please send in their orders by Monday it would be truly appreciated.

On the day our school community will need all hands on deck to ensure the smooth running of this event. There will be students and parents coming from Hernani, Dundurrabin, Chandler, Ben Lomond, Black Mountain, Ebor and Glen West Primary. Participating schools will arrive at 10am and all students will walk the track at 10.30am. After the students have walked the track the races will commence.



Welcome back to term two! It was a sheer delight to welcome Miss Shani Marshall to our great school and she will be teaching years 3-6. This term is certainly going to be extremely busy with transition, cross country, NAPLAN, athletics training, leadership luncheon and events, various professional development activities for staff and sporting school's program.

The school looks amazing with the splendour of autumn. I have never seen the trees so vibrant and due to the excellent season the leaves have hung around. The deciduous trees have extraordinary colours and when the colourful leaves fall to the ground they are forming a magnificent carpet under the trees. The students are thoroughly enjoying the experience of building leaf nests and playing in the leaves.

On Wednesday it was invigorating to see our K-6 students, transition students and staff return to our fabulous school safe and sound. It was interesting to listen to the student's great stories about their holidays and see their real enthusiasm to be back at school to learn and socialise with their friends. All students looked spectacular in the Bald Blair winter uniform and the majority were wearing their ties with pride and respect.

Many thanks to Mrs Nic Rooke from Ben Lomond Public School for helping our school organise and run this prestigious event. See you all next Friday!!!

Tennis Representation

Last week Aidan Purvis participated with fellow tennis players in the NW PSSA tennis team at Newcastle in the State PSSA Tennis titles. On Monday he was presented with his team uniform and then he had a training session for a couple hours. The North West Team came 10th in the state and Aidan said that it was the best week of school ever! Well done Aidan!!!

NAPLAN

All students have been practising for the upcoming NAPLAN. Next week all year 3 and year 5 students will be completing their NAPLAN assessments on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and thank you to Mrs McIntyre for coordinating and supervising this test. If any parent has any concerns or would like something clarified please contact Mrs McIntyre at school.

NAPLAN is just one snapshot of a student's learning so all students should be encouraged to try their best but don't stress or worry.

All students are encouraged to have an early night before the tests.

Sporting School's Program

In term two our school will be doing cross country and gymnastics. On Friday 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th June all students K-6 will be travelling to the Armidale Gymnastics centre to participate in gymnastics.

PSSA Trials

Congratulations to Brooke and Darcy Grills who represented our school in Armidale for soccer last Monday afternoon and to Aidan Purvis who travelled to Inverell last Thursday for cricket. All students tried hard and displayed great skills however they missed out on selection to the next level. Keep practising because there is always next year.!!!

Hot Lunches

Please remember to ensure that all hot lunches are in foil if they require being put into the pie oven or toasted in the grill and if they need to be microwaved the lunch needs to be in a microwavable container. Names need to be clearly displayed on the front of each foiled lunch or container. Hot noodles are to be limited.

The school does provide tomato and barbecue sauce.

Armidale Cross Country

This will be held next Wednesday 17th May for years 3-6. Please fill out the attached permission note.

Easter Assembly, Barbecue and Working Bee

What a spectacular array of Easter hats!! All Easter hats displayed creativity, innovation and problem solving skills and the students wore them with confidence and pride.

A delicious barbecue was provided by the P&C after the assembly and many parents helped at the working bee. The vegetable garden under the expert eye of Mrs Mara Grills saw an enthusiastic group of volunteers complete a major revamp and redevelopment. Now it looks amazing with its new fence, gravel path, beautiful gate and structures to hold up the shade cloth. Some vegetables are even sprouting and growing.

Another group of willing workers levelled the mounds of dirt around the school, limbs were trimmed by Sam Ulrick and Robert Kelly made some new nesting boxes for our chooks.

There were lots of positive comments from our school community the next day.

It was decided at the working bee that a P&C working bee would be a regular event each term on the last Wednesday of term after the assembly. A little birdie did whisper to me that Mara has something really exciting planned for our chook pen. So stay tuned!!!

Bottle Caps

Needed urgently all bottle tops in a variety of colours - especially milk and water bottle tops.

Why? Our school is going to complete a mural based on bottle tops so hundreds are required and if you can help I would be truly appreciative.

Armidale PSSA Athletics Carnival

The Armidale Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 8th August and the back up day in case of wet weather Friday 11th August.

Annual School Report

Our Annual School Report (ASR) has been completed and is now available on our school website.

ANZAC DAY

It was marvellous to see a number of our students, staff and parents participate in the Guyra ANZAC DAY March. This year saw a number of children involved in the service and Nakita Hoffman had the opportunity to read a prayer for peace and then she and Aidan laid a wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of our school community. Lest We Forget.

REMINDER
School Banking is every Tuesday

Hockey Success

Congratulations to Alice Finlayson for gaining selection to represent our school at the North West PSSA Hockey Trials in Armidale at Sport UNE on Thursday 18th May from 9.30am to 3pm.

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

To Scarlett Ray, Aidan Purvis,



McGrath Foundation Pink Stumps Day!!!

On the last day of term one our school grounds were a blaze of pink for Pink Stump Day and what a marvellous day. The students thoroughly enjoyed the delicious barbecue that was kindly donated by Vidler's Meat, Kirks and Lenehan Contractors. The day concluded with a great game of cricket which saw a number of enthusiastic parents participate in. Many thanks to Harry Ray for suggesting that we stage this fundraiser and thanks to Mrs Lenehan for organising the day and sponsorship. Our school raised over \$400 for the McGrath Foundation.

3-6 News With Miss Marshall

Hello and welcome to Term 2! I hope everyone has had an enjoyable holiday. My name is Miss Marshall and I will be covering Mrs Lenehan's duties until the end of the year. I look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone at this lovely school. For those who have not met me before, I was previously a swimming instructor at Harwood Swim School and during my degree I completed a practical placement at the school with Mrs McIntyre. I have attached below some information regarding this term. If you need to contact me, please do so through the school email or phone. Thank you ☺

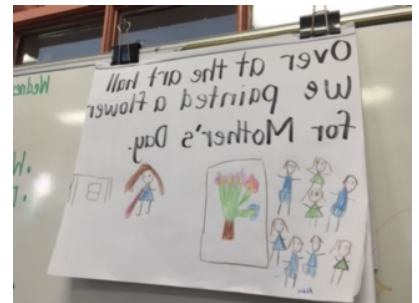
K-2 NEWS

It's been a great start to Term 2. Last week we looked briefly at ANZAC Day and read some Anzac stories. We talked about the meaning of Anzac Day and the importance of acknowledging the day each year and participating in the Guyra Anzac Day March.

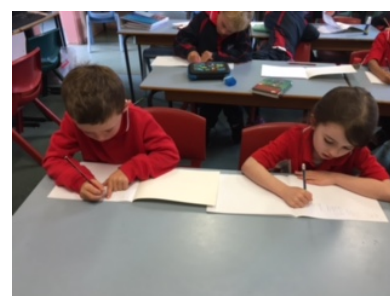


L3 Activities and L3 groups are in full swing and I attended my 4th training day on the 28th of April. Two days a week we focus on Guided Writing and the other two days Guided Reading. Working in groups of three has been great and really allows time to focus on student's individual needs. We have just started Interactive Writing (which the students love). In

Interactive writing the teacher models what 'good' sentence writing looks like. Over the last two weeks, we have focused on using capital letters to begin sentences and how to use finger spaces between words.



Independent Writing has also been a strong focus over the past two weeks. As a class, we discuss a topic and brainstorm 6 words. After a demonstration the students from Kindergarten to Year 2 then go off and write independently. This is a great way of extending students to achieve more. All students are given direct instruction at their level.



Sight words have been a strong focus as well. Students have been reading them, writing them and making them. Knowing the sight words is such an important part of

being to read.