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Ben Lomond Public School Newsletter



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Principal report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for 2025! I am pleased to report that this year has started off very positively, despite the recent rain and floods. The students have settled into their new routines beautifully and have absolutely loved the new LOGO projects.

We kicked off the year with exciting events, including our swimming carnival and the two local shows. I would like to congratulate Angus and Harrison for their outstanding performances at the swimming carnival, where both achieved personal best times and gained newfound confidence in the water, along with some bright and shiny ribbons.

At the shows, our little school truly shone. We proudly walked away with three large and impressive ribbons. Eli received the Champion Junior Fine Arts Exhibit award for his stunning sunset picture and was also recognised as Reserve Champion for his flower display at the Guyra Show. Jack earned a second-place ribbon for his remarkable LEGO display at the Glen Innes Show. Additionally, all students received first, second, third, or judges' encouragements for every entry they submitted at both shows. The prize money we earned was pooled together to treat our students to a sundae celebration in recognition of our collective successes.

Earlier this term, I distributed our new Behaviour Support and Management Plan for consultation. I am pleased to inform you that this plan has now been finalised in collaboration with the Director of Educational Leadership (DEL) and is published on our school website. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this consultation process. It is wonderful to know that we are working as a team to provide a safe and productive learning environment for all students at Ben Lomond Public School.

In the coming weeks, we will be holding Personalised Learning and Support Plan (PLSP) meetings for all students. These plans are designed to support the learning of each student and ensure that parents are informed about their child's educational journey. To initiate this process, students have identified personal learning goals for English, Maths, another subject of their choice, and a personal goal. These goals will be revisited throughout the year and adjusted according to their achievements.

NAPLAN commenced this week and will continue until March 24. NAPLAN is a national assessment that measures your child's literacy and numeracy skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar, punctuation, and mathematics. This assessment helps us, as well as you, understand how students are progressing against national standards compared to their peers across Australia. It is important to note that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test! I always remind students that NAPLAN, like all assessments we conduct at school, is primarily about helping teachers understand what students know and how we can best support their continued education.

Lastly, I want to inform you that the original camp at Coffs Coast Adventure Camp has been cancelled. However, we are actively seeking an alternative camp option to ensure that our students can still experience a school camp this year.

If you have any questions, please call the school and make an appointment to speak with myself or Ms. Barnes. Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to the remainder of this fantastic term!

Warm regards,
Elizabeth Opie

Swimming Carnival



