NEWSLETTER - Term 3 Week 3

What’s coming up...

EDUCATION WEEK
27July-31 July
Thursday 30th July
Open Day at BVPS
Come in to visit our classrooms
12noon-3pm
Friday 31st July
SCLC Awards Ceremony at Bega High School
Week 4
3 Aug—7 Aug
Parent Teacher Interviews

Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th August
Life Education

ZONE ATHLETICS
CARNIVAL
Friday 7th August
PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival

Friday 7th August
Whole School Assembly 2.15pm
Class Performance 34C
Shared Class Work K1K

Monday 10th August
Paul Kelly Cup
Girls AFL B’Bay

Tues 11th August
UNSW Maths Test

Thursday 13th August
Bournda EEC Gifted & Talented Stage 2 Science

Monday 17th August
Book Week
Girls Hockey

Wednesday 19th August
Bega Community Aboriginal Languages Meeting

Wednesday 19th August
K-2 Play Matinee

Thursday 20th
K-2 Play Matinee & Night Performance

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE:

Welcome to Education Week! We have certainly kicked off this showcase week with a terrific night on Tuesday at the sapphire Coast Learning Community’s Performing Arts Festival. BVPS band and choir members shone out amongst the many other talented students from across the 16 public primary and high schools in this area. Our performances were amazing, congratulations to all of the students and many thanks to our parents/carers for making the effort to transport and attend the evening. A huge thanks to Mr Bennett, Miss Cross and Mrs Butchers in supervising and supporting our students on the night at EMHS.

Open Day Today we are opening our classrooms and sharing the wonderful learning opportunities with visitors to our school. We are also saying farewell to Candy McVeity as she takes up her permanent appointment at Merimbula PS. Today she leads the BVPS SCLC Band and Choir for the final time during our open day proceedings.

National Tree Day last week was recognised by our students with the planting of this dwarf mandarin tree. Thanks to Miss Foster and Mrs Franks for their organisation.

Aboriginal Cultural Activities On Tuesday many of our indigenous parents, relatives and carers attending the fist meeting to discuss starting up an Aboriginal Cultural Activities program for our school. Classroom Teacher Michell Scott is leading this program and is excited by the support from our school and the local community. If you would like any more information or are willing to support please let Michell know through the office.

Carolyn Nugent PRINCIPAL

SCLC Performing Arts Festival

BVPS Choir perform ‘Royals’ by Lorde

SCLC Combined Schools Choir

Woolworths Earn & Learn program

Bega Valley PS is participating in the Earn & Learn program so please collect the tokens and drop your completed sheets in to the BVPS drop box at Woolworths, Sapphire Market Place Bega or alternately in the box at the school office.

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**New Lunch time Bike Program at B.V.P.S. Term 3**

Our lunchtime bike program for Stage 2 and 3 students will commence in Week 2, Term 3. We will be conducting some skill sessions in the school grounds as well as riding along the local bike paths outside of school grounds, where the children will cross a number of minor roads. The program will take place each Tuesday and Wednesday. Children who wish to take part will need a working bicycle (with brakes) and a helmet. Children will meet Mrs Reeve at the bike rack at 1.10 pm, after they have finished eating their lunch. A reminder that children who attend Open Doors the week prior to each session will not be able to attend.

If you would like your child to take part in these sessions, please complete the permission form below.

Mrs Reeve/Mr Lenon

I give permission for my child _____________________________ Class________ to attend the Tuesday and/or Wednesday lunchtime bike sessions, held on school grounds as well as on local bike paths.

Name ____________________________________________
Signature ____________________________________________ Date ______________

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**Early Action for Success Update**

All of our students and teachers in K-2 are continuing to make progress in Literacy and Numeracy. Currently at Bega Valley Public School we have close to 80% of all our students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 achieving benchmarks in reading. This is a fantastic achievement for our teachers and students.

Recent state data also shows what a positive impact Early Action for Success has had on improving learning outcomes for all students in K-2. Out of 9853 Kindergarten students in 2015 only 4% of these students have been identified as targeted students. This is a great improvement on the 40% that were identified at the beginning of the year through Best Start Data. These statistics show what a great job our Kindergarten teachers are doing with our students.

We will continue to have a focus on writing this term in ES1 and Stage 1 to further develop and improve our students writing skills.

Keep up the good work !!!!

Megan Bobbin
Instructional Leader
**COMMUNITY NOTICES**
**BEGA VALLEY SHIRE LIBRARY 2015 BOOK WEEK COMPETITION**
“BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD”

**Preschool age:**
Colour in the “Turtle & Snail” (Template available)

**Kindergarten:**
Colour in the “Treehouse” (Template available)

**Year 1 & 2:**
Make a stained glass window or a Lion mask

**Year 3 & 4:**
Make a lantern with a book character on it
OR
Make a bookmark in the shape of a candle and add the title and author of a book you enjoyed reading.

**Year 5 & 6:**
Make either a lighthouse
OR
A treehouse out of any materials.

**High School:**
Create a timeline of books that have ‘lit up your world’, giving book title and age you were when you enjoyed it.

**Print** your name, class and school on your entry and send it to your nearest Library by Monday 17th August 2015. **Judging** will be done at your Library and then entries will be displayed during Book Week Monday 24th till Friday 28th August 2015.

**Prizes of book vouchers** will be awarded in the above categories.

For any enquires please ring 64992242

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**KEY WORD SIGNS**
**Words of the Week**

**Sad**
Also: sadness, grief, grieve
With hand flat, fingers pointing upwards, pointer finger directly in front of mouth and nose, thumb tucked in; bring hand upwards in front of face in a small arc.

![Sad Gesture](image)

**Happy**
Also: glad, merry, joyfully
Tap palms of flat hands together in small circles.

![Happy Gesture](image)
Key Word Sign
The P&C is ecstatic to be running an introduction to Key Word Sign on Thursday the 13th of August from 5.30pm. This introduction offers a great opportunity for Parents and Grandparents to get a good grasp of the basics of Key Word Sign.
Key word sign is the use of manual signs and natural gesture to support communication. Key word sign is used to encourage and support language development in children and adults with communication difficulties.
This event is free and open to the general public – please contact Rod on 0410 529 517 or rodney@eldersbega.com.au if you would like to attend.

Canteen
If you can assist with Canteen for even a couple of hours on a Wednesday or a Friday please contact Sheryl to volunteer. Many hands make light work!

Facebook
Please join the schools Facebook page, it is a great source of information about what is happening in the school.

P&C Meeting
Next meeting at 3.15pm on Monday 17 August 2015 in Library.

Canteen News - The Snack Shack

Weekly Specials
Jatz & Cheese
Apple Sultanas & Cheese

The School Garden
The Vegie Patch is currently being dug over in preparation for spring planting. Do you have any seedlings or small vegie plants to share? Please bring to the garden at 1:30pm any day or leave at the Office for Ms Fathers. Thanks:

ROSTER
Canteen roster for next week - please call Sheryl on 64924729 if you can help fill a vacant spot.

Friday 31st July
9.00am - 11.30 am  Melissa Russell & Zoe Whymark
11.30am - 2.00pm  Melissa Russell & Zoe Whymark

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!!

The canteen can only run with the help of our great volunteers. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Wednesday or Friday please contact Sheryl.