From the Principal

Students at Ebor are continuing to excel every day. The Early Action for Success program has provided our school with access to additional resources and high level professional learning for our teachers. Our assessment data shows growth from all our students across the literacy and numeracy continuums. This is an outstanding achievement.

Book Week Parade

At the end of Term 3, our students dressed up as one of their favourite book characters for the Book Week Parade. We saw some amazing costumes and every student was able to talk about their book character.

Life Education – Healthy Harold

In Week 5, we welcomed Chandler, Dundurrabin and Hernani to our school for our annual Healthy Harold Day. Once again, Ruth provided all the students with information ranging from cyber safety to healthy living.

Combined Schools Day - Hernani

In Week 1 of this term, we travelled to Hernani to be part of a presentation by Starrs Productions. Our students watched two performances: “Return of the Bully” and “The Bully is Back”. Students were able to discuss strategies for dealing with incidents of bullying and they learnt about the value of non-bullying behaviour.

Due to the rainy weather, we were unable to do our planned traditional games outside. Instead, we were able to do some traditional art work with Lesley Green. Thank you to Lesley for sharing her knowledge with the students.
I would like to thank the P&C for their outstanding catering on the day.

Traditional Art with Lesley

Assembly Awards
Our students always shine at Ebor. We have held two assemblies this term.

In Week 2, our award winners were:

Student of the Week: Ellen Marsden
TED Award: Mackenzie Packham
Library Award: Cooper Packham

Mackenzie, Cooper & Ellen

In Week 5, our award winners were:

Student of the Week: Dan Donaldson
TED Award: Lucy Selby
Library Award: Mackenzie Cook
Homework Awards: Mackenzie Cook, Lucy Selby, Daisy Donaldson, Kaylah Selby, Maddison Cook, Mackenzie Packham and Cooper Packham.

Congratulations to all our students.

Creative Arts Camp - Thalgarrah
In Week 6, our students attended a Creative Arts camp at Thalgarrah Environmental Education Centre. The Snow Gums Learning Alliance was able to run the camp as a result of a successful grant application. This provided an opportunity for every student to further their skills in Creative and Practical Arts. The students were able to develop these skills alongside our fellow Snow Gums students from Chandler, Bald Blair, Black Mountain and Ben Lomond.

At the end of the first day, the K-2 students went home and students in Years 3 – 6 enjoyed an overnight stay. These students held a lantern festival on the Monday night after making their own lanterns and then displaying them after dark.

On Tuesday, the students created iStop Motion films and completed another visual arts activity that will form part of two larger pieces of art.

Snow Gums Learning Alliance
The Snow Gums Learning Alliance has achieved many successes since it began in 2013. The Snow Gums Alliance is part of the larger Highland Community of Schools and has developed through the vision of the five principals across our small schools: Bald Blair, Ben Lomond, Black Mountain, Chandler and Ebor.

Through the development of Snow Gums from sharing sporting activities to now sharing in the academic learning of all our students, each small school now shares in the combined leadership and teaching capacity of five principals and nine teaching staff.

Snow Gums Learning Alliance – HTB Harris Award
On the 30th October, the Snow Gums Alliance was awarded the HTB Harris Award by the Australian College of Educators (ACE) and the Australian Council for Educational Leaders (ACEL). An excerpt from our award citation reads as follows:

“After three years of operation, the Snow Gums Learning Alliance is making a significant difference to academic and social outcomes for students whilst each individual school’s culture and identity have been preserved. The Snow Gums Learning Alliance has brought to life the Rural and Remote Education Blueprint, and as a result has been identified by the NSW Minister for Education’s office as an exemplar of what can be achieved through teamwork, imagination and a lot of hard work.”

ACE/ACEL Awards Dinner
Science with Mrs Gardner
This term, our students have been studying the unit “Spot the Difference”. Students have been exploring change through the context of food, including spaghetti, chocolate and popcorn. Students are learning about how heating or cooling a food can change its properties and whether the change can be reversed or not. An investigation about which type of chocolate melts the fastest has helped students draw conclusions about how fast or slow changes can happen and the consequences of change.

Mackenzie investigating with spaghetti

Eating the icy-poles before they melt

Leader’s Lunch
On Thursday 3rd December, our school captains will travel to Rafters Restaurant in Guyra for the annual Leader’s Lunch. Once again, we will be joined by Adam Marshall and Sue Brown.

Swim School
Once again, we will join with Martin’s Gully Public School in Armidale for our annual swim school. Swimming starts in Week 9, Monday 30th November and will run for one week. Students will leave school at 12 noon each day. Lessons will be at the TAS pool, commencing at 1.30pm and finishing at 2.45pm. Kim Heagney will be our swimming instructor.

Presentation Night
We will hold our annual Presentation Night on Monday 14th December. We will start the evening at 5.30 with finger food in the COLA. The formal part of the evening will start at 6.15pm and conclude at approximately 8pm.

All community members, parents and friends are invited to join in our celebration of learning.

Last Day 2015
Wednesday 16th December will be the last day of the school year for our students. We would like to invite the Ebor community to join with us from 11am on this day for morning tea. If we are all on our very best behaviour, we may have a very special visitor come and see us.

P&C News
Our Thursday lunches are proving to be more successful than ever. Thank you to our P&C for continuing with this initiative. It is an incredibly popular fund-raising activity.

Play Group
I would like to thank all our play group parents and their children for being an important part of our school community. It is a wonderful opportunity for future students to socialise with school age children. We are all looking forward to seeing you in 2016.

Dates for your calendar . . .

Friday 27/11: Assembly – 9am
Mon 30/11 – Fri 4/12: Swim School @ TAS
Thursday 3/12: Leader’s Lunch - Guyra
Monday 14/12: Presentation Night – 5.30pm
Wednesday 16/12: Christmas Celebration
Last Day 2015