From the Principal

We are at the end of Term 3 and what a term it has been.

We celebrated Education Week in August. Some of our school community members travelled to Bald Blair Public School for the annual awards presentation.

Congratulations go to Maddison Cook for outstanding student achievement; to Michelle Blackwell for an outstanding contribution to the school by a staff member; to Jeanette Donaldson for an outstanding contribution to the school by a parent; and to Wendy Bale for an outstanding contribution to the school by a member of the Ebor community.

Education Week Assembly – Bald Blair

It is always extremely difficult to choose just one person for an award, when, in reality, everyone associated with our school makes an outstanding contribution. Without these people, our students would not enjoy the successes and the opportunities that are currently available to them. So thank you to the whole Ebor community for supporting our wonderful school.

Our teachers have continued to develop their professional capacity, particularly in literacy and numeracy and we are already seeing growth in achievement levels across our school. Thank you to our teachers and to Lesley and Michelle for really engaging with these learning opportunities and for implementing new strategies in the classroom.

Dan & Kody: Hands-on learning

We hosted Kristen Willis, a UNE practicum placement student during Weeks 4 to 7. This was Kristen’s first placement in a school and she demonstrated enormous initiative and a passion for learning during her time with us. I would like to thank Kristen for her professionalism during her stay with us and for the outstanding contribution she made to our students and the school community. We wish Kristen all the best with her future studies and hope she has the opportunity to visit us again.

Counting with Miss Willis
Our school captain, Maddison Cook, attended a Leader’s Camp at Lake Keepit during Week 7. A big thank you goes to Denise Smoother at Ben Lomond Public School for co-ordinating Maddison’s attendance and another big thank you to Gemma Mulligan who took Maddison and two other students with her to Lake Keepit.

As we move into Term 4, our students will be involved in a variety of activities, such as Life Education, Swim School and Presentation Night. Term 4 is always an extremely busy time and before we know it, the man in the red suit will be here.

Youth Online
This term we have enjoyed a series of sessions presented by published authors, such as Fiona McDonald, Sophie Masson, Ian Irvine, Stephen Whitside and Ann James. Each author has focused on a particular area of writing, for example, character development, illustrating, or planning. These sessions have been presented via video conference, giving our students another opportunity to meet students from schools in Glen Innes, Moree and Yarrowitch, as well as our established buddies at Chandler, Ben Lomond, Bald Blair and Black Mountain.

Thanks to Mel Wood at Chandler for organising these sessions through the New England Writers Group.

Early Action for Success
We have continued working with Peta Deiderick this term as part of our Early Action for Success program. Peta and I meet regularly to develop units of work, and associated documents. The EAfS program specifically targets literacy and numeracy achievement in students from K – 2. However, in our K – 6 classroom, we have been able to target our Year 3 – 6 students as well. This has already made a difference to our achievement of student outcomes and we are all very excited to be able to continue our association with Peta and the EAfS program into 2016.

NAIDOC Day
Once again, we all travelled to Dorrigo for the annual NAIDOC celebrations. This year we went to the high school instead of the public school.

We participated in a range of cultural activities such as boomerang painting, learning about bush tucker, cooking, and creative dance. Our school is very fortunate to be part of these celebrations in Dorrigo every year, giving us another opportunity to catch up with our friends from Hernani, Dundurrabin and Dorrigo.

Thank you to Tanya Bajda and her team for co-ordinating another wonderful learning experience.
Highland Fling
We travelled to Black Mountain Public School on Friday 31st July for our annual Highland Fling. We had many sessions to be part of, covering a variety of activities. We had a rugby league workshop; a presentation by the fire brigade and the SES. We learnt about clap sticks and made rhythmic patterns with them. We had visual arts and music sessions and we also learnt about bike safety from a local policewoman. Thank you to all the mums and dads for transporting us to and from Black Mountain.

Award Winners
Our students are extremely enthusiastic learners, which makes selecting award winners each week quite a difficult task. Our award winners so far this term are:

Student of the Week:
Seth Ramsamy; Dan Donaldson; Daisy Donaldson; Ellen Marsden; Maddison Cook; Mackenzie Cook.

TED Award:
Dan Donaldson; Madeline Marsden; Lucy Selby; Stella Tuohey; Kaylah Selby; Daisy Donaldson.

Library Award:
Lucy Selby; Mackenzie Cook; Ellen Marsden; Madeline Marsden; Kaylah Selby.

Reading Eggs:
Mackenzie Cook; Dan Donaldson; Lucy Selby.

Mathletics:
Daisy Donaldson; Madeline Marsden; Kaylah Selby.

P&C News
The P&C have continued to run their incredibly popular canteen every Thursday. They are now providing between 40 and 50 lunch orders to the Ebor community every week.

Thank you to everybody in the community for your wonderful support.
Dates for your calendar . . .

Thurs 17/9: Book Character Parade
Friday 18/9: Last day, Term 3
Mon 5/10: Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 6/10: Students return for Term 4
Fri 9/10: Anti-bullying performance Hernani
Fri 16/10: Assembly
Thurs 5/11: Healthy Harold
Fri 6/11: Assembly
Mon 9/11: Creative Arts Camp
Thalgarrah K – 6
Tues 10/11: Creative Arts Camp
Thalgarrah Yr 3 – 6 only
Fri 27/11: Assembly
Sat/Sun 28-29/11: Dorrigo Show
Mon 14/12: Presentation Night
Wed 16/12: Last day Term 4

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