Beckom Public School





Seize the Day

Students enjoy Intensive Swimming lessons

Students have participated in Intensive Swimming lessons this week. Each afternoon, weather permitting, students have travelled to the Ardlethan pool to take part in the lessons. Our final swimming session will be held tomorrow.

Eddy the Elf returns to the school

The students were very excited to see Eddy the Elf back at school this week. Sometimes Eddy gets up to mischief during the night. It is always exciting for the students to come to school each morning in December and discover what Eddy has been doing during their absence.

Zoom concert with Amber Lawrence a great success

Last Friday students had the opportunity to join students from other RIEN Small Schools in a zoom concert with country music artist Amber Lawrence.

Beckom Yearbooks will be available for purchase soon

Mrs McKinnon is in the process of completing our 2020 yearbook. The book will be printed and available for purchase at our Presentation afternoon on Tuesday 15th December. After this date, copies can be purchased from the school or the Ardlethan Post Office. The cost of the yearbook will be \$5.00 per copy.

Mrs Emma Speirs

Term 4 Week 8 3rd December 2020



Friday 4th December **Intensive Swimming** 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Tuesday 8th December

Special Religious Education lesson

Wednesday 9th December

Kindergarten orientation and Year 6 transition to high school

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Megan Waters for effort in writing



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Changes to end of year Presentation

Presentation will look a little different this year and it will proceed with a COVID safe plan. Invitations have been sent out to immediate family members only. We will record the annual play which is Frozen 2 this year and we plan to have a first time viewing of the play at the presentation. Please ensure that you RSVP to this event so that we can ensure we stay within the COVID safe guidelines. The presentation will take place at the school from 2:00pm to 3:00pm on Tuesday 15th December . This will be an outside event to ensure spacing requirements are adhered to. Please bring your own food and drinks (no alcohol permitted).

Family attendees and staff must not attend the event if they have any respiratory or COVID-19 symptoms. Attendees will need to sign an external visitors form on the day. A copy of this form is attached to the invitation.

If you cannot attend the presentation, due to illness, staff will record the ceremony and the school play and upload them to the students' google classroom.

Picnic rugs will be available to enable families to maintain a four metre distance from each other. Families will also be asked to follow NSW Health physical distancing rules i.e. 1.5 metres of physical distance between non-household contacts.

We will stand and listen to the National anthem as we are unable to sing due to spacing requirements.

We will ensure that hand sanitiser will be available and located in key areas for family members.

Presentation Afternoon

2:00pm on Tuesday 15th December Beckom School grounds

We apologise to community members but due to the COVID-19 requirements we can only invite family members of students attending the school.

COVID-19 Advice for families

Each week, it is important that we re-visit the COVID-19 safe protocols for our community.

The protocols are delivered by the NSW Department of Education based on the best advice from NSW Health.

We would like to remind parents not to send students to school if they are unwell, even if they have mild symptoms.

Schools will make appropriate arrangements to send students home if they become unwell at school.

Students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe; or
- they are currently unwell.

For more information in relation to COVID-19 protocols for schools, please follow this link

https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support in following the guidelines and helping to keep everyone healthy and safe.





TRIVIA CORNER

Chloe Andrews was the winner of our children's trivia from last week. According to the song, the old lady swallowed a bird to catch the spider. The adult trivia was won by Elizabeth Menzies and correct answers also came from Barbara Weise, Jim Bundy and Noel Stephens. Decimal currency was introduced into Australia in the year 1966.

Good luck with this week's questions.

Adult question:

Opal is the birthstone for which month?





Children's question:

Name the wide brimmed hat often associated with Mexico.

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