



# Barkers Vale Public School



4501 Kyogle Road  
Wadeville  
NSW 2474

Telephone (02) 66897202  
Facsimile: (02) 66897469  
Email: barkersval-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Monday, 3rd November, 2014  
Term 4 Week 5

## ★ Newsletter

### Message From the Principal

Last Tuesday we welcomed six new students to our **Kinder Orientation Day**. It is wonderful to welcome new parents and children into our Barkers Vale family.

It was wonderful to see a great attendance at our P&C meeting last Wednesday—the more people we have at our meetings, the more representative it can be of our whole school community, their ideas and their opinions. There was a great deal of robust discussion around a variety of items from what was a very full agenda.

I promised last week that I would communicate more to you about some of the inspiring ideas of the speakers at the recent National Principal's conference I attended.

**Sue Langley** spoke of 'Growing Great Principal' - positive psychology—looking at what's right rather than what's wrong. She spoke of building our own positive emotions and resilience, and of the importance of appreciation and gratitude. *'No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.'* Aesop. We also explored mindfulness and meditation.

One of the highlights of the conference was a Q&A panel session chaired by Emma Albarici focussing on "Equity, Quality, Impact: The future of Australian Primary Schooling."

**Anna Bligh** was, by far, the presenter who engaged me the most. She spoke of leadership being the ability to ignite something in others - *'Education is not the filling of a vessel, but the lighting of a fire.'* She took us on a journey through the difficulties faced in periods of reform and dealing with the resistance which comes with it.



When leading in crisis, the need to trust your instinct, the importance of communicating what's happening and that 'human touch' were valuable messages she elaborated on during her presentation.



On a lighter side, **Darryl Lovegrove** used music and reflection to take us through his journey to create his dream of 'The Three Waiters' - how he played to his strengths, creating a point of difference, a quality concept of performance. Just as they launched onto the international stage, 9/11 impacted greatly and the whole dream almost came crashing down. A powerful message I took away was that *'Resilience governs your success despite your talent. We can't change what happens to us, but we can change how we respond. We need to frame life so fact and dreaming meet.'*

**Kathleen Johnston, Principal**



## IMPORTANT DATES

### Term 4 , 2014

#### Week 5

Tuesday 4th Nov: **Kinder Orientation**

#### Week 6

Tuesday 11th Nov: **Kinder orientation & Nimbin CS Yr 7 Orientation**

#### Week 7

Tuesday 18th Nov: **Nimbin CS Yr 7 Orientation**

**Thursday 20th Nov: School Concert**

#### Week 8

**Intensive Swimming ALL WEEK**

#### Week 9

Tuesday 2nd Dec: **Nimbin CS Yr 7 Orientation**

Wednesday 3rd Dec: **Nimbin CS Yr 7 Orientation**

Orientation

#### Week 10

Tuesday 16th December: **Yr 6 Farewell**

#### Week 11

**Wednesday 17th December LAST DAY**



# Weekly Awards!

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit awards  
this week:-

Eden Freeman, Clairee Monden, Cooper Marychurch,  
Ariel Lagarde, Caleb Winbye and Amy Moss



## School Swimming Scheme

It's that time of the year again - our School Swimming Scheme will be held this term. The whole school will be invited to attend a week of swimming lessons at Kyogle Swimming Pool. The sessions will be held from **Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> November until Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November**. We will have two sessions: 10.25 until 11.10 and 12.15 until 1.00.

Some sessions will be conducted by the Education Department Swimming Teachers and other sessions will be conducted by the Barkers Vale School staff. We always appreciate help in this week, particularly with the K / 1 group.

Permission notes, prices and an official request for helpers and days available will be sent out closer to the swimming dates. This is just an early notice to let you know the dates and times so that if you would like to help, you can mark them on your calendar. Thank you for your support—Regards, Julie

Photos have been removed for online newsletter

# P&C NEWS

I'd like to thank everyone that came to the P&C meeting last Wednesday. Wow what a long meeting but SO worth it we are really getting organised, talking about how we want to work together to make the school a great place for our children to learn and grow. I feel really excited to know that we have an active, passionate, committed group working at building a collaborative and equitable school community.

Aside from one more fantastic meeting to come, there is lots to do before the end of the year.

1. We need loot! Can people put up their hands to donate raffle prizes to the monster raffle which will be drawn at the school concert on 20th of November (not long away) Ticket booklets will be sent home next week. Please everyone's contributions are needed and welcome; art, craft, veggie box, plants, vouchers or Christmas goodies (cakes, puddings, pickles).
2. Save the date: we have a great opportunity to raise money by running the BBQ stall out the front of Bunnings in Lismore on Sunday 14th December. Please let us know when you can volunteer and for how long.
3. New canteen subcommittee: thanks to the volunteers committed to opening the canteen each Monday and to Lisa, Rebecca, Vicky, Leonie and Martin for forming the canteen sub committee.
4. Talking of volunteers: one of our goals for next year will be to have a schedule for whole of school activities. We want to increase the opportunities for parents to share their interests, talents and passions in the school.—and increase the monetary contributions made to support such initiatives. Collectively staff, students and families will support each other and encourage a collaborative approach to growing an innovative learning community. I know this is a tradition in our school but next year let's make this a more coordinated conscious approach to not only what we do but how we do it.

Please get in touch with the P&C via email [bvppnc@gmail.com](mailto:bvppnc@gmail.com) & let us know what goodies you can donate for the raffle and what time you can volunteer at Bunnings.

Regards Kylie

# Barkers Vale Public School

Enrolling Now for 2015

**Come and join us on the**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 9:00 to 11:35**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 9:00 to 11:35**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 9:00 to 1:35**

We are set in a picturesque rural location with uniquely designed classrooms.

Our school offers a family friendly environment perfect for nurturing your child's unique talents and skills. We provide a quality education to a wide community with bus services available from Nimbin, Cawongla, Billen Cliffs, Mt Burrell, Barkers Vale, Lillian Rock and Blue Knob.

Find out more about our school and what we have to offer including:

- Hands-on learning opportunities
- Interactive SMART Boards.
- The Jolly Phonics Reading and Writing program
- Targeted Early Numeracy Program (TEN)
- Student maintained vegetable gardens.
- Sporting facilities including soccer fields, great play equipment, basketball & netball court.
- A large computer room, iPads and school hall.
- Inter-school activities as part of the COLOURSS (Community of Learners of the Upper Richmond Small Schools) group.
- Marimbas and our music room.

**Come and talk to our staff and students to find out more!**

Principal Kathleen Johnston      Class Teacher Julie McTaggart

Contact one of our friendly staff for more information on 6689 7202

or visit our website [www.barkersval-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.barkersval-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

