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Term 1 Week 6



Newsletter

Principal's Message

This week we welcome parents to join us for **afternoon tea** on **Wednesday** afternoon from **3.30pm**. This is an opportunity for our new families to meet other parents and staff from the school and build some relationships within our school community. We hope you are able to join us.

Thank you to all who were able to attend our first P&C meeting of the year last week. It was wonderful to welcome several new parents to this important group. A reminder that the Annual General Meeting of the P&C will take place at 4pm on Thursday 23rd March. We hope you are able to join us.



Our students continue to develop their skipping skills and fitness through the our **Jump Rope for Heart** program.



New Teacher

The selection process for our **new teacher** for the Yrs 2,3,4 class is almost complete. We should be able to inform you of the result in next week's newsletter, with our new teacher commencing shortly after. I would like to also take this opportunity to apologise for the changes of teacher on the class last week, which unfortunately was unavoidable.

Regards
Kath Johnston, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES



Term 1

Week 6

Wed 1st March—Welcome Afternoon Tea—3.30pm

SUNDAY 5th March HEAD LICE BUSTER DAY

Week 9

Tuesday 21st March—Harmony Day

Thursday 23rd March—P&C AGM 4.00pm

Week 10

Thursday 30th March—BVPS Cross Country

Week 11

Wednesday 5th April—Jump Rope For Heart Extravaganza

Term 2

Week 2

Friday 5th May—District Cross Country @ The Risk PS

Week 9

Friday 23rd June—COLOURSS Athletics
Monday 26th June—NAIDOC Day

Advance Notice

Term 3

11th—14th September—Canberra Excursion for Yrs 5/6



Canteen Dessert Roster Term 1

We have a wonderful canteen here at Barkers Vale PS, thanks to great leadership and cooking skills from Wren Brockhurst. We are seeking support from families with the *Dessert* portion of the canteen menu. Here is the proposed roster for Term 1. If you can't do your designated week, please try to swap with someone else on the list or let me know in advance.

Please label your Dessert with the ingredients.

Regards, Julie McT and the Canteen Committee.



Week	Who
Week 7: Monday, 6 th March	Anastasia Guise / Kristy Wright & Dean Huff
Week 8: Monday, 13 th March	Misty Potter / Yolande Norman & Chaaleigh Oliver
Week 9: Monday, 20 th March	Lisa O'Brien & Sean Taylor / Che Potter
Week 10: Monday, 27 th March	Erin Bright & Destry Cassel / Gareth & Bronte Webster
Week 11: Monday, 3 rd April	Jess Tandy & Peter Hocking / Jay Stephens & Claire Smith

Recycling at Barkers Vale School—Term One

We have been running a very successful recycling system here at Barkers Vale PS for several years now. This involves the children, parents and school staff volunteering once or twice a term to collect all the paper and plastics around the school.

Below is a copy of the roster so far. If you can help out with recycling this term we would be most grateful. As you can see we have a few gaps. Please call the school on 66 897 202 or send in a note to let us know if you can help. We usually collect the recycling on a Thursday morning so it can be collected that afternoon, but we are open to suggestions!

Thanks for your help.

Regards, Julie McTaggart



Week	Who	Kids Roster
Wk 6: beginning Monday, 27 th Feb		Keone, Fergus, Francis & Twyla
Wk 7: beginning Monday, 6 th Mar	Therese Hedwards	Darius, Eden & Cameron
Wk 8: beginning Monday, 13 th Mar		Avalon, Gracie & Cooper M.
Wk 9: beginning Monday, 20 th Mar	Marley Myles and Jamie North	Lucas, Noa & Elliot
Wk 10: beginning Monday, 27 th Mar	Yindi Soler	Blossom & Oscar
Wk 11: beginning Monday, 3 rd April	Trish Strange	Kaara & Immy

Bus Travel Applications

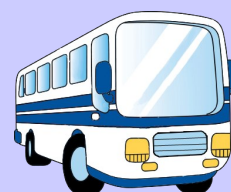
Dear Yr 3 Parents

Parents of Yr 3 students will need to lodge a new bus travel application —this is now done online.

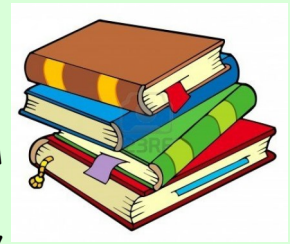
You will need to update your child's details at:

apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updatedetails

Thank you



Library Update



The library is now operating under a new library program which I am still mastering with ongoing training.

I have introduced Years 2-6 to the new Orbit Website, which they can also access from home, by logging into the Department of Education's Homepage. In Orbit students can search the library catalogue for resources, reserve books, submit book reviews, as well as access games, information and graphics. We are having fun exploring this new resource.

There has been a change in library lesson days for some classes, please help your child to return their borrowed books to school in a protective library bag.

Library days for each class are as follows -

K/1/2 - Wednesday afternoon (changed from Tuesday)

2/3/4 - Tuesday afternoon (changed from Wednesday)

4/5/6 - Wednesday morning (no change)

Thank you

Kerry Behrend

Jump Rope for Heart



Jump Rope for Heart is a whole school programme we are running to promote healthy attitudes to exercise and food. One of the main programme aims is for the children to develop skills in skipping while at the same time improving co-ordination and fitness **and** having fun.

Each Wednesday and Friday the whole school engages in skipping activities.

Wednesdays involve moving between activities in a guided rotation and on Friday we skip more freely with some music playing. Each class also adds skipping or skipping skills into weekly routines.

This week the children will be introduced to the *Skipping Skills Passport*. This is a checklist of skipping skills that the children can learn and master and then have checked off on their individual *Passport*. The skills can include things like the *Skier*, *Heel to Heel and Egg Beater*, *Criss Cross*, *Double Under* and *Razzle Dazzle*! There are three levels of passport: Basic, Intermediate and Advanced. Don't worry - we can all look at this web site for help: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mEVz0yLkIU4&index=30&list=PLhrygLMD00Es4oyv0uTJPQ0F6E9_CGT12

We also have cards coming from Kane Radford (our Jump Rope contact) to help

guide us. So, let's see how far we can go and when Kane comes back on the *Jump Off Day* on Wednesday, April 5th we can dazzle him with our skills and fitness!

Happy skipping!

Regards,

Julie McT

P&C News



Thank you to everyone who came along to our first meeting for 2017 last week. It was great to see some new faces!

2017 promises to be a fun and busy year at BVPS. To make sure all our children can get the most out of it, the P&C is planning a number of fund-raising activities. These will include raffles, a Bunnings BBQ, and catering for the COLOURSS athletics carnival. Our President Lisa also runs a stall at Blue Knob market every month. Whatever contribution you can make is very much appreciated – it might be volunteering your time, or providing some goods for sale or raffle prizes. Its great fun working together and, most importantly, all the money we can raise goes to providing facilities and bringing down costs of excursions and day trips for families.

IGA/Ritchies Community Benefits

One very easy contribution you can make is to take advantage of the IGA Community Benefits program. If you shopping at Ritchies and use a community benefit card linked to Barkers Vale Public School, then Ritchies will donate money back to us. These cards/tags can be used at ANY Ritchies store throughout Vic, NSW and Qld by our staff, students and their families/grandparents.

If you would like to support our school and you don't already have a CB card/tag please collect one at the registers next time you shop at ANY Ritchies store to use every time you shop. All you do is nominate Barkers Vale Public School, it's that easy! This is an easy way for us to raise funds for our school with no costs involved.

Afternoon Tea at BVPS

We hope to see many families for afternoon tea at the school this Thursday. Marley and Tania will be there to chat about the Positive Behaviour for Learning Program – this is a valuable tool for shaping the culture of our school, and your involvement and feedback is very important.

P&C Annual General Meeting

Finally, the P&C AGM will be held on Thursday 16th March at 4pm. We'd love to see as many people there as possible. Join up, have your say and see how you can become involved in your child's education!

School Contributions (School Fees)

A reminder that voluntary school contributions (School Fees) for are due. They are payable to the P&C. Cost is \$40 per child or \$50 per family. We have become aware that many families are not aware that such fees exist. Although they are voluntary, they play an important role in helping to subsidise costs for excursions, transport to swimming and cultural events and the provision of some learning resources in the school. Last year less than 15% of families made contributions. We hope to have improved support from our school community this year. Thankyou to parents who have already contributed.

Regards,
Lisa, Leonie, Ronnie and the team

Harmony Day 2017

Barkers Vale PS will be celebrating **Harmony Day** again this year, offering fun and inclusive activities for the whole school. This year we will celebrate on **Tuesday, 21st March**.

On this day teachers, parents and friends of Barkers Vale offer activities for groups of children (Kindy to Year 6 or as required) for about 40 minutes per session. We usually have three or four sessions.

In the past the children have enjoyed activities such as scarecrow making, Harmony Day ribbons, sport, cooking, grass heads, masks, crafts, yoga, flag making... I could go on! Anything enjoyable and suitable for children.

So if you have a special area of interest or would just like to come and have a go at something please consider coming along. It's a lovely day at school.

This is just a note to let you know the date so we can all plan ahead and save the day. I will send out a note closer to the day seeking firm offers of help. If you want to know more contact Julie (Mrs Mac) at school. We would love to see you there.

Regards, Julie McT

Canberra Excursion

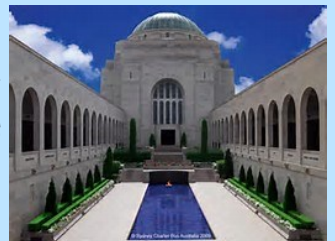
As **Years 5 and 6** would be aware, we are offering a wonderful excursion to **Canberra** (including a day at Thredbo in the snow-fields) in **September**. We will be visiting Parliament House, The War Memorial, Questacon, The Museum of Australian Democracy and much more. The estimated cost will be \$650.

Transport will be by Mazza's bus. More details in next week's newsletter! We have 3 other small schools joining us, and need to know how many of our students intend to attend. Please complete the following if you are committing to send your child on this excursion. We hope parents are able to commence payments as soon as possible to spread the cost. We will be doing plenty of fundraising between now and then and hope to reduce the cost for all students.



Some student assistance is also available if required. Please let me know if you need to access this.

Regards, Kath Johnston



Canberra Excursion—Expression of Interest

I give permission for my child to attend the Canberra excursion in September this year.

I will be commencing regular payments to secure his/her place .

Signed..... Date

Community Notices

Kyogle Soccer – Season 2017

Calling all soccer players young and old our season is under way

Senior training has begun, every Tuesday and Thursday from 6pm

Junior training will start on Thursday the 16th March

Players can register online using the “My Football Club” Website

Any questions can be directed to kyoglefc@ffnc.net.au or to Glenn Rose on 0418 264 968



HEAD LICE ALERT

We have received reports of head lice infections amongst some children at school and we would like to organize a

HEAD LICE BUSTER DAY

FOR THIS COMING SUNDAY 5th MARCH

Where all parents treat their child/ren's hair for lice on the same day and break the lice cycle before it gets totally out of hand

Please contact the school on 66897225 if you need any further information