

Monday 5th February, 2018
Term 1 Week 2

★ Newsletter

Principal's Message

We have had a delightful start to our 2018 school year. Our students have settled in well to class. And I am very impressed with their commitment to learning and the friendly and caring manner in which they support and encourage each other. We also welcome 8 new Kinders, and their families to Barkers Vale. They are settling in well, establishing friendships and becoming familiar with 'big school'.

Thankfully we have just skimmed in with our numbers to retain our 3 classes. We still welcome any other students you may know of who may wish to make Barkers Vale their school of choice. I believe we have a wonderful school with amazing staff ready to inspire and motivate learners in a wide range of learning experiences.

I have attached the permission note for our **COLOURSS Swimming Carnival** again which is **this Friday**. It is predicted to be a very hot day. Please ensure your child has plenty of water to drink, a sun-shirt, their hat and sunscreen (if you prefer to use your own). We will supply sunscreen to ensure students regularly re-apply throughout the day. Remember, **we are catering** so we hope parents can supply some **cooking (cakes, biscuits, slices)** and **help out** on the day. Many hands make light work.



Regards, Kath Johnston, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1

Week 2

Friday 9th Feb: **COLOURSS Swimming Carnival**

Week 4

Monday 19th Feb: Religious Education commences— Bahai and Christian

Week 5

Tuesday 27th Feb: Debating for some Yr 5/6 students

Week 8

21st-23rd March—Lake Ainsworth camp for Yrs 3-6

Week 10

Thurs 5th April: BV Cross Country

Week 11

Tuesday 10th April: **COLOURSS Social**

Term 2 at a glance

Week 1

Thursday 3rd May: ANZAC Service at school

Friday 4th May: District Cross Country at The Risk PS

Week 3

15th-17th May: NAPLAN

Week 8

Friday 22nd June: NORPA '78 Storey Treehouse' performance in Lismore

Week 9

Friday 29th June: **COLOURSS Athletics Carnival**

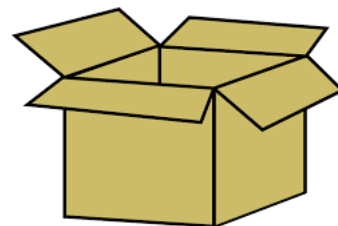
Week 10

Thursday 5th July: NAIDOC Day



S.T.E.M. CENTRE NEWS

Each Friday middle session throughout Term 1, students from class 2/3/4 and 4/5/6 will combine to participate in a project-based S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) challenge.



During Term 1, students will follow the engineering design process to research, design and make their own arcade game, using cardboard boxes and other recycled materials. If you would like to donate any boxes etc. for the cause, feel free to drop them off to Mrs Elliott's room.

Classical teaching on Patanjali's Yoga and the Buddha's Anapana/Vipassana Meditations and Ramana Maharishi's Jnana-Vichara (Self-enquiry).

Hatha Yoga

DHARMA CENTRE 22/4505 Kyogle Road, Lillfield Community, Wadeville 2474 NSW (Driveway next to Barkersvale Public School)

MONDAY Dharma Centre Lillfield	Beginners and Beyond Yoga 4:30-6:00 pm Therese
WEDNESDAY Dharma Centre Lillfield	Hatha Vinyasa Yoga 9:30-11:00 am Cameron
THURSDAY Dharma Centre Lillfield	Hatha Vinyasa Yoga 4:30-6:00 pm Cameron
FRIDAY Birth & Beyond Nimbin	Hatha Vinyasa Yoga 9:30-11:00 am Cameron

\$13 casual, \$120 - 10 pass, \$11 concession card \$100 - 10 pass,
Students > 12 yrs \$5

Contact for more info: 02 66 897 120 or email at: cameronakaneo@gmail.com
Location Map available on Facebook "Dharma Centre - Lillfield"
Valid from: 25th January 2018 (Dharma Centre closed during NSW school holidays)

Maths with 2 3 4

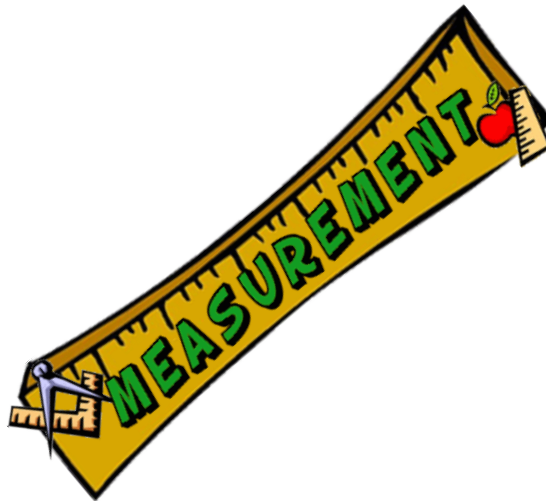
In the first week of Term One, 2 3 4 explored length, specifically metres. The children formed pairs or threes and then their task was to build a free standing tower one metre tall.

The trick was, they were not allowed to use a ruler to measure - they had to estimate how tall their tower needed to be. They used some great strategies, including using human rulers!

Later that week, the whole class became a human tape measure as we estimated and then measured how far 20 metres is.

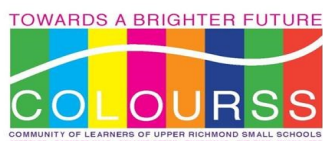


We used rulers and metre strips the children had made and went out to the soccer field to do this.



COLOURSS Swimming Carnival

This Friday (9th February) we will have our annual **COLOURSS Swimming Carnival**. We hope to have as many swimmers participate as possible. All students are encouraged to attend the carnival. K/1/2 students will be involved in some games during part of the carnival. Yr 2 students turning 8 this year are also welcome to compete. Transport to Kyogle on the day is by private transport. **If transport is an issue for you please contact the school.** Please complete the attached permission note regarding the carnival, and return it to school as soon as possible.



COLOURSS Small Schools Swimming Carnival

When : Friday 9th February

Where: Kyogle Pool

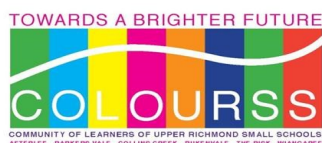
Transport: **Private Car** - nil buses will be running to Kyogle.

Start time: 10.am - 2.30pm

Pool entry: **\$2.70** Payments can be made to the school, by Wednesday, thank you.

Canteen: A canteen will be operating on the day. There will be some hot food available as well as drinks, cakes etc.

Please return this permission note to school by Wednesday 7.2.18.



COLOURSS Small Schools Swimming Carnival

I give permission for my child/ren _____ to attend the annual COLOURSS Small Schools Swimming Carnival to be held at the Kyogle Pool on Friday 9th February.

I realise that travel is by private car and my child/ren will be traveling with _____.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return this permission note to school by Wednesday 7.2.18.