

Wednesday 19th September, 2018  
Term 3 Week 9

# ★ Newsletter

## Principal's Message

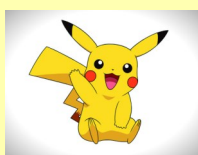
Tomorrow we will host the COLOURSS Interspeak competition. Parents are welcome to attend. Congratulations to Blossom and Oscar (Stage 3) and Mallee and Fergus ( Stage 2) who will represent Barkers Vale on Thursday. Wren will be running the canteen and I trust that parents will be able to support the canteen with either cooking or assistance on the day. Thank you Wren.



Transition programs for our **Yr 6 transitioning to high school** are well underway. On Monday we had a visit from Ellie Stinson from Richmond River High School to speak with students who will be attending there. Nimbin Central School is once again inviting Year 6 students from our feeder Primary Schools to participate in Secondary Sample Days on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**. Keep a close eye on the newsletter for further information about transition programs for Kyogle HS .

## Pokemon Problems

Currently we have many students bringing Pokemon Cards to school. This has created lots of interest between groups of children in the playground, and children are enjoying playing with them. However, over the last few weeks children have been trading cards, or taking them from other students which has created some angst in the playground for students and teachers. Some of our younger students have been 'taken advantage of' with some of their more 'valuable' cards being traded for ones of much less 'value'. This is extremely unfair behaviour. It is taking an awful lot of teacher's time to ascertain who owns what. We do not want to ban the cards as they do promote some great social interactions and discussions, but from today we are **banning the trading of cards and 'toys' at school**.



'Slime' has also been quite problematic around the school and is also **no longer welcome at school**.

## IMPORTANT DATES



### Term 3

#### Week 9

**Thursday 20th September: COLOURSS 'Interspeak' Public Speaking**

Friday 21st September: P&C Fete planning meeting 9.00am; Whole School Assembly @ 2.00pm on STEM side;

#### Week 10

Friday 28th September: SRC Disco/Devices Day

Last day of term

### Term 4 - Week 1

Monday 15th October: Staff and Students return.

#### Week 2

**Sunday 28th October: P&C School Fair**

#### Week 7

Wed 28th Nov: School Concert

#### Week 8

Intensive Swimming program

#### Week 9

Thursday 13th December: SRC Barkers Vale's Got Talent

#### Week 10

Monday 17th December: Student Reports Home

## Library News

We are extremely fortunate to have an amazing selection of books in our school Library. Reliable borrowers (those who return books on time) are welcome to **borrow every week, up to 3 or 4 books if they wish**. A library bag protects the books. If you don't have a library bag, an old pillowcase works well to protect books.



# COLOURSS News

## COLOURSS Social

This will be held in Week 5 on Tuesday 13th November. More details to come!

## Intensive Swimming

Just a quick 'heads up', this year our intensive swimming program will be conducted in Term 4 from Monday 3rd December—Friday 7th December

## Canteen Send In Roster Term 3

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 a healthy 'dessert-like' portion of the canteen menu. This term it is the parents / carers of Years 4,5,6 who we ask to provide a *Dessert* item. *Dessert* just means the donation of a cake, some biscuits, slice or **fresh fruit** treat to go with the main meal ordered each Monday from our canteen. Here is the proposed roster for Term 3. If you can't do your designated week, please try to swap with someone else on the list or let the school know in advance (66 897 202).

**Please label your *Dessert* with the ingredients.**

Regards, Julie McT and the Canteen Committee.

Week	Who
Week 10: Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Cameron Marychurch/ Kylie Costello & Seth Neilsen

## *Recycling at Barkers Vale School Term Three, 2018*

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 a term to collect all the paper and plastics around the school.

This term we are going to recycle each fortnight rather than each week. I will do the end of the term, as it is usually rather large.

Below is a copy of the roster so far. If you can help out with recycling this term we would be most grateful. Please call the school on 66 897 202 or send in the 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.

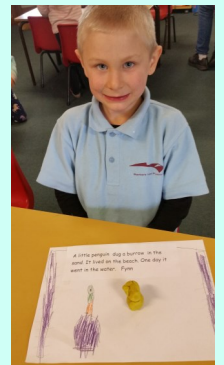
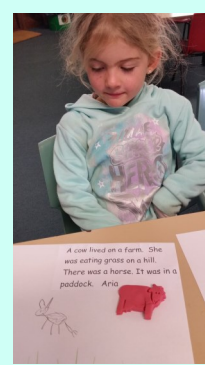
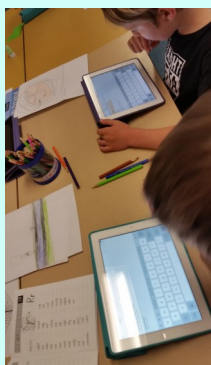
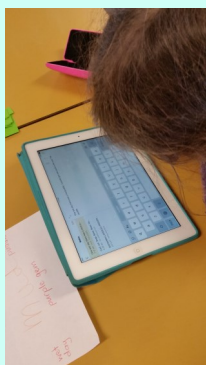
Thanks for your help,

Regards, Julie McTaggart

Week	Parents	Students
Week 10: beginning Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Julie McTaggart	Francis, Keone, Noa & Sage

## More From K 1 2

We present our writing and ideas in lots of different ways. Kinder enjoyed making models and drawing backgrounds for their stories., while Years 1 and 2 enjoyed recording their stories on the ipads.





# Staff Professional Learning

Last Thursday and Friday I was privileged to attend the North Coast Principal's Conference in Coffs Harbour. It is always a most valuable learning opportunity in so many ways. I took away so much from our first Keynote speaker, **Rebecca Hare** who spoke of creating learning environments and experiences that support design, design thinking and student agency - we explored the creative process where 'risk taking' is encouraged and it's ok to fail—it's part of the creative process and it builds resilience to keep trying new ideas, new ways to solve problems—being innovative and creative. **Gus Balbontin** spoke of 'adaptability' and navigating the struggles and successes many well known brands in the world have experienced - learning from that to make education relevant for the future. "Failure is the only way to succeed". We need to break it down—fail in little bits—like learning to ride a bike. Innovation requires courage, creativity and resilience.

**Kurt Fearnley** delivered a powerful and passionate speech. His infectious energy and passion for life is inspiring and motivating. **Jane Caro** is social commentator and a strong advocate for Public Education. Among many other things she reminded us that we are doing a great job against the odds. There were several workshops available throughout the conference. I was so inspired by Rebecca Hare that I attended an additional learning opportunity about **Creativity** with her, which was most inspiring. I was very keen to share my new learning with the staff and students.

On Wednesday and Thursday Julie, Ali and Kerry attended the Positive Partnerships course to further improve our understanding of the challenges students on the Autistic Spectrum and their families face. This learning is ongoing with school based workshops and further face to face learning taking place.

It was most valuable to share our learning with other staff in our staff meeting yesterday.

Kath Johnston, Principal.

## K 1 2 News

Our students are working hard to build on their reading skills, engaging in a variety of learning experiences each day. Daily reading is so important at school and at home. I trust that we will have all our students reading each night and **returning their Home Readers each day** to be changed. I am very pleased with the growth in knowledge of students with their 'Tricky Words'. This then translates to their confidence and competence with writing.

Students are also enjoying several new activities which help to build creativity and the resilience to keep trying new ideas.



# Community Notices

## HOW CUTE IS YOUR CANINE FRIEND?

A competition for Primary Aged school children

Bring your canine friend to the Farmer's Market 29<sup>th</sup> September to compete in a dog show where children can show off their best mate. Prizes will be awarded for the best small, medium and large size dogs as well as a prize for the most unique dog at show. So it is time to get busy and groom your dog, finish off their special training and get ready for the show. There will be no losers, everyone will be a winner so be in the Park area between the Council Chambers and Library for direction - judging will commence at 9.30am. **Please Note - your pooch must be under your control at all times.**

A background image for the Kyogle Writers Group notice. It features a koala clinging to a tree branch on the right and a red parrot perched on a branch on the left. The scene is set in a lush green forest with a path leading through the trees. There are several brown paw print graphics scattered across the image.

## Kyogle Writers Group Short Story Competition 2018 Title: ANIMALS

Send your entry of 500 words or less plus a signed Entry form to [kyoglewriters@gmail.com](mailto:kyoglewriters@gmail.com) or deliver both to Kyogle Library by 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Conditions of Entry forms are available from Kyogle Library or via our Facebook Group page - Kyogle Writers Group. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners in 5 categories and presented to the winners at Kyogle Library on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 10:00am.

Find us on Facebook Groups - [KyogleWritersGroup](#) or collect an entry form from Kyogle Library, Stratheden Street Kyogle. Scan and send back your entry via [kyoglewriters@gmail.com](mailto:kyoglewriters@gmail.com) or deliver to Kyogle Library.

**Entry Forms and details are available at the office.**



## October School holiday tennis- multisport camp.

Nimbin Tennis Club- Oct 8, 9.  
Cawongla Tennis Club- Oct 10, 11.

A fantastic tennis camp experience for kids of all standards. Try tennis for the first time, or improve your game while having heaps of holiday fun with school buddies and new friends.

**Tennis Australia's ANZ Hot Shots Development Program.** Children will be put into groups depending on their age and tennis ability using the Hot Shots grading system (**Blue 3-4 yrs, Red 5-8 yrs, Orange 8-10 yrs, Green 9+**)

**Multisport.** Camp consists of a mixture of cross training using other sports for tennis related activities (cricket, soccer, t-ball) helping children to further develop their hand-eye co-ordination. Tennis is still the main focus.

**Ages:** 4-13 yrs. **Times:** 9 -12 noon. **Cost:** \$45 per week, \$25 per day. Prizes

**Limited numbers-bookings essential.**

Conducted by Chris Herden- Tennis Australia Club Professional. USA college player, Former NSW ranked junior, 25 years international- Australian coaching and playing experience.

**Enquiries and bookings: 0400 331 553**

## HANGING ROCK'S GOT TALENT

Whether you are a gum leaf player, a ballet dancer or a rock band, come to the Hanging Rock Hall and demonstrate your talent for a chance to win big prize money.

**Saturday November 3rd  
from 3pm at Hanging Rock Hall**

Juniors are 8 to 15 year olds and Open is everybody else.

**Open Section First prize \$400 Second Prize \$100  
Juniors Section First prize \$100 Second Prize \$50  
People's Choice prize \$100**

**Registration is compulsory with a deadline of October 20.**

There are limited performance time slots so book now to avoid disappointment. Strictly for amateurs only. Send your name, contact details and a 25-50 word description or video of who you are and what you do.

Email to: [hangrockhall@gmail.com](mailto:hangrockhall@gmail.com)

Junior contestants kick off the Talent Show at 3.00 pm sharp and prize winners will be awarded at 5.30.

Open section begins at 6.00 pm and the winners will be announced at the completion of this section.

**Join us and celebrate local Talent.**



# Interspeak - Thursday 20th September

Interspeak will be held at Barkers Vale **TOMORROW** Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> September. This is a public speaking competition between schools in our region. This round will include the COLOURSS (Community Of Learners Of the Upper Richmond Small Schools) group and will be hosted at our school.

We are aiming to start by 10am and will finish by 2pm. Parents, family and friends are most welcome to attend.

**Stage Two students (Years Three and Four) have three minutes to speak and Stage Three students (Years Five and Six) will have four minutes.**

Notes have already gone home with these students with further information. Selections for the Barkers Vale PS participants in Interspeak (only two per stage) will take place on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> of September, in class.

K12 students will not participate in the Interspeak activities, but will all work together on the day, at school.

We will run a canteen on the day (thank you Wren) and the menu is included in this newsletter.



**Wren would welcome donations of Home Cooking on the day.**

If you have any questions or problems, please don't hesitate to contact us at school.

Regards, Julie McT

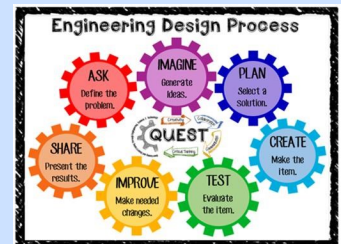


## Friday Assembly: 21<sup>st</sup> September

This Friday our Barkers Vale Assembly will feature a presentation of the Year 3 4 5 6 STEM project for Term 3. The quest presented to the children was to create a musical instrument using predominantly recycled materials. The children will present their instruments by way of a musical performance. After the assembly there will be time to speak to the children individually about their creations.

The assembly will begin at 2pm and we will be holding this week's assembly over the road in the STEM Centre. We hope you can come.

Regards, Julie and Ali



## PBL News

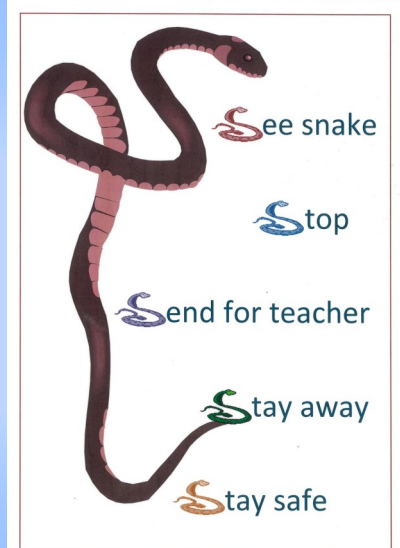
Safety around the school is always a priority for us. With the recent warmer weather, we have already seen a few snakes out and about.

Today at our PBL assembly we reminded students of what to do if they see a snake.

Be Safe—stop, send for a teacher, stay away, stay safe

Be Responsible - for your own actions

Be Connected—ensure all are safe by sharing the message to others of how to be safe.



# Nimbin Holiday Club

## Spring Program



for 5 - 12 year olds.  
For bookings phone 66891692,  
text Kylie on 0487576281

or visit Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre  
This program is brought to you by Nimbin Neighbourhood & Information Centre and funded by NSW DEC



Date	Program	Cost
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>Nimbin Community School, Park and Skate Park</b> Art/Craft, DVDs, Games, Music and more We are getting a bit messy, painting and creating with clay <b>Painting and clay day</b>	\$12
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	<b>Nimbin Community School, Park and Skate Park</b> Art/Craft, DVDs, Games, Music and more We are visiting the art extravaganza and making spring craft <b>Spring craft and art gallery visit</b>	\$12
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Excursion – Koala care tour and Tenpin bowling</b> We are off to Lismore to do tour the koala care centre, then lunch at wade park, and off to the tenpin bowling disco	\$25
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Excursion – Ballina rockpools and waterslide</b> We are off to Ballina for a stroll along the beach to explore the rockpools and then heading to the new pool and waterslide	\$25
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Nimbin Community School, Park and Skate Park</b> Art/Craft, DVDs, Games, Music and more We are going to do some wool crafts making gods eyes <b>Wool craft and god's eyes</b>	\$12
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Nimbin Community School, Park and Skate Park</b> Art/Craft, DVDs, Games, Music and more We are making mosaics at the library and doing animations <b>Animations and library craft</b>	\$12

A few things to Think about.....

**Spoken words can't be ERASED.**

Before you speak:  
**T.H.I.N.K.**

*Unique Teaching Resources*

T - is it True?  
H - is it Helpful?  
I - is it Inspiring?  
N - is it Necessary?  
K - is it Kind?

When most people look at you, they see the "bad" kid, the "naughty" kid, or the kid who makes "poor" choices.

When I look at you, I see someone struggling to express themselves, trying hard to fit in, and really wanting to learn despite your challenges.

I refuse to give up on you.



Create-abilities

bit.ly/Create-abilities