

Monday 26th February, 2018
Term 1 Week 5

★ Newsletter

Principal's Message

A group of 5/6 students will be travelling to Alstonville tomorrow for a Debating workshop. I am certain they will be very inspired! Thankyou Mrs Elliott for organising this special learning experience.

P&C Meeting

On Wednesday afternoon (@ 4.30pm) we will hold our first P&C Meeting for 2018. Parents and community are welcome to attend. *"The P&C Federation is committed to a free public education system which is inclusive of all, irrespective of culture, gender, academic ability and socio-economic status. Parents as partners in the education process, have a right and a responsibility to play an active role in the education of their children."* At this meeting we will set the date for our Annual General Meeting. We hope to see you there.

Survey

Last week we sent home a survey for all families to complete. This survey provides us with valuable information about our school—its strengths and areas for improvement. We are aiming at 100% participation to give us the most accurate overview possible. Thankyou to the families who have already returned their completed surveys.



We are always eager to welcome more new students to Barkers Vale PS and the incredible variety of learning opportunities it has to offer in a friendly and supportive learning environment. If you know of anyone who may have recently moved to the area and would like to make BVPS their school please encourage them to contact us. We have spaces in all three classes for new enrolments. I am very proud of our school and our experienced and dedicated staff who have helped us to achieve a great start to the year.

Regards, Kath Johnston, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1

Week 5

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

Wednesday 28th Feb: Parent and Citizens (P&C) Meeting

Week 8

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

Week 10

Thurs 5th April: BV Cross Country and COLOURSS Social

Week 11

Tuesday 10th April: Harmony Day

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

Thursday 28th June: COLOURSS Athletics

Lake Ainsworth Update

Just a quick reminder for all families going to camp to register their child's health, diet, special needs etc. details online as set out in the note handed out last week. (Contact the school if you need more information or assistance..)

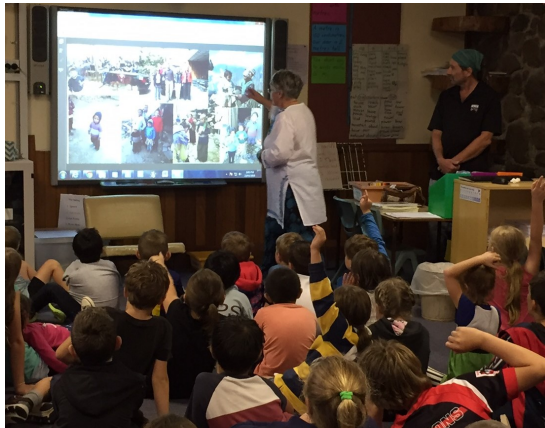
Kind regards
Lynette



Student Representative Council Report

On Friday last week we had a visit from Jane and Mick, two lovely people from Nimbin. They came to talk to us about their work in Nepal.

In 2015 a destructive earthquake hit the Nepal region and caused much devastation. Our response then was to create a coin line and we donated the proceeds of that (plus a little more) to one of the larger charities.



Last year when I read that a group from Nimbin was working to build housing in the area, I thought it was a great opportunity for our SRC and school community to provide more funds to help. At the end of last year we held a cake stall to collect more funds.

After discussing the situation with the SRC and after they heard from Mick and Jane last Friday, they decided to donate \$400 to the Nimbin Nepal Relief Fund supported by the Nimbin Health and Welfare Association.



Other SRC News: -

We have held weekly meetings so far this term, with many ideas and events being suggested (the suggestion box is always an interesting read...)

Some of the outcomes and ideas are:
New sports equipment purchased by the SRC is now in the playground (and on the roof...);
We are holding an Easter Raffle (donations welcome);
We are having an Easter craft day and egg hunt;
A table tennis tournament will start next week (thanks Eli).

Many other events have been held over to Term Two or Three such as Pet Day, Barkers Vale's Got Talent, Book Week and more.

Thanks,
Mrs Mac and the SRC

Easter Raffle

Hi everyone! Happy Easter!



We will be having an Easter Raffle this year. We have already got donations (thanks to Tania Hodson and Christine Marychurch). Donation

are welcome and will be needed before Easter. The tickets will be 50 cents each. Please sell the tickets and bring them back to school.

We will send them out soon.
Thank You, Blossom and the S.R.C



2/3/4 Creative Writing

Please be entertained by our suspense pieces

One night the little old man looked up at the moon and saw a red light come out of the forest. It got lighter and brighter and than a tree fell down. He caught a glimmer of the light but it hid behind another tree. His guts tightened. He fainted and when he woke the light was right at the door. He grabbed the closest thing to him which was a hammer but the hammer was gone. He saw the door open then ran and tried to shut the door but he saw a

By Sam

As the little old man looked at the garden he saw something rustling in the bushes. He wondered what it was then the gate creaked. He heard some noises all around him then something went oooooooooooooo. Something came out of the moon

By Bayley

As the little old man looked up at the moon he saw something so he looked closer and he saw 3 blue dots that were coming closer and closer but then he heard a loud creak so he look at the gate he thought he shut the gate so he went into the house checked the list of the things he had to do close the gate was ticked. But then he felt something on his leg he looked down nothing was there so he looked up and screamed eeeeeee.....

By Amelie

In the darkest part of the night the little old man was awoken he saw a dark shadow so he checked what it was and it was a dark shadow he took another look and it vanished. He was so sure that he saw something. As he went to walk back to bed a bright light came through the window and he fainted. Just as he woke up he made sure his door was locked and he looked through the door knob and saw a dark

By Francis

In the darkest part of the night a little old man was awoken by the voice of a person. He slowly got out of bed and peeked around the corner and saw a

By Keone

As the old man looked u at infinity something didn't feel right. The man slowly heard a bzzzzzzzz sound. He slowly backed up to the door. As he opened the door he heard scratching. The man ran to his bedroom and grabbed his cat. The door slowly opened IN CAME !!.....

By Noa

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. 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 some sort of yummy treat to go with the main meal ordered each Monday from our canteen. 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 5: Monday, 26 th February	Yindi Soler / Tania Hodson & Darryl Schneider
Week 6: Monday, 5 th March	Lisa Lucken / Leilanie & Jake Shedden
Week 7: Monday, 12 th March	Misty Potter / Cameron Marychurch
Week 8: Monday, 19 th March	Lisa O'Brien & Sean Taylor / Che Potter
Week 9: Monday, 26 th March	Michael & Rechel Hawthorne / Shelby Rogers / Barry Williams & Elizabeth Guinea
Week 10: Monday, 2 nd April	Easter Weekend
Week 11: Monday, 9 th April	Jess Tandy & Peter Hocking / Kylie Costello & Seth Neilsen

Recycling at Barkers Vale School Term One, 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 term one, 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 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,

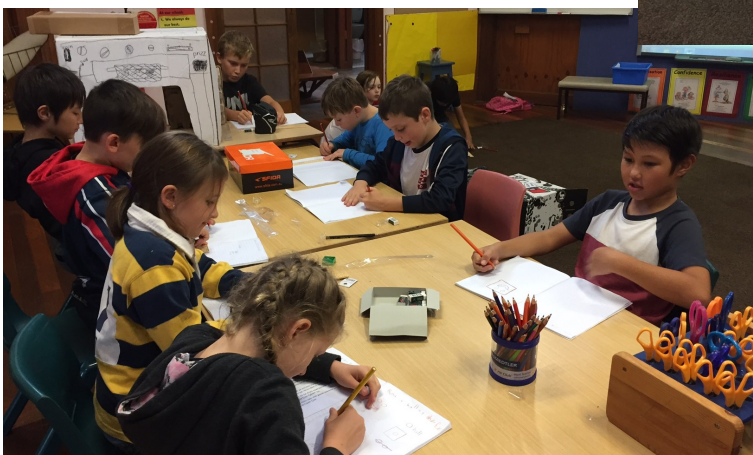
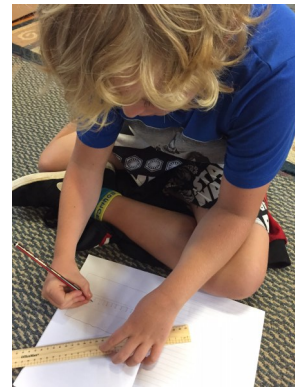
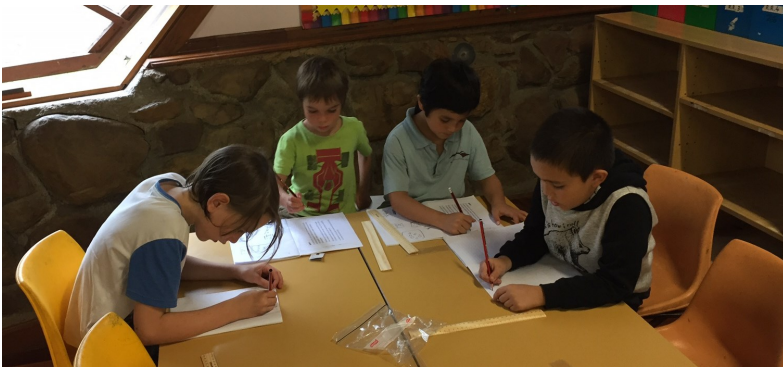
Julie McTaggart

Week	Who
Week 6: beginning Monday, 5 th March	Martin Freeman
Week 8: beginning Monday, 19 th March	Jodie Marychurch
Week 10: beginning Monday, 2 nd April	Marley and Jaimie
Week 11: beginning Monday, 9 th April	Julie McTaggart

S.T.E.M. CENTRE NEWS

During Term 1, students from 2/3/4 and 4/5/6 will follow the Engineering Design Process to plan and create a cardboard arcade game. This will be completed solely during class time. So far, the students have defined the problem, formed groups or elected to work individually or in pairs, brainstormed possible games, selected and sketched a game, and written a material list. We are now gathering materials ready for the CREATE stage, which will begin this Friday. Any contributions of cardboard boxes or other recycled materials would be greatly appreciated. Please drop them off to Mrs Elliott's classroom. We are looking forward to showing off our creations in Week 11.

Mrs Elliott



Community Notices

Junior Golf

Kyogle Golf Club is having an Information Day BBQ for juniors on Sunday 4th March at 11:00am for any boys and girls interested in playing golf on Sunday mornings.

Come on down and have a hit of a ball, clubs can be supplied so there is no need to miss out if you have no clubs.
We would love to see you there!



Barkers Vale PS is participating in the **Coles Sports for Schools** program this year. If you shop at Coles and receive the Coles Sports for Schools vouchers (one for every \$10 spent), please put them in the box at school or encourage friends to place them in the Barkers Vale box at Lismore Square.

The more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear we can receive. Vouchers can be collected until 11th May.



P and C News

Dear Barkers Vale Public School families, with term 1 well under way I hope everyone settled nicely in to the new school year.

The P&C are an integral part of our small schools' life and we are welcoming of new members, contributions & ideas. The P&C have been able to subsidise this years Lake Ainsworth trip by a massive \$70 per student thanks to last years fabulous fundraising.

Barkers Vale have a minimal cost, voluntary contribution option for school fees. This money goes towards extra equipment for classrooms, subsidising excursions & in-school activities etc. Its might not sound like much but it is greatly valued and is only \$30 for a single child or \$50 for families. For the whole year! The sooner these 'fees' can be paid to the school, the sooner they can become inclusive!

A call out to all new (and old) families to the school that there are many ways to help out, depending on your availability, these include the recycling program, taking part in extra school activities like Harmony Day, the canteen (helping out on the Monday & baking), helping out in the gardens (soil pick ups, working bee days), joining the P&C to vote on decisions and contribute ideas and flesh out projects, helping in a classroom... There's plenty more I'm sure. Ask any of our amazing teachers if you want to know more or I can be contacted on 0414411435.

We have our first P&C meeting this Wednesday, 28th of Feb. The AGM is coming up soon with the date to be announced.

Take Care, Lisa Lucken (P&C president)