

Monday 5th March, 2018
Term 1 Week 6

★ Newsletter

Principal's Message

Thank you to all who were able to attend our P&C meeting on Wednesday evening. I would like to acknowledge the work of **Wren** for an outstanding job in the canteen; **Lisa** for her continued support of our school at Blue Knob Markets; **Ronnie** who is always there to help in so many aspects of BVPS and to **Tania** for her work in searching out wonderful donations for our raffles.

Without the continued support of these people the P&C would not be able to help out our students as much as they do every year. Thankyou so much for providing a generous donation of \$70 per student towards the Lake Ainsworth camp. The support of the P&C has ensured all students can access this wonderful opportunity. We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 4th April. We hope as many people can attend as possible...'many hands make light work'.

Afternoon Bus Assembly

In order to ensure the safety of our students we ask that parents make themselves visible to staff when collecting their children. Once messages have been delivered we are happy for your children to leave with you. We understand that parents are very busy people, so if you need to collect your child before the assembly, please report to the office and then your



child's class. Thankyou for your understanding. We apologise that sometimes our assembly may take a little longer on some days and thank you for your patience. On exiting the school gate we ask that you hold your child's hand as there can be many cars coming and going at the front of the school during this busy time.

Survey

We are hoping to have all completed surveys back this week. If you have misplaced yours, let us know and we can send home another one. 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.

Regards, Kath Johnston, Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1

Week 8

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

Week 9

Wednesday 4th April: P & C Annual General Meeting

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 Carnival

Week 10

Thursday 5th July: NAIDOC Day

SRC Easter Raffle

Donations for the SRC Easter Raffle are beginning to roll in. Thank you to all the contributors. The tickets will come out in the next couple of weeks and will be 50 cents each (the SRC chose the price.)

Prizes so far are:

A fairy scene ornament donated by Christine Marychurch;

A lovely Easter Egg donated by Kylie Costello;

Chicks with chocolate donated by Ali Elliott;

3 vouchers worth \$10 each from Officeworks;

A fabulous collection of Easter Eggs donated by the SRC;

Paint your own bunnies craft kit donated by Jodie Marychurch and

A selection of tea samples from Clean Tea from Byron Bay, sourced by Tania Hodson.

\$10.00 gift voucher from Book Warehouse

Thanks again to everyone supporting the SRC and keep watching this space for more exciting prizes!

Regards,
Julie McT 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). Donations 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

In regards to payments for Harmony Day supplies

We will provide any materials we can, but we also do have a small budget for any goods **you** may need to purchase – **please keep receipts**. Please discuss with Mrs McTaggart or Ms Johnston what it is you need to purchase.

Due to the new finance system implemented by the Department of Education we can not reimburse on the day. Reimbursement includes you providing the docket for the goods as well as your banking details, I will fill out the form and send it off. Payment could take anywhere up to 30 days to arrive back into your bank account.

The alternative is to provide a list of what you require and where it can be purchased from and someone from the school maybe able to purchase it for you.

I thank you for your understanding in this process.

Kind regards Lynette

The Eli Clarke Table Tennis Tournament

Last Friday afternoon we began the great Barkers Vale Table Tennis Tournament. This was originally brought to the SRC's attention by Eli Clarke, Year Six student, through the suggestion box. He had the idea a few weeks ago and we got it up and running today.

All the children were given the opportunity to sign up for the challenge over a few weeks and the idea Eli came up with was to have a grade by grade competition.

On Friday we had three Year Two challengers: Cameron, Twyla and Brody. It takes a lot of courage to get up and play in front of the whole school, but these three awesome students did just that. The scores went one way and then the other with the lead swapping many times. Finally, Brody managed to win both games and came out as the winner. Congratulations Brody!

We then went to the hotly contested Year Six competition where five students took on the challenge. Darius, Eli, Blossom, Oscar and Elizabeth all had good games, but after a particularly fantastic game between Oscar and Eli, Eli emerged as the victor. Congratulations Eli!

Thanks go to Ronnie Potter for being our wise and just referee! We will continue our tournament next Thursday, at lunch, with the other grades.

Regards, Julie McT and the SRC



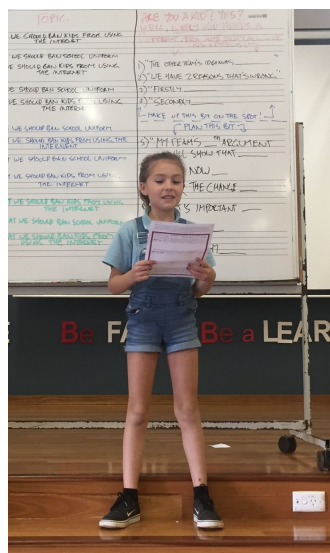
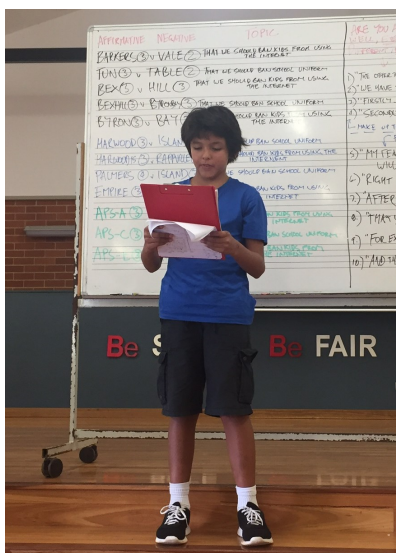
Year 5/6 Debating Training Day

Last Tuesday, Oscar, Darius, Blossom, Cooper, Tilly, Ronnie and Mrs Elliott drove out to Alstonville PS for a debating training day. It was a great and educational day.

All the students loved it. The instructor (Tony) made the day fun and enjoyable. Tony taught us the skills of debating, the three M's (Method, Manner, Matter) and at the end of the day we had a little debate.

The day was extremely fun. Everyone had a go at the games and a few people stepped out of their comfort zones. I strongly feel that if this day comes again I will certainly go.

Regards, Blossom



The STEM Centre

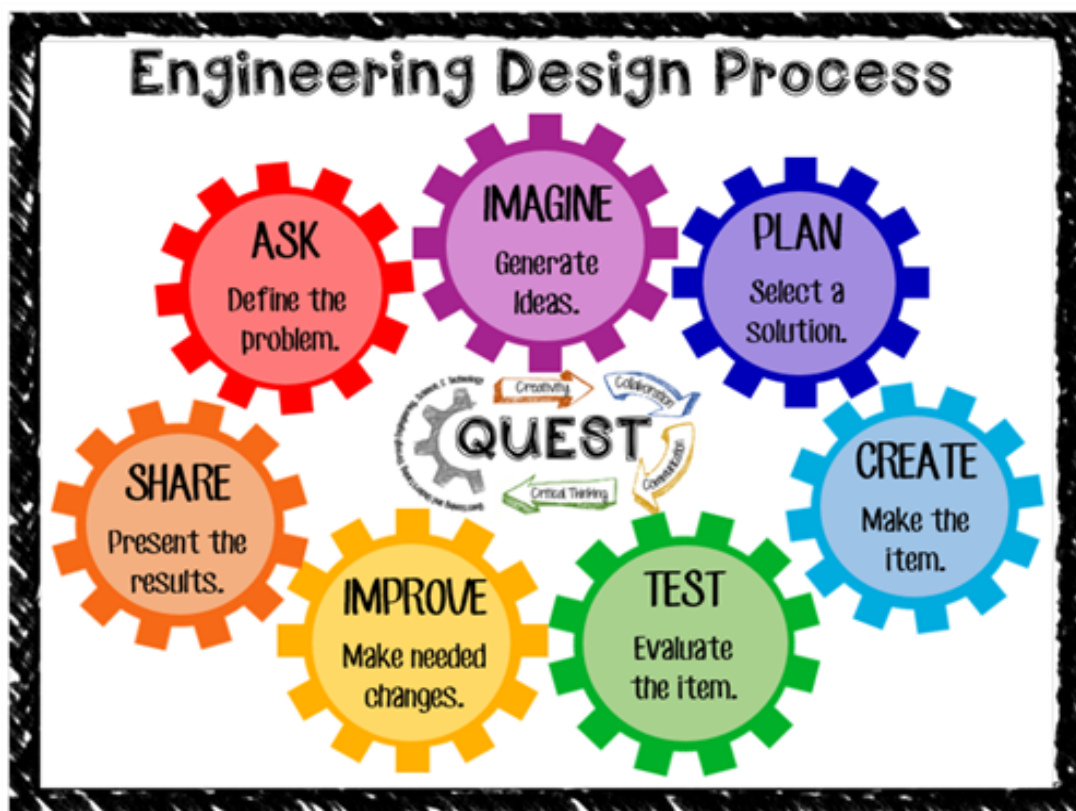
Students in 2/3/4 and 4/5/6 have been hard at work planning and designing their cardboard arcade games. Many groups are now up to the **CRE-ATING** stage. If you have any of the following materials at home and would like to send them in, please do so!

Materials Required

10 x 1L milk bottles (plastic)
Rubber bands (particularly large and wide ones)
String
Toilet paper rolls
Long (e.g. wrapping paper) rolls
Tin foil
Bubble wrap of all types
VERY LARGE cardboard boxes or pieces of cardboard
Cardboard cylinders

Any other interesting recycled items.

Thank you! Mrs Elliott



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 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 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

Harmony Day

Tuesday, 10th April, 2018

The message of Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs.'

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

At Barkers Vale PS we will celebrate **Harmony Day on Tuesday, 10th April**. We would like to invite parents, carers and friends to come along and run an activity – anything safe and enjoyable you would like to share with the children! This can be making something, sport, cooking, dancing, storytelling, singing... anything you feel would be worth sharing with the children of our school.

On the day each adult will run their activity with small groups of children (around 12 or maybe less) three or four times – depending on the number of activities there are. It will probably start around 11.30 – again, this depends on the number of activities we have to offer. The sessions will last about 30 to 40 minutes each. If you can't run a group perhaps you could come and join in or help out. (The colour for Harmony Day is orange so if you and/or your children can dress in orange, that would be great.)

Please fill out the slip below if you would like to help and I will contact you before the day to let you know how the day will operate. We will provide any materials we can, but we also do have a small budget for any goods **you** may need to purchase – **please keep receipts**. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you there.

Regards, Julie McTaggart

YES, I CAN HELP! The activity I will run is

_____. The equipment and type of area I will
need will be _____

This activity would suit: (circle one) **any age** / **younger children (K – 3)** / **older children (4 – 6)**

My name is _____

My best contact number is _____

P and C News

Dear Barkers Vale Families, we had a very productive meeting last week covering quite a few subjects.

We discussed traffic and pedestrian safety, excursions and activities, fundraising opportunities for the coming year, school equipment that needs replacing...

The P&C AGM date has been set for April 4th. All positions will be on offer as well as room for several ordinary members. If you're curious then come along for a chat and cuppa, you might be surprised.

Don't forget, if you haven't already paid in full, to keep on top of Lake Ainsworth excursion payments.

Please return your filled out School Surveys, these provide invaluable feedback to the school, allowing us to make informed decisions into the future...

Take care, Lisa (P&C president)



COLOURSS SOCIAL

When: Thursday 5th April

Where: Wangaree Hall

Time: 5.30 Dinner 6pm– 8pm Dance

Theme: COLOURS

Host School & Catering: Wangaree P&C

Menu

Sausages	\$2
Steak Sandwich	\$4
Coleslaw	\$1
Poppers	\$2
Tea/Coffee	\$2
Cakes	\$1



The dance is for Primary School students. High School students should not attend.

Come along and join the fun!!!!

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