

Monday 12th March, 2018
Term 1 Week 7

★ Newsletter

Principal's Message

With our **Lake Ainsworth Camp** just over a week away, excitement is building. We are delighted that so many of our students are able to be part of this exciting experience. Thank you again to our P&C for subsidising this camp. **Transport to and from Lake Ainsworth is by private vehicle. There is no bus for this excursion. Drop off time is at 9am Wednesday 21st and pick up is 2pm Friday 23rd March. We apologise for the oversight in not conveying this information earlier.**



Afternoon Tea

We invite parents, especially our new families, to a **'Welcome Afternoon Tea'** on Wednesday 4th April from 3.30pm. This is an opportunity for our new families to meet other parents and staff from the school and build relationships within our school community. We hope you are able to join us.



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 and community afternoon tea

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 2

COLOURSS Art Exhibition at Roxy Gallery in Kyogle.

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

Survey

We are still awaiting the return of quite a few surveys. 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.

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

COLOURSS Art Exhibition



Over the next few weeks our students will be designing and preparing some special works based on the theme of 'metamorphosis and transformation' in readiness for the COLOURSS Art Exhibition early in Term 2. Students will explore a variety of mediums including digital art, photography, animation, sculpture and painting to interpret the theme. I am very excited to see what they produce! This exhibition is only held every three years and is a wonderful way to showcase the artistic and creative talents of our small schools. More details later this term.

SRC News

SRC Easter Raffle Tickets

Attached to your newsletter this week is a book of raffle tickets. The sale of these tickets will provide funds for the Student Representative Council (SRC) at our school. As you would know, if you have been at Barkers Vale PS for a while, the SRC contributes in many ways to the welfare and happiness of the children at our school.

Tickets are only 50 cents each and if you buy and / or sell the entire book attached to your newsletter that will be \$10 (20 tickets per booklet).

Prizes so far are (and we would still welcome more):

- * A fairy scene ornament donated by Christine Marychurch;
- * A \$10 book voucher donated by *Lismore Book Warehouse*;
- * 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.



When (If) you sell your tickets, place your money and tickets (with name and phone number written on the left side of the ticket) back in the plastic bag and send them back to school ASAP, please. First drawn out gets first choice (so give your children lots of hints about what to choose on the day the winners are drawn!) Prizes will be drawn on the day before Good Friday, 29th March.

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

Regards,

Julie McT and the SRC

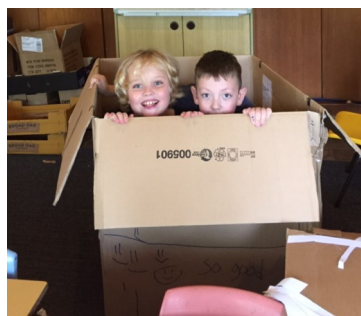
The STEM Centre

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 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

The Eli Clarke Table Tennis Tournament: Results

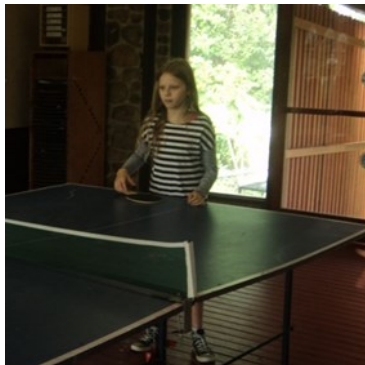
On Friday we completed the Table Tennis Tournament rounds. The champions are:

Kindy: No volunteers
Year 1: No volunteers
Year 2: Brody
Year 3: Francis
Year 4: Keone
Year 5: Mia
Year 6: Eli



Thanks once again to Ronnie for always lending a hand. She refereed with great patience and skill!

Thanks to Eli for the idea and the SRC for supporting it.

Regards, Julie McT



TOWARDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE




COLOURSS

COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS OF UPPER RICHMOND SMALL SCHOOLS
AFTERLEE BARKERS VALE COLLING CREEK RUKENVALE THE RISK WIANGAREE

COLOURSS SOCIAL

When: Thursday 5th April
Where: Wiangaree Hall
Time: 5.30 Dinner 6pm– 8pm Dance
Theme: COLOURS
Host School & Catering: Wiangaree 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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- Oral health is essential for health and wellbeing.
- It is recommended that children have regular dental check ups starting at 1 year.
- Regular dental check ups can prevent minor problems becoming major ones and prevent unnecessary pain and distress.
- Dental visits can be fun for kids, treat these visits as normal, routine events so as not to develop fear.

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 _____

Parent Online Payments or POP

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page is accessed from the front page of Barkers Vale PS website www.barkersval-p.schools.nsw.edu.au and selecting \$ Make a payment tab.

Items that can be paid include school contributions, excursions, sales to students and Other. 'Other' is to cover items not covered in the previous headings.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number if you are aware of it, it can be found on the Statement of Account, however this is an optional field. If you could also put in the description line what the payment is for that will make it easier to process.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account.

It is important to remember –

Payments made before 6pm will be reported to the school the following business day.

Payments made after 6pm will be reported to the school two business days later.

Therefore, payments made before 6pm on Friday will be reported to the school on Monday, but payments made after 6pm on Friday, or at any time on the weekend, will not be reported to the school until Tuesday morning.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the Lynette at the Office.



P and C News

Dear Barkers Vale families,

not long now til Lake Ainsworth camp. Exciting! Please remember that if your child is going and you need to finalise payments to please call Lyn at the school office.

At the P&C meeting we acknowledged the need to replace some of the shade-sails that cover the sandpit and playground equipment. These were torn off during some spectacular summer storms. Also needing replacement (and, together, exceeding material maintenance budget) are 2 of the interactive whiteboards used in the classrooms. This will be prioritised fundraising for the year.

The P&C are looking for expressions of interest from people in our school community that have an interest in researching uniforms. The discussion has included colours, materials, suppliers. Please contact myself (lisa-timeisart@hotmail.com) or Lyn at the school office for more information...

The Year 6 students have expressed interest in creating a memorial (inspired by last years Cow project). If there are any people interested in helping to contribute ideas/expertise then you're welcome to contact myself or the school.

Reminder that Harmony day is coming up in a few weeks. If you're new to our school and haven't participated in Harmony day celebrations before then come along! Harmony day is about celebrating diversity and learning interesting things that others like and do that might be different to you. If you have a talent you'd like to share on the day (or if you want to help out on the day) let Mrs Mac know.

As a public awareness issue I would like to inform families in the area that there is a proposed mobile phone tower to be erected at the site of the Lillian Rock Rd Telstra Exchange. At 50m in height and relatively close proximity to school and residents this may be of concern to some families.

Our lovely school is in a unique position as being an active member of the small schools group (COLOURSS). We link in with the littler schools in the Kyogle shire to bond children that might end up in high school together and also increase the opportunities available to larger schools with greater student populations. Some of these little schools have as few as 9 children from K-year 6. This participation fosters greater inclusion in our rural setting. Awareness of inclusion is a fabulous trait to encourage in our kids. Barkers Vale offer a great range of activities to suit all kinds of talents in our children and also plenty of scope to contribute as a parent/carer. If you ever have any questions about school activities or past experiences feel free to contact me (the P&C) or the school directly.

Take care, Lisa (P&C President)

My First Year 2018 feature will be in the Northern Star on Wednesday, March 21