

Monday 19th March, 2018
Term 1 Week 8

★ Newsletter

Principal's Message

Last Wednesday I met with school Director, Peter Campbell, for our regular term meeting to discuss Professional Development and School Planning for the next three years. During this meeting I was informed that our school topped the Richmond Valley Network (approx 40 schools) in terms of student **academic growth** (Value Added) **consistently above the State Average** over the last three years for Years K-3, Yrs 3-5 and Yrs 5-7. I was congratulated on this achievement, but **congratulations** must go to the students who always give their best and to **all staff** who work hard to provide the learning experiences and support for all our students to achieve their best and continuously improve academically. Sincere thanks to our enthusiastic, hard working and caring team.

Last Monday we welcomed **Janine Cramond** to our school. Janine is a School Learning Support Officer who brings with her many years experience volunteering her music education skills in schools and supporting students in their learning. Janine will be working in our school on **Mondays teaching Music to all grades** alongside the classroom teacher.

We wish our Yr 3-6 students all the best at **Lake Ainsworth** this week. Year 2 will attend school as

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

Thursday 22nd March: Teddy Bear's Picnic

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 Carnival

normal.

I am sure they will have a fantastic time. Whilst they are away K-Yr 2 have a special treat.....

Get your teddy bears ready for our Teddy Bear's Picnic on Thursday for our Kinder, Yr 1 and Yr 2 students.....see details following in this newsletter.



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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;
- * 2 Adult camp chairs, 1 youth camp chair, 2 junior camp chairs and 2 hats donated by Bunnings
- * 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

SURVEYS

Thankyou to parents who have returned their surveys. We have commenced collating the results which so far are 90% extremely positive. For areas which are of concern, an action plan is being developed to address these concerns. It's still not too late to return your survey. If you have misplaced your survey, please don't hesitate to ask the office for another. Thankyou again for your responses.

Regards, Kath Johnston, Principal

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:

ToM 2018

Tournament of Minds (ToM) is a problem-solving program. Teams of seven students work together over several months, competing against other teams to solve a long-term challenge, which they present in late August. They also participate in a spontaneous challenge on the day. If you are a creative, collaborative and divergent thinking **Year 4, 5 or 6 student** who is interested in being involved, and can commit to working on this challenge after school and occasionally on a weekend in the lead up to the August presentation, please see Mrs Elliott. The regional competition is usually held up near Tweed and private transportation on the Sunday of competition will be required. Mrs Elliott will be the facilitator guiding the team, however the students will be responsible for solving and presenting the solution to their challenge, and making all the props required etc.

For more information, visit www.tom.edu.au



Challenging the World

Teddy Bear's Picnic

Thursday 22nd March

If you go down to the woods today.....

Students (and staff) are invited to bring along their favourite teddy or soft toy to our **Teddy Bear's Picnic on Thursday from 11.00am.**

Students can wear their **PJ's or Onesie** to school .

Please bring a **small plate of food** to share.

Lots of games, teddy challenges and a treasure hunt!

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

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 _____

The STEM Centre

CREATING is well underway. Thank you to all who have donated items to the STEM Centre. We are still looking for the following:

10 x 1L milk bottles (plastic)
Rubber bands (particularly large and wide ones)
String / fishing line
Cardboard rolls—all sizes
Tin foil
Velcro
Bubble wrap of all types
Cardboard boxes or pieces of cardboard



Join our Easter Family Night

FREE



Where: Bunnings Lismore

When: Thursday 22nd March - 6pm-8pm

What's Happening:

- Come and Meet the Easter Bunny!!
- Kids Easter D.I.Y and Face painting!
- MASSIVE obstacle Coarse Jumping Castle!
- FREE Sausage Sizzle!
- Kaboodle Kitchen D.I.Y Night in store as well 6pm start!

Bookings recommended – for more information or to book speak to a team member in-store or go to www.bunnings.com.au and locate your nearest store.

BUNNINGS



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!!!!