

Tuesday 3rd April, 2018
Term 1 Week 10

★ Newsletter

Principal's Message

We have a very exciting 2 weeks ahead before we break for holidays. This week we hope you are able to join us for the **Afternoon Tea** on Wednesday afternoon. If you want to be more involved in the school we encourage your attendance at the **Annual General Meeting** of the BVPS P&C.

Thursday morning is our **Cross Country/fun run**. Parents are welcome to come along and cheer on our young athletes.

Thursday evening is the **COLOURSS Social**. I understand that Wyangaree is quite a distance to travel, but students who have attended in the past have had a wonderful time.

Thank you to parents who have volunteered their expertise and commitment to our **HARMONY Day** next week. It promises to be an engaging and inspiring day for all. Don't forget the **STEM Cardboard Arcade** presentation next Wednesday!

'The Bench'

From time to time your child may mention going to 'The Bench'. Just to clarify, at BVPS, the bench is a safe place that the children can go to if they need some time out from the playground. Children come to the bench for a variety of reasons. They may have had a bump in the playground and need to sit and rest with



an icepack. They may need some advice from a teacher or to engage in conflict resolution with their peers. Children may come to the bench for some chill out time - some respite from the demands of a busy playground. It's also a place a teacher may ask you to go for some time out of the playground; some time to think about our school expectations and how to be safe, responsible and connected in the playground. The bench is the hub of our school during the breaks. It's a great spot, close to the office and the staffroom that we use as a supportive meeting place, a place to connect.

IMPORTANT DATES



Term 1

Week 10

Monday 2nd April: Easter Monday-Public Holiday

Wednesday 4th April: **P & C Annual General Meeting and community afternoon tea**

Thurs 5th April: BV **Cross Country** and **COLOURSS Social**

Week 11

Tuesday 10th April: **Harmony Day**

Wednesday 11th April: **STEM Cardboard Arcade presentation**

Friday 13th April: Last Day of Term 1

Term 2 at a glance

Week 1

Monday 30th April: **Staff Return (Staff Development Day)**

Tuesday: **1st May: Students Return**

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

Afternoon Tea

A reminder about the **'Welcome Afternoon Tea'** this **Wednesday 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.



Staff Professional Learning

On the first day of Term 2 (Staff Development Day), Barkers Vale staff will engage in ' **Aboriginal 8 Ways of Learning** ' Training. We are committed to learn new ways to embed Aboriginal Culture and Perspectives across our school and, in response to feedback from the survey, are engaging with this training with our COLOURSS schools. We will explore how we can use Aboriginal knowledge authentically and productively with students? Teaching through Aboriginal processes and protocols, not just Aboriginal content validates and teaches through Aboriginal culture and aims to enhance the learning for all students.

Kath Johnston, Principal

COLOURSS Art Exhibition



Work is well underway on our collective art piece for the COLOURSS Exhibition. Thankyou Mrs Behrend for your creative vision on brining this work to life with all students involved.

This week Mrs Behrend and Mrs O'Meara will work on sculptures with the students in Years 3—6.

The STEM Centre

YOU ARE INVITED:

THE BARKERS VALE PS CARDBOARD ARCADE MORNING

Wednesday 11th April, 2018
From 10—11am

Cost: 20c per game

Coins will be exchanged for game tickets.

All money raised will be reinvested into the STEM Centre for future projects.

You are welcome to bring a picnic if you would like to stay for lunch after the event.
Open to all students, parents and friends, and community members.

Throughout Term 1, students from 2/3/4 and 4/5/6 have been working hard to design and create their arcade games out of cardboard boxes and recycled materials.

The Cardboard Arcade Morning gives students an authentic setting to test their creations and reflect on their designs.

On the Thursday before the Easter break, the SRC (Student Representative Council) drew out the names of the winners of the Easter Raffle. The winners were able to select their prizes themselves (if at the draw) or we asked for help from friends if winners were not in attendance.

Here are the results:



- * Chocolates sourced by Tania (Blossom and Jazper's Mum) were selected by Anna, Eden, Fergus (for Claragh), Elliot and Xavier, Darius, Kerry Behrend (for her son, so she says...) and Tyson.
- * Francis chose the Yoga Mat donated by Misty (Eli and Thea's Mum).
- * Ben chose the big Easter Egg donated by Kylie (Mallee's Mum), *Bunning's* hats and he also collected the toothbrush / chocolate combo (sourced by Tania).
- * Keone now has plenty of seating options, as he went home with three of the *Bunning's* chairs. Elliott T. also scored a *Bunning's* outdoor chair.
- * Blossom collected the *Book Warehouse* voucher and chocolates (sourced by Tania).
- * Eden selected the lovely ornament donated by Christine (Immy and Lucas' Grandmother).
- * Fergus won the sustainable rinse cup (sourced by Tania) and the chocolate chicks (donated by Ali Elliott). Lyn in the office (she emerged especially for the draw!) also chose this option.
- * Elliot and Xavier also received a toothbrush set and chocolates (sourced by Tania).
- * Thea, Samson and Kerry were lucky enough to collect an *Officeworks* voucher each with chocolate chicks attached (donated by Ali Elliott).
- * Francis kindly and helpfully selected the big box of chocolates donated by the SRC for Samson (who was absent on the day).
- * Mia thoughtfully selected the tea (sourced by Tania) for her Mum.
- * Jules' friends decided he would like the Easter Bunny craft pack (donated by Jodie, Cooper's Mum).
- * The Jack and Jill bath set (sourced by Tania) was won by... oops I forgot to write that one down in all the excitement, but we hope you like it, mystery winner!

I think (hope?) that covers the prizes... Thank you so much to all the people who supported the raffle, either by donating prizes or buying tickets. Thank you, Cooper M. (Vice President of the SRC) for organising the draw with the SRC members. Thanks to Mia (Secretary) for folding a LOT of tickets for the draw and thanks to Eden (Treasurer) for working so well with Lyn to work out the money details. We made just under \$400 which is certainly a great achievement.

Well done all SRC members who helped with the set-up, testing chocolates (hard job...) and organising prize bundles. Also, thanks Tania for bundling chocolate sets up for us.

Hope everyone had a great Easter break.

Regards, Julie McT and the SRC

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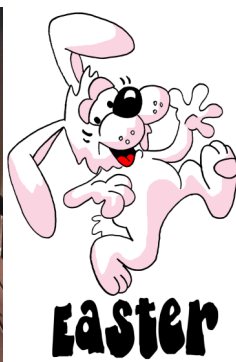
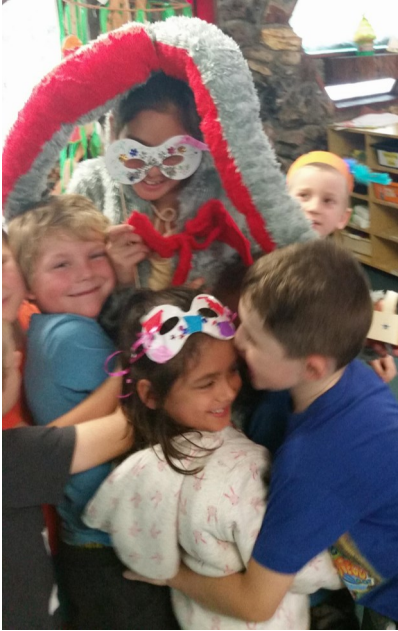
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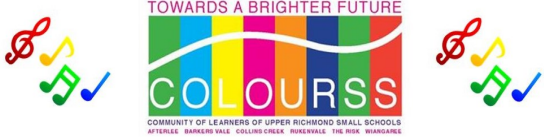
ToM 2018

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**






Community Notices



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!!!!

Easter School holiday tennis, multisport camps.

Cawongla Tennis Club

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+**).

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.

Dates: April 20, 21 **Ages:** 4-13 yrs.

Times: 9 -12 noon.

Prizes and competitions.

\$40 per week, \$20 per day.

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: 4992 1753
0400 331 553



DANCE FUN AND FITNESS CLASSES FOR YOUTH.

Discover Fitness is excited to welcome Gail Pierce, the newest member to our Team.

Gail has completed her, Gym Instructor, Personal Training and Group Fitness Certificates. Gail's passion, knowledge and understanding of childhood development brings a fresh exciting opportunity for the young people of our community.

Discover Fitness introduces Dance, Fun and Fitness, this fantastic new class, lead by Gail will combine, games, aerobic dance moves, dance based strength skills and flexibility. The Games component will focus on supporting social interaction, cardiovascular health, problem solving and team collaboration.

The aerobics dance component will consist of combinations of dance movements both skill based and choreographed. This component aims to assist your child in developing coordination, muscle control and confidence in following choreography. Additionally they will obtain a library of dance moves, allowing them to design their own choreography in class and at home.

The strength component will compliment the aerobic dance moves and focus on both upper, lower body, abdominal and core strength. Flexibility is an important part of all children's health and can often be overlooked. Both static and dynamic flexibility will be practiced. Our overall aim is to ensure your child has fun, develops friendships and builds a confident healthy self esteem.

As this is new direction for us. We welcome your support and quick response to securing a place for you child, so numbers can be finalised and classes confirmed. We are suggesting two classes, on a Thursday afternoon. One for ages approximately 5 to 8, and the other for 9 to 13 year olds. Age groupings and consideration for individual childhood development are of course considered and negotiable.

Times will be 4.00 pm for the younger group. And 4.40 pm for the older group. Both sessions will run for 40 minutes. Upfront payment of \$90 will be required for the 10 week term. Starting term 2, Thursday 3rd May Classes will be held at the **Physical Activities Centre, Cecil Street in the Nimbin Showground**. Please Call 0428439526 for placement and enquiries.

Discover Fitness prides itself for providing quality training by highly qualified staff. We are excited to announce that we will also be seeking interest from parents to attend their own, small group, personal training session, running at the same time, as your child's class. Held in our gym area and lead by our highly experienced, personal trainer Chrissy Schyff. You will have the opportunity to focus on your own physical fitness goals. Groups will be kept small and with a slight reduction in normal fees to support your budget. With 5 years experience in leading groups fitness classes and working closely one on one with clients in the personal training environment, Chrissy will skilfully design your sessions with supportive consideration for each of your individual fitness levels and experiences. Please enquire and book your place when securing placement for your child.

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 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.

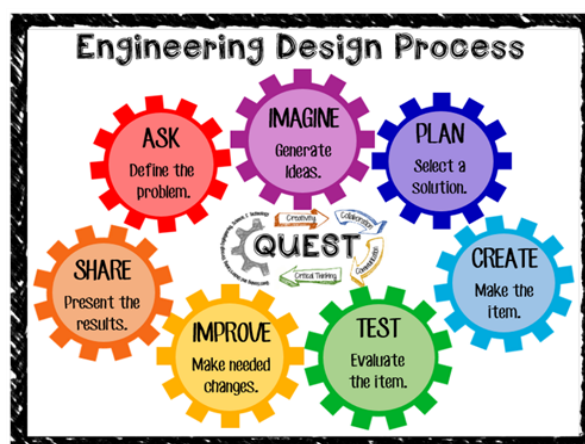
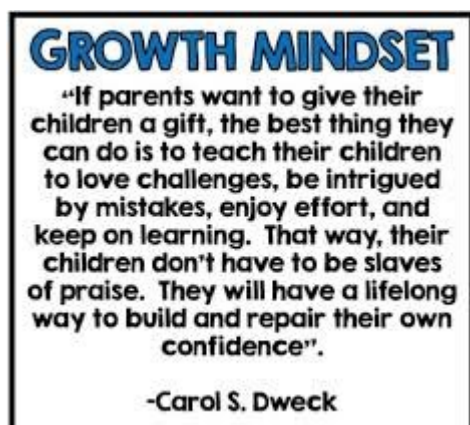
This term we are going to recycle each fortnight rather than each week. I will do the end of term one, as it is usually rather large.

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 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 _____