

Monday 9th April, 2018
Term 1 Week 11

★ Newsletter

Principal's Message

Last Wednesday we held an afternoon tea for parents. Sadly we only had one parent join us, thanks Lisa. Our **Annual General Meeting** of the BVPS P&C has been postponed due to insufficient attendance.

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

Cross Country

Thursday's **Cross Country/fun run** attendance was excellent. Our students did really well, challenging their strength and endurance on what turned out to be a beautiful sunny day. Thank you for your efforts. There were many outstanding performances.

The winners of each age division were:-

12/13 yrs-Blossom and Eli

11 yrs—Mia and Keone

10 yrs— Mallee and Francis

8/9 yrs—Thea and Ben

5/6/7 yrs - Amelie and Tyson

Congratulations to all our athletes!

The District Cross Country at The Risk PS is on Friday the first week back next term. All placegetters are encouraged to attend, but all are welcome to compete if they wish. Please complete the attached form and return to school before Wednesday 2nd May.

Staff Professional Learning

On the first Monday 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, aims to enhance the learning for all students.

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1

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

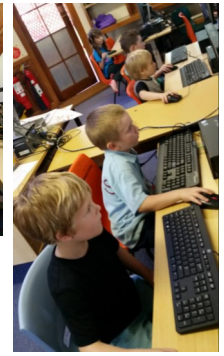
Thursday 28th June: COLOURSS Athletics Carnival

Week 10

Thursday 5th July: NAIDOC Day

Junior Technology

Our Junior students enjoyed using the Paint program whilst developing their mouse skills last week. They drew and decorated houses and explored the different aspects of the program.



Leave

Next term we welcome back Wendy Emerton who will be replacing me for the first half of the term as I take some family leave. Wendy is known to the staff, students and many parents. I am sure you will all make her welcome. As an Instructional Leader in Early Literacy and Numeracy I am certain our junior students will be in very good hands and can look forward to exciting and engaging learning experiences.

Kath Johnston, Principal

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass.

It's about learning to dance in the rain.

COLOURSS Art Exhibition

Our Yrs 3-6 students really enjoyed working on their sculptures and oil pastel drawings on Wednesday with Mrs O'Meara and Mrs Behrend.



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

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.



Community Notices

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



Nimbin Holiday Club

Autumn Program



for 5 - 12 year olds.

For bookings phone 66891692,
text Kylie on 0487576281

or visit Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre

This program is brought to you by Nimbin Neighbourhood & Information Centre and funded by NSW DEC

Date	Program	Cost
Tuesday 17 th April	Excursion – Lismore ten pin bowling and GSAC pool & slide Come tenpin bowling, then we will have lunch at the park, then cool off with a swim at the pool. Please bring lunch, water, a towel, swimmers & socks	\$25
Thursday 19 th April	Nimbin Community School, and Bush theatre We are off the bush theatre to watch Star Wars – Return of the Jedi You can dress-up if you like Bush theatre movie – Star Wars: Return of the Jedi	\$17
Tuesday 24 th April	Excursion - Ballina seabird/turtle rescue tour and ice-skating We are taking a tour of Ballina seabird and turtle rescue hospital, then after some lunch at missingham park we will be chilling out with some ice-skating. Please bring lunch, water, socks and gloves	\$25
Thursday 26 th April	Nimbin Community School, Park and Skate Park Art/Craft, DVDs, Games, Music and more. Library craft activity, making masks then a last day party with plenty of singing and dancing	\$12



Semitones Choir—Open Session

Kyogle Public School Hall

Friday 27th April

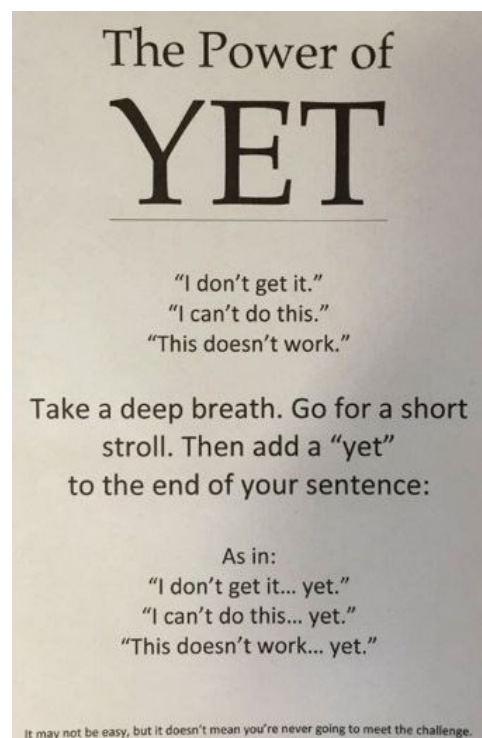
11am—12 noon

No cost

Everyone is invited (students, parents, grandparents).

Come along and lift your spirits with Fiona and the Semitones

(If possible let Martin know by Friday 20th if you are coming on ph: 6632 3740)



Harmony Day

Tuesday, 10th April, 2018

Harmony Day is this Tuesday (tomorrow). The times are listed below and parents and family are most welcome to come and spend the day at school from 11.35. (Lunch will be before Harmony Day starts.) The colour for Harmony Day is orange, so if you can wear orange clothes that would be great. We also have a special treat this year for Harmony Day. Peter Jaggle from *The Young Drums* will be coming to our school to perform at 2.30. This performance is free so that we can take a look at the type of programme Peter may be able to run with our school in term two. We are hoping that, with parental support, we can run possibly four sessions of drumming in term two for each of the classes. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Times for Harmony Day 2018

11.35	Assembly
11.45	Session 1 (40 minutes)
12.25	Session 2 (40 minutes)
1.05	Recess
1.35	Session 3 (40 minutes)
2.15	Pack up and clean up and collect things made.
2.30	Drumming with Peter Jaggle
3.05	Go harmoniously home.

P & C News

Dear Barkers Vale families,

it was a bit strange to be at last Wednesdays 'Meet the parents & Staff', AGM & proceeding meeting and be the only parent present. I want to thank all the staff that stayed back and Mrs Johnston for the fabulous afternoon tea she organised.

We have some amazing parents on the current P&C but the reality is that we need more parent/family participation at school. With Year 6ers graduating (and families moving on to highschool) and staff overload we really look to having new parents come on board to lighten the load on the few.

The P&C is supported by the P&C association, an Australia wide network. It's primary focus is to manage fundraising and, at Barkers Vale, to manage the canteen. Our P&C pays for the Student Liability Insurance and Public Liability for visitors to the school. These are costs that run into the many hundreds of dollars every year. The P&C manage the use of school property for extra curricular activities (circus, music lessons etc). We donate from the P&C funds thousands of dollars each year back to classrooms and to facilitate activities being available to ALL students.

There are many opportunities for extra things to be achieved through the P&C. It may contribute to community engagement when looking for work and, in my 5years at Barkers Vale, I have learned a great many new things and had exposure to some pretty incredible people (networking for those new to the area!) Children get a huge amount of pride seeing/knowning their family is involved in something at school. If you aren't keen on being a spokesperson then there are background roles to play.

And really the commitment isn't excessive. We meet once a term on average with the occasional extra meeting for 'big' stuff. Many small decisions are made via email (this is the ideal for busy/working folks). As an ordinary member (not in an executive role) you are able to vote on and contribute more closely to decisions being made.

If you have ANY questions, please do not hesitate to email me (lisa-timeisart@hotmail.com) or text me on 0414411435, and I'll do my best to answer.

Gratefully, Lisa Lucken (P&C president)

