

Wednesday, 20th March, 2019  
Term 1 Week 8

# ★ Newsletter

## Principal's Message

I would really like to appeal to parents to please return their surveys as soon as possible. This is your opportunity to let us know how you feel about our school, our strengths and areas you feel we could improve. We look forward to your feedback. If you have misplaced your survey we can supply a replacement. If you require assistance to complete, give us a call and we can assist.

Regards, Kath Johnston, Principal

## School Funding



Each year the Department of Education provides funding to schools on need based allocation. Part of this funding depends on information provided by parents when enrolling their child at

school.

A separate letter is being sent home to families this week asking parents to update their employment details so our school can receive the correct funding allocation to meet our student's current needs.

It is important to record **your current employment status** e.g if you are a qualified Doctor but have not been in work for the past 12 months – you would select Group 8 – have not been in paid work in the last 12 months. If you require any assistance in completing the form please contact the office 66897202. Please return by Thursday 28 March.



## IMPORTANT DATES

### Term 1

#### Week 8

Thursday 21st March: **Harmony Day**

#### Week 10

Wednesday 3rd April: Byron Bay Writer's Festival Storyboard Writing Day at Rukenvale

Thursday 4th April: **P&C Meeting** including AGM

#### Week 11

Thursday 11th April: BV Cross Country

### Term 2 at a glance

#### Week 1

Friday 3rd May: District Cross Country at The Risk PS

#### Week 9

Friday 28th June: COLOURSS Athletics

#### Week 10

Thursday 4th July: NAIDOC Day  
Yr 5/6 Canberra Excursion

#### Term 3 heads up

Friday 26th July: District Athletics



# P&C News



## TERM 1 - CANTEEN ROSTER

Below is the roster for **home cooking** for Term 1.

**Healthy treats, savoury or sweet** provided by parents to be sold in the canteen on Mondays for the children. The home cooking for Term 1 will be provided by parents 4/5/6 students. If you can't do your designated week, please try to swap with someone else on the list or let me know in advance.

Week	Date	Name
Week 9	25th March	Jodie Marychurch - Erin Baldwick
Week 10	1st April	Schneider - Kelly
Week 11	8th April	Oss-Emer - Terry

## A Message from our P&C President

Dear Barkers Vale Families, If you're available on Thursday it would be lovely to have parent participation on Harmony day. All the activities have facilitators but it's a great, easy opportunity to hang out at school with the kids and do something fun and different and celebrate the diversity in our community. The more, the merrier!

AND! If you're keen to join in the **P&C meeting** in the afternoon (starting at 4pm) on **Thursday 4th April**, then you can do that too! There will be our AGM first up with the formalities of voting in members and then a brief P&C meeting from about 4:30...



P&C funds are used for the Grade 6 graduation shirts, subsidising excursions for all students, providing extra funds for those in need, buses and plenty more. We will have fundraising for the Canberra excursion in Term2 on the agenda of Thursdays meeting. Anyone that has ideas to contribute please come along on Thursday or email me ([lisa-timeisart@hotmail.com](mailto:lisa-timeisart@hotmail.com)).

School uniforms are soon to be re-ordered. Our current supplier now offers all cotton shirts (instead of polyester or poly/cotton blends). Uniforms are a great way to identify students on public transport, on excursions and can even have a safety aspect to them. Barkers Vale does have a voluntary approach to the wearing of uniforms but it encourages students to wear their uniforms on out of school excursions. To date the P&C subsidises the cost of uniform shirts and the wide brimmed hats to make them almost wholesale priced for families. If any families are interested in the uniform discussion, to research materials/ suppliers/ cost etc then please contact the school or myself (on 0414411435).

A friendly reminder to all drivers, dropping children off outside the front of the school, that the double lines either side of the pedestrian island mean that they can't be crossed when turning around. Please use the drive way on the opposite side of the main school, the entrance to Lillifield or the bus bay at the North end of the school to turn safely and legally...

And finally! School surveys! These provide fantastic data for the school to track both performance and room for improvement. Please return your surveys as the more we receive the better the school can respond to suggestions and implement changes!



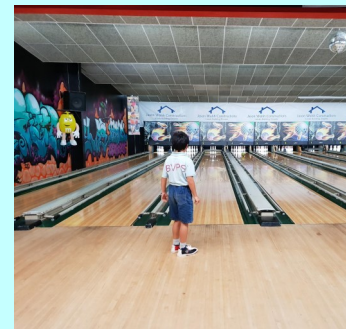
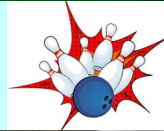
Thank you.

Take care of each other, Lisa Lucken (P&C chairperson)

# Ten Pin Bowling

Thank you Sporting Schools!

On Friday our students enjoyed a fantastic day of Ten Pin Bowling in Ballina, thanks to a Sporting Schools Grant which paid for the whole day including bus travel.



# PBL

## Positive Behaviour for Learning

Safe Responsible Connected

At Barkers Vale PS we expect that visitors in our school, new students and casual staff feel welcomed, safe and connected in our school. This week in PBL we discussed with students how it feels to come into a new environment — as a student—new faces, new personalities, new routines.

It is the same with visiting staff - These staff may not have the same personality, mannerisms or knowledge about you as your regular teacher, but they have the same expectations—that you show respect for them and each other and engage in learning - just as you would for your regular teacher.

Students and staff have the right to feel **SAFE** in the classroom

We all have a joint **RESPONSIBILITY** to behave in a manner that maximises learning opportunities for all in the class — you do not have the right to disrupt the learning of others.

We all need to be **CONNECTED** - **working together and accepting differences.**

So important everyday but even more so as we celebrate Harmony Day tomorrow.

Ms Johnston and Ms Hedwards

## Harmony Day

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2019

Our Harmony Day is tomorrow - Commencing at 10.10am

Students have selected their activities and we are looking forward to an exciting day!

Even if you are unable to run a group, parents are still welcome to come along and assist with activities.

Don't forget to wear something Orange!

Activities include:-

- \* Craft—making paper fish to create a special mural; DeCoupage; constructing bird feeders; rock painting and making friendship bracelets
- \* Sports and dancing inspired by other cultures
- \* Food from around the world...with a little cooking.

## K,1,2,3 News

As part of our Unit about The Living World, we studied Habitats this week. Students selected an animal and using found objects, paint and their imagination, they built some amazing 3D creations. Well done!

