

Wednesday, 27th March, 2019
Term 1 Week 9

★ Newsletter

Principal's Message

A huge thankyou to all staff and parent helpers for making our Harmony Day such a success. Special thanks to Lisa, Tania, Venu and Sequoia for giving your time and creativity to lead our students. I know they really enjoyed the inspiring activities you provided. We hope you enjoy our student reflections about the day and some wonderful photos.



Next Wednesday we have the StoryBoard Bus at Rukenvale PS. This is an initiative as part of the Byron Bay Writers Festival. Yesterday we sent home information about this excursion. A meal deal will be available on the day - sausage, drink and cake/muffin for \$5 and there will be books for purchase. The only cost to parents is for the bus which the school has heavily subsidised. If you wish to order a meal deal we will need your note and money by Monday.

Regards, Kath Johnston, Principal

School Funding

Last week we sent out information regarding our funding allocations. 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 was sent home to families last week asking parents to update their employment details so our school can receive the correct funding allocation to meet our students 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 10

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

Thursday 4th April: P&C Meeting including AGM
NAPLAN Online Practice test

Week 11

Thursday 11th April: BV Cross Country & Easter Raffle Drawn

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

Friday 23rd August: COLOURSS Cultural Day





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 of 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 10 | 1st April | Schneider - Kelly |
| Week 11 | 8th April | Oss-Emer - Terry |

A Message from our P&C President

Dear Barkers Vale Families,

Please come along and join in the **P&C meeting on Thursday 4th April** (starting at 4pm). 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).



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)

Harmony Day



Harmony Day was a fantastically fun day. We made fantastic friends. **By Lilly**

Harmony day at school was so amazing. It was so much fun. We made paper fish, friendship bracelets, bird feeders, sports and food. We had a fabulous time and we also did dance. **By Misty-Rose**

Harmony Day at school was fun because we got to make friendship bracelets and pikelets. We got to eat the pikelets. We also got to make a bird feeder and fish and that's what we did. **By Indy**

Harmony Day was the best. We made really yummy pikelets and played soccer. We made paper fish. **By Connor**



Harmony Day at school was so much fun because we got to make friendship bracelets and bird feeders. Making bird feeders was fun because we got to mix up some seeds with peanut butter. Dance with Ms Hedwards was so much fun. We even got to make pikelets with Mrs Johnston. **By Twyla**



PBL

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Safe Responsible Connected

In week 10 our PBL focus, once again is on being safe, respected and connected in the way we treat others in our school. It is important to listen to each other, to look after each other and to speak respectfully to all members of our school community. We can practise using a kind respectful tone of voice, facial expression and body language when we are engaging with other people.

Teachers will be on the lookout this week for children practising these skills and will be happily handing out tickets to these students for their kindness and respect for others.

Ms Johnston and Ms Hedwards



NAPLAN Online

NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in **Years 3, 5, 7 and 9**. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

The assessments are undertaken every year in the second full week in May. This year at Barkers Vale PS, the NAPLAN test will be administered online. In preparation, students will participate in the NAPLAN Online practice test. **Our NAPLAN Online practice test will take place in Week 10 (next week), with current Year 3 and Year 5 students participating.** There is no need for students to feel anxious or to do any preparation for this test as the purpose is solely to highlight any possible technical issues. It is a great opportunity for these students to experience the testing environment before participating in the actual NAPLAN test next term.

Ali Elliott

SRC Easter Raffle

The SRC would like to have an Easter Raffle to raise some funds. We are asking for donations from the school community to help us. Any donations of chocolate or Easter themed prizes would be most appreciated. The more prizes



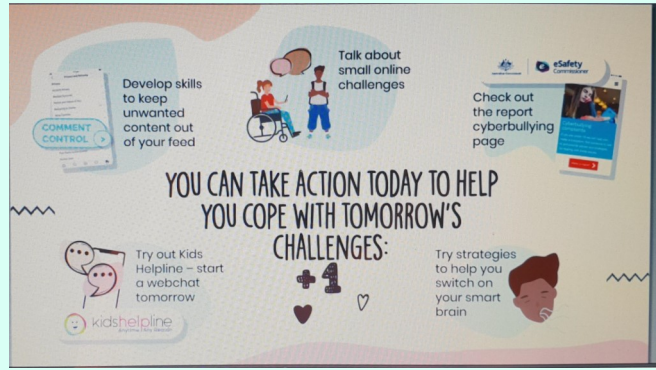
we have, the more winners we will have!



Raffle tickets will be coming home soon. The raffle will be drawn at the school Cross Country event on the 11th April. Thank you the SRC.

4/5/6 News

Last Thursday morning before Harmony Day activities commenced, Senior class students participated in a webinar on the topic 'Bouncing Back from Online Bullying' as part of the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence.



Students also enjoyed their weekly sports session with Ronnie. Looks like great fun! This term Senior students have also been working on a Visual Arts project for a COLOURSS Display in Kyogle as part of the Fairymount Festival. Each school drew a continent out of a tub..... we were lucky to get Europe! It's been a collaborative effort with students working on different parts of the art work. Thankyou to Mrs Behrend for co-ordinating this inspiring art work. Students also continued their study of the 'Living World", examining flowers in Science.

