

Wednesday, 3rd April, 2019
Term 1 Week 10

★ Newsletter

Principal's Message

Today our students met with Published Authors at Rukenvale PS. They were inspired by their stories and writing journeys, even sharing some valuable tips to use in their own writing.

School Assembly

Last Friday we held a whole school assembly. K123 presented their Animal Habitats they had made in response to their unit of work about the Living World in Science this term. I was very impressed with their creativity!



The highlight of the assembly was the presentation of our first **Bronze PBL Medallion** to Brodie Kelly. Brodie is a very positive, and caring student who always tries his best and respects those around him. Congratulations Brodie. We had seven other students presented with Certificates last week... Well done!

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IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1

Week 10

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



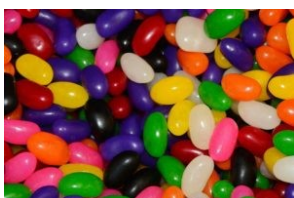
Surveys

We are still eagerly awaiting the return of many **completed surveys** to ensure we have an accurate as possible reflection of the thoughts and opinions of our whole school community. Your opinions and ideas are very important to us.

Regards,
Kath Johnston,



Guessing Competition



As part of our Canberra Excursion fundraiser, Senior students are holding a Jelly Bean Guessing Competition. Special thanks to Jodie Marychurch for her donation of the Jelly Beans and jar! **Guesses are only 50c each** and the person who guesses the magic number of beans (or closest number) wins the lot! Guessing opens from tomorrow.

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 Tickets



You will find attached to your Newsletter, tickets for the SRC Easter raffle, which will be drawn on Thursday 11th April after the Cross Country Races. We are asking that you sell/buy ticket to help us.

We have a **Sunbeam Bake and Grill Oven kindly donated by the Potter family** as a major prize, as well as Easter chocolates. We encourage students to bring in Easter chocolate donations.



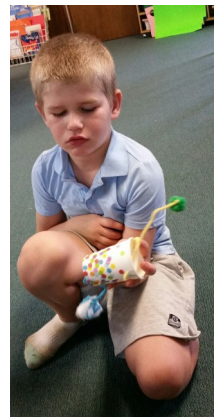
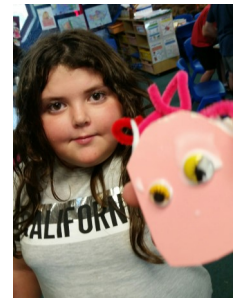
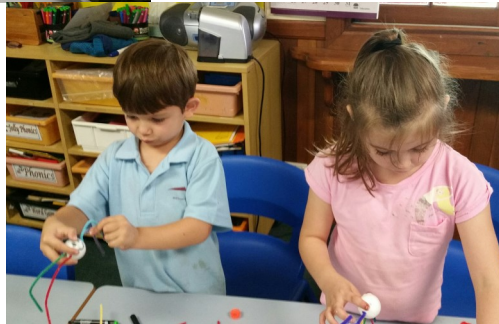
Please return all monies and tickets to school by next Thursday. Extra tickets are available if needed.

Thank you for your support,
The SRC team.

K123 STEM Challenge

Creating Special Creatures

On Monday our Junior students enjoyed creating their own special creatures using a variety of materials. Having looked at adaptations, students explained their creatures' special features, with some using their etymological knowledge in their descriptions.



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 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.

A Message from	Week 11	8th April	Oss-Emer - Terry	our P&C President
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Dear Barkers Vale Families,

Please come along and join in the **P&C meeting TOMORROW, 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).



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)



Byron Bay Writer's Festival
Storyboard
Writing Day
At Rukenvale



This week is Autism Awareness Week. We have students at our school on the Autism Spectrum who learn differently and respond to things differently to us. We continue to learn and to work together to ensure the strategies we use are the best we can deliver and that, like all students, they are accepted, their needs are met and that we show

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understanding when they become overwhelmed.

I don't like to be touched, most of all unexpectedly, so whilst it may be your reaction to help calm me down, it will likely make things worse.

Each and every child with Autism has their own personality, interests and obsessions, fears and dislikes - no two are the same.



"I have autism. Don't take my behaviour personally. I just process the world differently than you. Share this around so others can understand me too."



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