

Wednesday, 10th April, 2019
Term 1 Week 11

★ Newsletter

Principal's Message

Thank you to all the families who have returned their **school surveys**, your feedback is appreciated. If you have not yet returned your survey, please try to do so before the end of Term 1.

Kath is on leave this week and Ali Elliott will be relieving as Principal. Ms Behrend and Mrs Mac will be taking the Junior Class during this time.

Last Thursday the **P&C** met for their AGM and meeting. We are incredibly lucky to have such dedicated parents who support the school in many ways, however the current P&C committee is quite small and would benefit from more members. It would be fantastic to see some new faces at the next P&C meeting, scheduled for 4.30pm, Monday 6th May.



Due to a decline in our student numbers this year, there is no longer provision for a School Administration Officer (SAO) position at Barkers Vale Public School. Yesterday we farewelled Tracey, who has worked in this position since August 2017. Tracey has been a valued member of our staff, contributing to the smooth running of the school in many ways, including supporting Library administration and creating the fabulous Year 6 farewell slideshows and DVDs for the past two years.

Students return to school on Tuesday 30th April. Staff will participate in professional learning offsite on Monday 29th April. **Ongoing building work at the school has meant that we have had to postpone our ANZAC service.** More details will be provided early next term.

On behalf of BVPS staff, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Regards, Ali Elliott



IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1

Week 11

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

Friday 12th April: Last day of Term 1

Term 2 at a glance

Week 1

Monday 29th April: Staff return

Tuesday 30th April: Students return

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

Week 9

Friday 28th June: COLOURSS Athletics

Week 10

Thursday 4th July: NAIDOC Day

30th June - 6th July: Yr 5/6 Canberra Excursion

Term 3 heads up

Friday 26th July: District Athletics

Friday 23rd August: COLOURSS Cultural Day



BVPS Cross Country

The BVPS Cross Country Carnival is on **tomorrow**, from 9.40am. All families and friends are invited to support the event and to stay for a picnic lunch and our SRC Easter Raffle draw afterwards.

Sausage sandwiches will be available from the canteen for only \$1 each. A few other items like ice blocks and juice will also be available.

The District Cross Country will be held on Friday 3rd May (Week 1, Term 2) at The Risk Public School for interested students. An information sheet has been attached to the newsletter. Transport is by private arrangement.



PBL

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Safe Responsible Connected

In Week 11 our PBL focus is on being safe, responsible and connected in the school environment, particularly as the school undergoes improvements over the next few weeks.

Safe - move about the school in the safe areas. Stay out of fenced off areas and away from the scaffolding that has been erected for the roof installation.

Responsible - interact responsibly with the workers. Please do not call out to the workers, they are trying to concentrate on their job.

Connected - try to stay focused and connected to the learning activities that are happening in the classroom, despite the distractions of the building works.

School Grounds and Building Improvements

As many would be aware, the entrance to the school near the letterbox has been problematic for some time. We have made several attempts to find solutions to the problem. We suggested a tiered rock or block wall to DET Asset Management some time ago, however underlying drainage problems have hindered a decision on the best way to proceed. Please be aware that we are trying to solve this problem to come up with a cost effective and more aesthetically pleasing solution. We had another visit from Assets two weeks ago to help solve the drainage problem so we can move forward to build a retaining wall/garden. We eagerly await their decision.

A 'Three Poles' project for Year 6 is set to commence after the drainage problem is solved and the wall/garden constructed. More about that next term.

There will be workers on site for a few weeks as new roofing is installed to the main building, following issues with leakages.

Regards, Kath Johnston, Principal



SRC Easter Raffle Tickets

The SRC Easter raffle will be drawn on Thursday 11th April (tomorrow) after the Cross Country races.

We have a **Sunbeam Bake and Grill Oven** kindly donated by the **Potter family** as a major prize, as well as Easter chocolates.

Please return all monies and tickets to school by Thursday morning.

Thank you for your support,
The SRC team.





A Message from our P&C President: 2018 in Review

In spite of the chaos sometimes and school life still powering ahead, it feels like 2018 has been a low key year. We have managed on slim numbers (and with dedicated staff) to hold on to our P&C for another year. We had a shake up in Term 2 with Wendy Emerton relieving for Kathy. But soon after we found our new SAM! Yay for Shannon!

PBL continues to evolve within the school. Some lucky kids got to see George’s Marvellous Medicine and QPAC in Brisbane! Students have embraced a straw ban to help reduce plastic rubbish at school.

There was an awesome demonstration of artistic teamwork as students created (stick) sculptures in the sand-pit, these changed form several times. The mural project to commemorate the graduating of Grade 6 was begun and completed with impressive results. Well done to Tania and Yindi for channelling and guiding the students.

Our fantastic little SRC donated an amazing \$350 to the NNIC to help their program that supports the local homeless. A further \$130 went to Friends of the Koalas to help them continue their great work.

Mrs Elliott continues to prove what a legend she is, supporting and guiding students through STEM activities and TOM and sports/athletics and pretty much everything else she does is made fun and interesting because the students love her.

Our BV students impress us with everything they participate in, athletics, excursions, debating and public speaking as well as their manners when representing their school.

Many grateful thanks to Kath for her support and enthusiastic links to the COLOURSS activities etc, keeping our students connected to their wider community. Also for sharing her interests, engaging students and challenging and testing their abilities in drama and music.

With a heavy heart we farewelled Julie McTaggart. Her time here was long and fun. We wish her only the best in everything and there are MANY students (and parents) grateful for the time she spent with our children.

The times are definitely changing and the demographic and pressures on our beautiful part of the Far North Coast will present an interesting future to work with. We can only try new ways to grow our BV community and keep doing the work we have done with the incredible people around us.

Thanks to every single person that does their bit to keep our P&C moving into the future.

Lisa Lucken (P&C chairperson)

Thank you also to the parents who have volunteered for P&C positions for 2019: Lisa as President, Misty as Vice President, Venu as Secretary, Ronnie as Treasurer and Wren as Canteen Coordinator.

TERM 2 - CANTEEN ROSTER

Below is our 2019 Term 2 home cooking and parent volunteer roster. Please fill in any days that you are able to contribute cooking or can help in the canteen (it’s a very easy job!), and return it to the office ASAP so that we can organise the Term 2 roster.

Week	Date	Home Cooking	Canteen Helper
Week 2	6th May		
Week 3	13th May		
Week 4	20th May		
Week 5	27th May		
Week 6	3rd June		
Week 7	10th June	QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Week 8	17th June		
Week 9	24th June		
Week 10	1st July		

Fairymount Festival Display

Did you spot our Around the World display in Kyogle this week as part of the Fairymount Festival celebrations?



Jelly Bean 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! Last chance to get your guess in is Thursday lunch time, with the lucky winner being announced after the Easter Draw. Good Luck!

Recycling at Barkers Vale School Term Two, 2019

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 continue to recycle each fortnight rather than each week. I will do the end of the term, 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 or send in the note to let us know if you can help. We usually collect the recycling on a Thursday morning so it can be collected that afternoon. Thanks for your help.

Regards, Kath Johnston

Week	Who
Week 2: Thursday 9th May	
Week 4: Thursday 23rd May	
Week 6: Thursday 6th June	
Week 8: Thursday 20th June	
Week 10: Thursday 4th July	Kath Johnston

YES, I can help with recycling! My preferred week is week _____.

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Contact Number: _____

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Friday 3rd May 2019 ~ The Risk Public School

Participating Primary Schools

The Risk, Rukenvale, Wiangaree, Afterlee, Collins Creek, Kyogle, Barkers Vale

- * **The below times are only approximations.** Competitors should be at The Risk School for the walking of the course and be ready for their event well before the above times. Being late will not be an acceptable reason for appeal..

PROGRAM

9.50am	Teachers and staff meet at The Risk PS shade shelter for instructions
10.00am	Walk Course
10.30am	5/6/7 years boys + (AWD) 600m (born 12-13-14)
10.40am	5/6/7 years girls + (AWD) 600m (born 12 -13-14)
11.00am	8/9 years boys +(AWD) 2000m (born 10-11)
11.20am	8/9 years girls +(AWD) 2000m (born 10-11)
11.50am	10 years boys +(AWD) 2000m (born 09)
12.10am	10 years girls +(AWD) 2000m (born 09)
12.30pm	11 years boys +(AWD) 3000m (born 08)
12.50pm	11 years girls +(AWD) 3000m (born 08)
1.10pm	12/13 years boys +(AWD)3000m(born 06-07)
1.30pm	12/13 years girls +(AWD)3000m(born 06-07)

12/13 year olds are now combined into one event. Any AWD to run 2000m only

- * There is a shorter cross country course (600m for Infants attending - 5/6/7yrs Old Boys and Girls) if you choose to bring your infants and would like them to participate.

NAME TAGS: At the end of races students are generally out of breath. If they wear name tags with school, and year born this would greatly help the recorders.

ENTRY & CONDITIONS

A competitors age is the age he/she turns in 2019. Each competitor will receive a ticket with his/her position in the race on it. The first five (5) (as described by NR Zone PSSA) place getters are eligible to compete at the Zone Cross Country at Corndale via Lismore on May 31st 2019.

RULES

- Footwear **MUST** be worn by all competitors. **NO SPIKED RUNNING SHOES** or studded shoes.
- No pushing, tripping or interference with other competitors etc during the race.
- **A competitor may carry his/her own drink or asthma puffer. He/she cannot receive drink bottles from spectators on the course.**
- **SPF 30+ Broad Spectrum sun protection should be applied regularly (each school to supply their own students with sun protection)**
- Competitor must follow the set course.
- Spectators are not allowed on the course.
- No mobile phones or MP3 players on the course.

CANTEEN

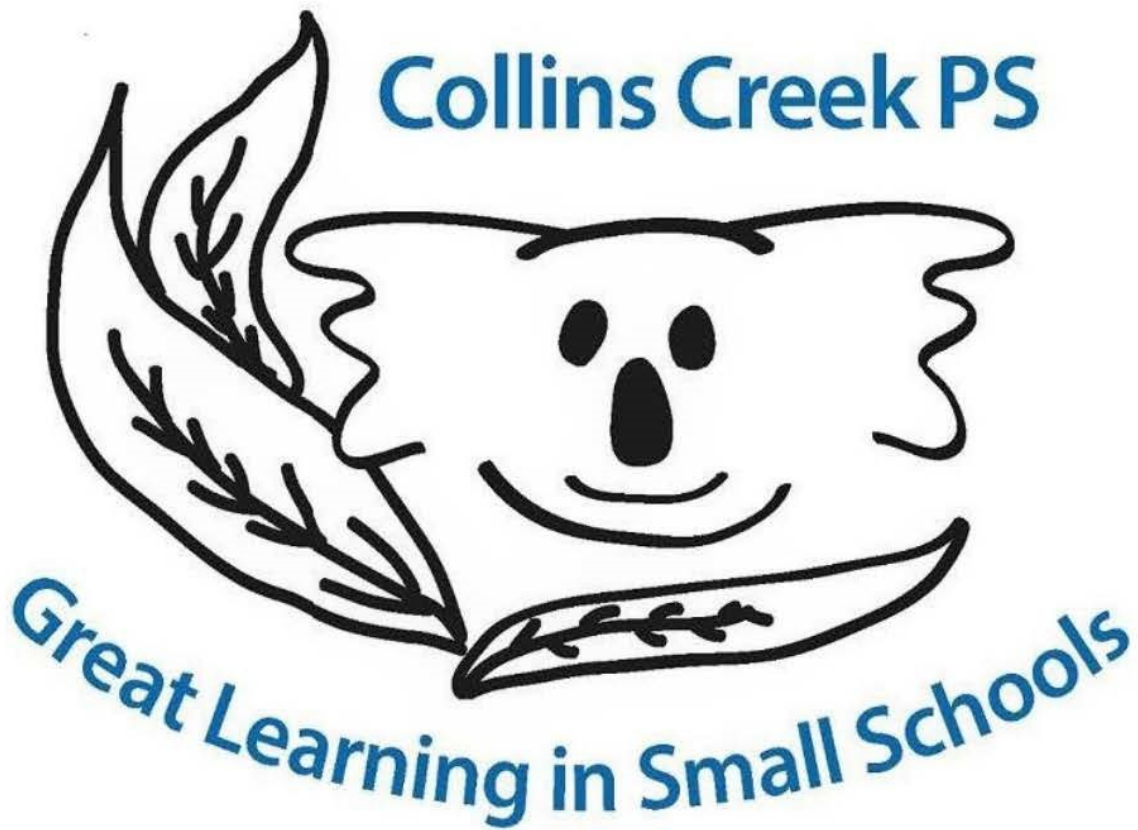
There will not be lunch orders taken. Competitors run at different times so a canteen will operate throughout the day.

This is a primary school event ONLY
High school students should not attend: (They should be at their own school)

Travel to and from this event is to be organised privately, there will be no bus.

Celebrating

Collins Creek PS



100 years !

Saturday 8th June 2019

In celebrating our upcoming 100 Year Celebration at Collins Creek Public School, we invite you to enter our colouring in competition. Once completed, please send back to the school or drop them into Gateway Office Supplies by the 12th April 2019.

You can also drop them at our Fairymount Festival Stall on the 6th April.

Winners will be notified on the 12th April 2019.

Name : _____

Age : _____

Phone : _____