

Wednesday, 13th February, 2019
Term 1 Week 3



Newsletter

Principal's Message

We invite parents to join us for **afternoon tea** on **Thursday 7th March** from **3.15pm**.



This is an opportunity for our new families to meet other parents and staff from the school and build relationships within our school community. We hope you are able to join us.

2019 Semester 1 SRC

This week students will vote for their Student Representative Council Members. We will inform you of the results next week.



New Furniture

Our new classroom and office furniture has arrived. Thank to Neil for assembling the

office furniture and to Ronnie for her valued assistance in relocating the new furniture into classrooms. It certainly adds some new freshness to our classrooms and the office.

Heads Up for Harmony Day

Barkers Vale PS will be celebrating **Harmony Day** again this year, offering fun and inclusive activities for the whole school. This year we will celebrate on **Thursday, 21st March**. On this day teachers, parents and friends of Barkers Vale offer activities for groups of children (Kindy to Year 6 or as required) for about 40 minutes per session. We usually have three or four sessions. In the past the children have enjoyed activities such as mandalas, music, sport, cooking, grass heads, masks, crafts, yoga, flag making... anything enjoyable and suitable for children. So if you have a special area of interest or would just like to come and have a go at something please consider coming along. It's a lovely day at school.

This is just a note to let you know the date so we can all plan ahead and save the day. I will send out a note closer to the day seeking firm offers of help.

Regards, Kath Johnston, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1

Week 6

Thursday 7th March: Welcome afternoon tea followed by the P&C Meeting (including the AGM)

Week 8

Tuesday 19th March: COLOURSS Social (Theme-'At the Movies')

Thursday 21st March: **Harmony Day**

Week 10

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

Week 11

Thursday 11th April: BV Cross Country

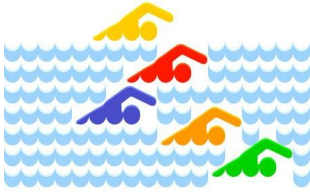
Term 2 at a glance

Week 1

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



COLOURSS Small Schools Swimming Carnival



Last Friday 8th February, BVPS students from Years 3-6 travelled to Kyogle Pool for the annual COLOURSS Swimming Carnival. It was an overcast day but muggy enough to entice many competitors into the water. The



high level of BVPS student participation across all events was impressive - well done! We even had representation in the parents and teachers race. It's not always easy to get to full day school events, and it was fantastic to see so many family members and friends supporting this event. From my timekeeping position, I could hear the positive cheers of BVPS supporters throughout the entire day. Special thanks to Ronnie who supervised our students in the grandstand while also working to ensure all BVPS students got to their races on time. Thank you also to Shannon who helped to carefully record and collate results throughout the day.



Congratulations to all students on your positive participation in this event, and a special mention to

Francis - runner up 11 years boys champion

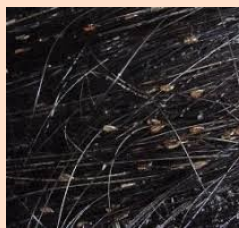
Mallee - runner up 11 years girls champion

Keone - runner up senior boys champion

Mia - runner up senior girls champion

Ali Elliott





Nit Off!

We have been advised that the pesky head lice have made an appearance again at Barkers Vale PS. We are strongly suggesting that all students be **treated this weekend** to well and truly break the cycle of these nasty critters. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



P and C News

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

A reminder that voluntary school contributions (School Fees) are due. They are payable to the P&C. Cost is \$40 per child or \$50 per family. We have become aware that many families are not aware that such fees exist. Although they are voluntary, they play an important role in helping to subsidise costs for excursions, transport to swimming and cultural events and the provision of some learning resources in the school. If it's a burden to pay the fees in a lump sum (\$40 for a single child & \$50 for a family) you can do it in instalments. Label it P&C fees, with your child/rens name & leave it in the office. Alternatively, if you wish to make a direct payment, bank details for the P&C are as follows :-

BSB 728-728 A/c Number: 22268640. Please ensure you include your name in the *Reference*.

CANTEEN

BVPS P&C run a canteen for the children every Monday.

The canteen is run by VOLUNTEER parent Wren Brockhurst with hopefully one other parent volunteer each week.

Wren volunteers 100's of hours every year to organise, purchase, prepare, cook, serve and clean up. To Wren we are eternally grateful. Our 2019 Term 1 menu is attached to this newsletter.

The children love canteen making Mondays joyful.



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 4	18th Feb	Sheddon—Potter
Week 5	25th Feb	Costello - Williams
Week 6	4th March	Clark - Guise De Rego
Week 7	11th March	Rooney - Cameron Marychurch
Week 8	18th March	Hocking - Keune
Week 9	25th March	Jodie Marychurch - Erin Baldwick
Week 10	1st April	Schneider - Kelly
Week 11	8th April	Oss-Emer - Terry



4/5/6 News

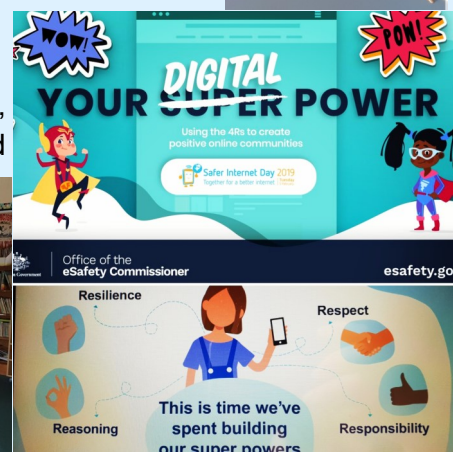
As mentioned in last week's newsletter our whole school is exploring the 'Living World' this term. Here are some photos of the Senior class exploring seeds on Tuesday during Science.

Ali Elliott



On Thursday 7th February the year 4/5/6 watched a webinar for **Safer Internet Day**. We learned about the 4 Rs - Resilience, Respect, Reasoning and Responsibility and what to do when bad things happen online. There were three examples. At the end we made a pledge. My pledge was: I will not talk to strangers (online). It was fun. I want to do it again.

Mallee



P&C News

Just a quick heads up that our first **P&C meeting, including the AGM**, for 2019 is on **Thursday 7th March @4.00pm**. All welcome. P&C membership is \$1.00.

We look forward to seeing you.

More P&C news in our next newsletter!

Regards Ronnie and Lisa.

Canteen Parent Helpers

To ensure we don't 'burn out' our regular volunteers, we need **one parent every Monday** to help Wren. You only need to volunteer once or twice a year, and children love to see their parents at the school. A big thankyou to **Sequoia** for offering to help out as much as needed. Please fill in the form below if you can help out.



YES, I can help at the canteen. My preferred week is week _____.

Name: _____

Signed: _____

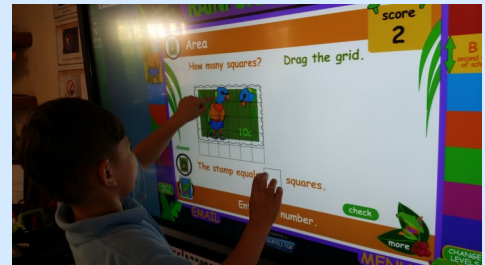
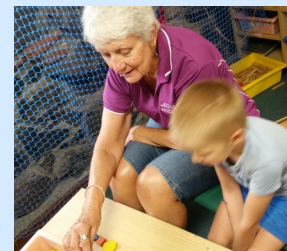
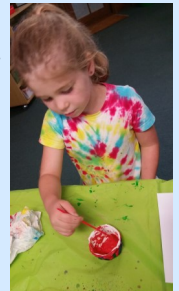
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K,1 2 News

Our Junior Class students have been displaying a wonderful enthusiasm for learning, which is inspiring! Last week we made **air dry clay pots** ready to plant our seeds so we can observe and record the growth of plants and explore what plants need to grow. On Thursday we painted our pots ready to plant our seeds.

Our Kinder students also commenced their **Best Start** assessment to identify where they are in their learning in order to plan appropriate learning experiences to move them forward in their learning. Our students are engaged in a variety of learning experiences throughout the week. It was a delight to have Eden's assistance on Friday to guide our younger students through some online Maths and Reading. Thanks Eden. If you have any concerns or questions about your child please don't hesitate to give me a call so we can arrange a time to discuss your concerns.

Regards **Kath Johnston**



Library Update

We are fortunate to have a very well equipped Library at BVPS. Students are welcome to borrow each week in their Library time. The Library is also open on Wednesday and Thursday at lunchtime.

There has been a change in library lesson days for some grades. Please remind your child to return their borrowed books to school in a protective library bag.

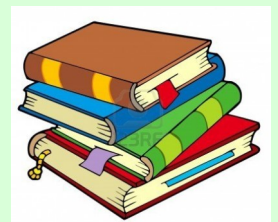
Library days for each class are as follows -

K/1/2 - Thursday morning

Yr 3- Friday morning

Yrs 4/5/6 - Thursday afternoon

Thank you **Kerry Behrend**



Staff Professional Learning Focus

Seven Steps to Writing Success

Last week our students were given a writing task that was assessed in terms of the Seven Steps Writing Criteria (which aligns with the NAPLAN Writing Criteria). This sample of writing will serve as a benchmark to measure progress throughout the term. We look forward to guiding and inspiring our students through the Seven Steps and measure their success at the end of this term.



Bus Travel Applications

Dear Yr 3 Parents

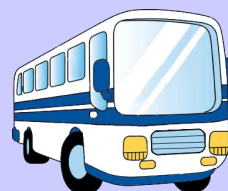
Parents of Yr 3 students will need to lodge a new bus travel application —this is now done online.

You will need to update your child's details at:

apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updatedetails

Thank you

Shannon Brinnand School Admin Manager



Recycling at Barkers Vale School Term One, 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 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 3: beginning Monday 11th Feb	
Week 4: beginning Monday, 18th Feb	Sequoia Harrison
Week 6: beginning Monday, 4th March	Kath Johnston
Week 8: beginning Monday, 18th March	Sequoia Harrison
Week 10: beginning Monday, 1st April	

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

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Contact Number: _____

Harmony Day

Thursday 21st March, 2019

The theme of this year's Harmony Day is '*Our diversity is our strength*'.

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

At Barkers Vale PS we will celebrate **Harmony Day on Thursday, 21st March**. We would like to invite parents, carers and friends to come along and run an activity – anything safe and enjoyable you would like to share with the children! This can be making something, sport, cooking, dancing, storytelling, singing... anything you feel would be worth sharing with the children of our school.

On the day each adult will run their activity with small groups of children (around 10 or maybe less) three or four times – depending on the number of activities there are. It will probably start around 11.30 – again, this depends on the number of activities we have to offer. The sessions will last about 30 to 40 minutes each. If you can't run a group perhaps you could come and join in or help out. (The colour for Harmony Day is orange so if you and/or your children can dress in orange, that would be great.)

Please fill out the slip below if you would like to help and I will contact you before the day to let you know how the day will operate. We will provide any materials we can, but we also do have a small budget for any goods **you** may need to purchase – **please keep receipts**. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you there.

Regards, Kath Johnston

Harmony Day - Thursday 21st March, 2019

YES, I CAN HELP! The activity I will run is _____.

The equipment and type of area I will need will be _____.

This activity would suit: (circle one) any age / younger children (K – 3) / older children (4 – 6)

My name is _____

My best contact number is _____