



BVPS BARKERS VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for Term 4. We are excited to be back with our students this week, to reconnect and check in on each other. I would like to also thank parents, carers and students for your flexibility and resilient management of the online learning and tricky start back this term. Your patience and support is greatly appreciated.

While returning to school under the level 3 restrictions, the following guidelines have been implemented:

- Staff will be required to wear masks indoors and outdoors while on school grounds.
- We will reduce overall mingling of our different student years which means no school assemblies or sport (outside of existing PDHPE classes), excursions or field trips.
- Only essential visitors will be allowed on site and will be required to check-in and wear masks at all times.
- Canteens are open with appropriate hygiene measures in place.
- Parents and carers will need to remain outside of school grounds and follow physical distancing and avoid gathering for drop-offs and pick-ups.
- There will be enhanced daily cleaning of the school and wherever possible we will ensure classrooms will be well-ventilated with open windows.

Principal Position Update

Best wishes for Kathleen Johnson who officially retires today as Principal of Barkers Vale Public School. We wish her all the best in her retirement. The position of Principal will shortly be advertised. A staff member, P&C representative, Principal from another school outside of the area, the Director Educational Leadership (Kate Moore) for the Richmond Principal Network and a Kyogle AECG representative will come together to form a panel and make a considered decision through the application process to choose a Principal in the permanent position.

Danielle Haywood

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 4

Tues 2 November
Interspeak

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**Mon 15 – Fri 19
December**

Swimming Safety
Program

PBL

I am Connected – All
Areas: I am resilient, I
am a problem solver, I
show initiative, I set an
example for others to
follow to follow.

FACEBOOK

Please join in
celebrating our
students achievements
and keeping up to date
with current school
notifications by
following our Facebook
page; Barkers Vale
Public School.



Term 4 Week 2
2021

CYBER SAFETY

The Cybermarvel Program aims to build online safety awareness in students, staff and families through the month of October. It is designed to provide up-to-date information and resources to help you and your family stay safe online.

The internet has opened up fantastic opportunities to learn, socialise and share information, but it can also bring risks, especially for young people.

Parents play an important role in supporting their child's online safety by understanding these risks and learning some important tips and tricks to help reduce them.

The first in a series of webinars is on Friday 15 October and supports you with a guide to popular apps such as tik tok and Instagram. I encourage all of our parents to register and be proactive in understanding how these apps work and how to support your children when they are using the apps.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/6174486083439855631>

INTERSPEAK

The Interspeak Competition has again been moved due to a clash in events and will now be delivered on Tuesday 2 November via ZOOM. Students in years 3 to 6 will look at the topic they had chosen and begin writing their speech during class learning time. Speaking and Listening, and the Ability to Express Themselves, are important aspects of our NSW English Syllabus. All students will be required to write a speech and are encouraged to aspire to present their speech initially at a class level with the intention of competing at the COLOURSS school Interspeak competition.

A colorful graphic for Kindergarten Orientation. It features a spiral notebook, three colored pencils (red, green, orange), a hand holding a pencil writing on a notepad with the Barkers Vale Public School logo, a stack of books, and three alphabet blocks (A, B, C). A pair of red-rimmed glasses is at the bottom left. The text 'Kindergarten Orientation' is in large, multi-colored letters. Below it, the dates 'Friday 29 October 9-11am', 'Friday 5 November 9-11am', and 'Friday 12 November 9-11am' are listed in blue.

Kindergarten Orientation

Friday 29 October 9-11am
Friday 5 November 9-11am
Friday 12 November 9-11am

Our Kindergarten Orientation Program will commence on Friday 29 October from 9-11am and run for 3 consecutive Fridays during weeks 4, 5 and 6 of Term 4. Your child will experience our beautiful learning environment with Ms Natasha Jankovic who will be delivering the orientation program and is looking forward to meeting and getting to know our 2022 kindergarten students. The students will get to experience and participate in a range of wonderful activities. The orientation program helps to prepare students for their start to Kindergarten in 2022 and can assist in alleviating any possible nerves. The program also ensures Natasha has all the relevant information to support your child with the best start to their education.

It is a requirement of the Department of Education that parents of prospective students have completed an enrolment application and submitted it prior to attending the orientation program. Please make sure you contact our school office on 6689 7202 to register your child to be included in this free transition program or if you have any questions.

While we are in Level 3 COVID restrictions parents will be able to drop off their child in the school grounds at a designated area and will need to follow COVID safe procedures.

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