

# Barkers Vale Public School Newsletter



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Staff, students and parents had a wonderful NAIDOC celebration yesterday with 'Kids Caring for Country' sharing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traditional ceremonies and dances. Thank you Nathan (Wollumbin Dreaming) for making the day possible, it is greatly appreciated.

A huge thank you to our hard working P&C and parent volunteers who have had a big term of catering at the Bunnings BBQ and COLOURSS Athletics Carnival, both very successful events.

It has been a busy term with many opportunities offered to our children, who have all enthusiastically engaged in new experiences with open minds and caring hearts supporting each other. We look forward to celebrating with everyone at our final whole school assembly for Term 2.

Danielle Haywood



We encourage all families to join the School Bytes Parent Portal, and to date, we have a number of families who have already joined and which seems to be working very well with families able to view their child/ren's attendance and provide advice of absence.

During Term 3, families will gain the ability to view and give consent for permission notes and make payments online. You will see on this page, information about our transition to the finance system and information on where and how to join. This is a free service for families.

Within your parent portal you will see a school term calendar, which will include important school and P&C dates for upcoming events, and public and school holiday dates.

The School Bytes platform is very easy to use and will be a great source of communication between school and your family.

Danielle Haywood

## **We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to an upgraded School Bytes finance system on 1 August 2023!**

In preparation for the transition to a simplified finance system for both you and the school, we will be required to implement a short payment lockout period where we will not be able to receive any payments.

### **What this means for you**

- No payments can be made online from 9am, Tuesday 25 July 2023.
- Last day to make cash, cheque or EFTPOS payments will at 1pm on Wednesday 26 July 2023.
- We will advise you when payments can resume closer to the above date
- Any existing payment links that have been sent to you previously in emails can still be used after the transition and will automatically redirect to the new system
- After the transition, a School Bytes portal will be available for you to register and begin using (Link: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>)
- All previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes finance system and portal
- Moving forward, when making a payment online, you will be redirected to a Service NSW page to complete an online payment. This is the new payment platform for online as directed by the NSW Department of Education.
- Payments made online will display as 0SCHOOLSONLINE 0000 PARRAMATTA AUS on your bank statements moving forward.

### **What is the School Bytes portal**

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque, money order and EFTPOS.







# GOLF Kyogle



# P&C News

Barkers Vale Public School P&C have brought back a regular feature of 'pre-Covid' support for our weekly canteen. A roster has been drawn up for each week of Term, with different families being responsible for donating either a home-made or store bought treat for our students. Please see the table opposite, to see which week your family has been nominated. If you have a problem with the date please let Shannon know, so she can allocate a different week for you. Items such as cake, slice, muffins, biscuits etc. are to be sent to school on the Monday of the week your family has been nominated.

If you can spare any time on Mondays, even an hour, please drop in and support our canteen.

The children love seeing parents helpers.

Thank you in advance!

# P&C Canteen Roster Term 3

| WEEK | DATE        | HOME COOKING           |
|------|-------------|------------------------|
| 2    | Mon 24 July | Hocking - Bjaaland     |
| 3    | Mon 31 July | Pamplin - Aho - Kerr   |
| 4    | Mon 7 Aug   | Rogers-Falk - Buscaino |
| 5    | Mon 14 Aug  | Jett - Sharma - Koker  |
| 6    | Mon 21 Aug  | Hagan - Hardy - Rangel |
| 7    | 28 Aug      | Layton/Moore - Pope    |
| 8    | Mon 4 Sept  | Maatta - Rico          |
| 9    | Mon 11 Sep  | Shedden - Tzannes      |
| 10   | Mon 18 Sept | O'Brien - Stellar      |



## What's On

Friday 30 June  
Last day of Term 2  
Happy Holidays

Tuesday 18 July  
Term 3 starts for students  
Welcome Back

Friday 28 July  
Movie Night

Wed 20 - Fri 23 September  
Yr5&6 Camp Goodenough